

We are pleased to provide the following updates to Nova Scotia's provincial Student Information System:

PowerSchool

1. Updates to Incident Tracking Page and Unacceptable Behaviour Reports

Enhancements introduce improvements to incident management, reporting, and administrative processes.

Enhancement #1: Severity Level & Debrief Triggers

Introduce mandatory debrief tracking by adding a **Is a debrief required?** field, debrief description, completion date, updated matrix links, and direct access to debrief resources, while relocating debriefs from the **Actions/Consequences** section to the **Incident Seriousness Level** section of the referral form.

Enhancement #2: Re-Entry Planning

Automatically notify administrators that a re-entry plan is required when an out-of-school suspension of 5.5 days or more is assigned on the referral form, with direct access to re-entry guidelines and TIENET planning requirements.

Enhancement #3: Suspension Notice Letter

Enhance suspension communications by including an additional line on suspension notice letters that display a secondary incident reason when applicable.

Enhancement #4: Behavioural Incidents Custom Report Enhancements

Expand the **Detailed List of Unacceptable Behaviour Incidents** report to include debrief-related data fields, allowing schools to monitor debrief requirements, descriptions, and completion dates more effectively.

Enhancement #5: Grade Level Options on Incident Tracking Reports

Improve incident reporting flexibility by adding Pre-primary (PP) and Returning Grads (RG) as available grade-level filters across all Behavioural Incident custom reports.

2. Student Legal Name Changes – Updated Procedure and User Guide

An updated procedure for managing student legal name changes has been established to provide clearer guidance for schools when updating student records in PowerSchool (and TIENET). The revised process outlines requirements for: (1) retaining an existing student record or (2) creating a new student identity when confidentiality is required. The user guide explains how to manage documentation and student records, including cumulative folder requirements, to ensure student information is handled appropriately. Refer to this [user guide](#) for more information.

3. Quality Connect (QC)

Quality Connect (QC) is a new application that launched in late May 2026 that provides schools with a secure, centralized way to identify, review, and resolve student data validation errors. Replacing the previous email-based reporting process, QC enables users to track errors, navigate directly to related PowerSchool records, monitor resolution status, and document exceptions. Refer to this [tutorial video](#) for more information.

PowerTeacher Pro

1. User Interface Updates

The top and left navigation menus have been given a refreshed appearance. The left menu now uses a lighter colour scheme, while the top menu includes redesigned icons and visual elements.

2. Review Grade Calculation

A new feature makes grade review easier and more detailed, particularly for Category Weighting. Navigate to **Grading > Traditional**, click on the Gear icon, and select **Review Grade Calculation**. The page now provides a detailed breakdown of the grade calculation, including category scores, category weights, and the calculated in-progress/final grade, allowing teachers to clearly see how each category contributes to the overall grade. Refer to the sample below for an example of the information displayed.

Grades: Traditional - S1					
1 Citizenship 9.1					
Class Grade: S1		Calculation: Category Weighting			
Grade Scale Type: (100 - 0)		Grade: 79 79% --			
STUDENT (10)	S1	WHO AM I AS A CITIZEN? (25%)	GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP (12.5%)	DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP (25%)	GOVERNANCE (37.5%)
1. Avalos, Maude	79	69	85	80	83
2. DeFilippo, Clair	83	85	85	80	83
3. Gresham, Ralph	88	86	90	90	88
4. Lewis, Antoine	75	71	80	80	73

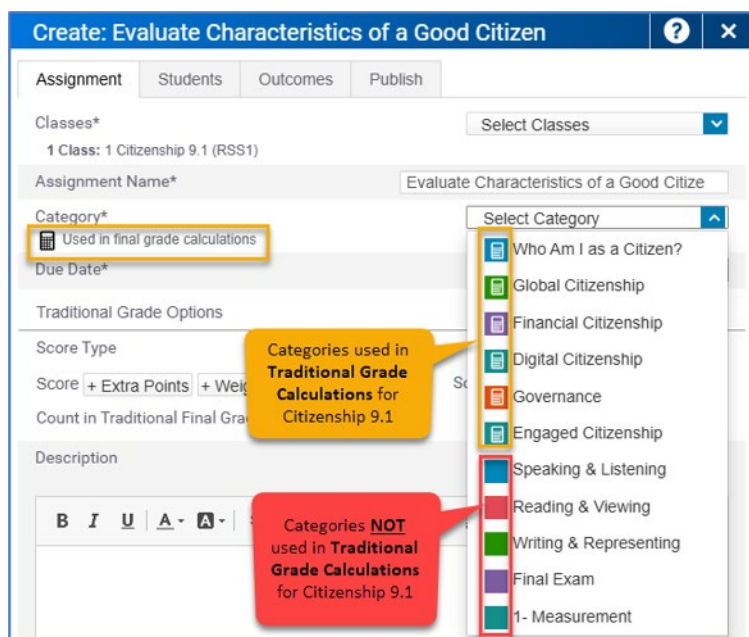
3. F1 Configuration for Nova Scotia Examination (NSE) Courses

To support consistent implementation of Nova Scotia Examination (NSE) courses, F1 grade calculations will be centrally configured as **Term Weighting**. This change helps ensure that NSE marks are entered in the E1 reporting term and are properly counted toward 20% of the student's final grade. Teachers should **not** include a separate NSE exam category in the **Traditional Grade Calculations**, as the exam weighting will be applied through E1.

