



Pilot Reporting System: PowerSchool's PowerTeacher Pro

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Northern Gateway Public Schools believes in assessment for the purpose of enhancing student learning. We also believe that you are an important partner on your child's educational journey. These beliefs continue to encourage us to seek tools to ensure you are informed of your child's progress.

For the 2016-2017 school year, our school is part of piloting a new reporting system: PowerTeacher Pro. At this time, we would like to remind you that in this pilot process, we are learners. The reporting system is new to us: we are building our understanding and enhancing our skills in an effort to communicate your child's learning in relation to the outcomes in Alberta's Programs of Study with transparency. The premise of the reporting system is that pertinent information about learning will be communicated to you in a timely manner so you can be better apprised of your child's advancement.

While you will not notice what is happening in the background for the first few months of school, you will see changes over the course of the year. Teachers will be entering their assessment data into a secure online program connected to PowerSchool (our Student Information System). Through September and October, teachers will be compiling their data in PowerTeacher Pro. In November, around the time that would traditionally be the first report card of the school year, access to this information will be granted through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

This access will allow you to see the assessments your child has taken part in the first term and their progress on those assessments. Once the Parent Portal has been opened to you, you will be able to log in on a regular basis to see how your child is growing academically. Teachers will be able to comment on student learning directly through this reporting system, and through the PowerSchool Mobile app, you will have the ability to receive notifications when your child's assessment profile is updated.

As parents are able to log into the Parent Portal to access information about their child, the need to print reports seems to be alleviated. However, we do understand that there is limited access for some of our families, and so we would invite you to request a printed progress report from our office should you wish for one.

We appreciate your patience through this transition. Your feedback during this pilot process will assist us in refining the reporting process going forward. Should you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lorna Vardy
Principal