

News from the Information Technology Department:

I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome to Wallingford Public Schools! If I haven't been to your school yet, I plan on visiting all sites in the next few weeks. Here are some updates from our department:

PowerSchool/PowerTeacher– The latest versions were installed on October 23. Some of the biggest changes include a new way to launch the PowerTeacher gradebook and the search functions on the Start Page have been enhanced.

PowerTeacher – The new way to launch the Gradebook no longer relies on Java. If you switch to the new launch method, you will not have issues when Java has a last minute update the day before grades are due! Please see the attached flyer which describes how to set up and launch your gradebook using this new method. This is optional, you can still use your gradebook through PowerTeacher as you have used in the past.

PowerSchool (admin side) – There are new search methods added to the start page.

- Click on the View Field List and type in an asterisk (*) and it will quickly bring you to the common search functions.

PowerSchool Field List:		
Filter: *		
Student Field Name		
Students Search Code		
1. *allstudents	7. *enrolled_in	13. *not_enrolled_in_period
2. *as_of	8. *fee.fee_balance	14. *number_of_classes
3. *attendance_points	9. *has_completed_course	15. *secondarystudents
4. *birthday	10. *has_not_completed	16. *special_program
5. *cumulative_credit_hours	11. *hours_requested	
6. *currenthours_requested	12. *not_enrolled_in	

- To use new search features – check the “Advanced” box (located after the find icon (magnifying glass)) to use these features.

Start Page	
Students	Staff Parents
<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advanced
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	
3 4 5 M F All Stored Searches Stored Selections	

These new features allow you to use multiple search criteria and add or subtract from your starting group (current selection). Here's an example of how to use this:

1. From the Start Page type: *Grade_level=5* then press **Enter** or click the Find icon (magnifying glass). Click the **“Set”** button. This will create a list at the bottom of your screen for all the fifth graders. You will also see the same students in your Search Results list.
2. Now to only include the girls in this grade, Change your search to *Gender=F* and press **Enter**. Notice that this changed your Search Results but NOT your list at the bottom (Current Student Selection). To update your student selection at the bottom of your screen to reflect only the grade 5 females, click the **“Within”** button. This will modify your list at the bottom and now you can use this Current Student Selection for other functions such as Printing or Exporting.
3. To start a new search – make sure you click **“Set”** after entering your new search criteria.

NOTE: You may also use the Add or Subtract buttons to do similar functions.