F1 Reporting Term for 71 ENGLISH 10						
Formula	Drop Low Scores					
Calculate Overall Class Grade	☒					
Term Weighting						
Uses the student's calculated percent (Alpha Scales) or numeric value (Numeric Scales) from the reporting term. Example: 95.3% or 3+.						
TYPE	ATTRIBUTE	WEIGHT	PERCENT			
Term Weighting	Y1	80	80%			
Term Weighting	E1	20	20%			
Save						

4. Category Use in Calculation Indicator

When using **Category Weighting** for traditional grade calculations, it is possible to associate an assignment with a category that is not included in the grade calculation, resulting in those scores not contributing to the student's final grade. To help prevent this, the Category dropdown now includes a visual indicator (**calculator icon**) showing which categories are used in traditional grade calculations and which are not, making it easier to select the appropriate category. As shown in the example, categories included in grade calculations are marked with an icon, while categories not used in the calculation are displayed without the indicator.



TIENET

1. New Behaviour Intervention Documents

To support implementation of the **Provincial School Code of Conduct** and the **Guide for Responding to Unacceptable Behaviours**, the **Behaviour Intervention** category in the Student Document Library continues to house resources for supportive planning for students who may require individualized behaviour supports.

New and updated documents available this year include:

- **Behaviour Intervention Support Plan (BISP) A – Moderate Needs (New)**
- **Behaviour Intervention Support Plan (BISP) B – Severe Needs (New)**
- **Re-entry Plan (Updated)** – Re-entry Plans are now completed directly in Tienet and no longer require a separate attached document.

Staff can access **iNSchool User Guides** and **Safe and Inclusive Schools Training Modules** for guidance on developing intensive behaviour supports, including the creation and implementation of Behaviour Intervention Support Plans (BISPs). These modules can be found by clicking the Safe and Inclusive Schools icon located on the gnspe/sepne landing page.

2. New Section for School Psychologists and Speech Language Pathologists

New categories have been added to the **Student Document Library** for **School Psychology Records** and **Speech-Language Pathology Records**. These categories support documentation, communication, and collaboration related to these student services.

New documents available in each category include:

I) School Psychology Case Notes and Speech-Language Pathologist Case Notes

These documents provide a confidential record of observations, assessment findings, professional impressions, analysis, and actions related to service delivery. Create and view access is restricted to specialists in the same professional role who are supporting the student, in accordance with the need-to-know standard.

II) School Psychology Communications and Speech-Language Pathologist Communications

These documents are used to record and maintain information that can be viewed by school staff to support programming and student success. Examples include factual summaries of information shared, recommendations, consultation notes, and follow-up actions involving specialists, school staff, and families.

3. New Tier 2 Literacy Interventions

To support literacy learning and in alignment with the Literacy Intervention Framework, there is a new document available under **Program Planning** for staff to record **Tier 2 Literacy Interventions**.

4. New Service and Role for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Teachers

SEL Teacher has been added to the **Services Data Management** list of services. SEL Teachers will manually document their services in this section. Please refer to the iNSchool [Services Data in TIENET](#) User Guide for instructions.

5. Student Meeting Minutes Updates

The **Student Planning Team Meeting Minutes** document has been updated. When **Student Planning Team** is selected, the name of any student **in grade 9 or higher** will automatically populate in the **Team Members and Guests** section. Staff should ensure that the students' attendance is recorded when the student participates in the meeting.

6. Student Document Library Category Labels (Updated)

To align with the Student Record Policy (2025), the term "Confidential Record" has been removed from record category labels. All student personal information is confidential and must be protected. Access to student records is based on the need-to-know standard and is managed through security role permissions in the Student Information System (SIS).

7. Removal of Enrichment IPP Category

The **Enrichment** option has been removed from the **Focus of AIO** dropdown menu. Enrichment programming should instead be documented through **Adaptations** or recorded in **Student Planning Team Meeting Minutes**, as appropriate.

8. Transportation Request Document Renamed

The *Special Transportation Request* document has been renamed to *Accessible Transportation Request*

9. Student Contacts

A student's full address is now available as part of **Student Contacts** in the Profile section.

10. SchoolsPlus Consent Form (Updated)

The **SchoolsPlus Consent Form** has been updated for use by SchoolsPlus Facilitators. Updates include a streamlined FAQ, a revised department name from *Community Services* to *Opportunities and Social Development*, and new fields for pronouns and preferred/chosen name, where applicable.

***It is Important to Note that all *NEW* and Existing User Guides can be found on the iNSchool website at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/inschool/>**
These guides are designed to inform and support users in their understanding of the required processes and functionality of each document in PowerSchool and TIENET.