

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

You have available one of the most up-to-date tools to monitor your child's or children's progress in school – Home Base Parent Portal. Access to the Parent Portal is on the ECPPS website under “Parents” dropdown menu where you will see (near the bottom of your screen) Parent Portal Login (screen shot below).



Also available at this site is the Parent Guide. Though it is dated as 2014-15, it is the same manual provided for parents again this year. It will guide you to finding your child's grades, benchmark assessments and standardized testing results. This information is prepopulated into your student's account by Power School, the student information system under which all of North Carolina Public Schools operates.

Once you enter your login information, you will see the main landing page where you can find a wealth of choices about the data you want to view about your child. On the left, there is a rectangular section titled “Navigation.” By choosing “Grades and Attendance,” you will see your child's most recent report card grades and attendance reporting. Next on the “Navigation” list, you will see “Test Results.” This choice will allow you to view your child's Benchmark Tests/Classroom Tests/Standardized Tests results. Explanations for each choice are below:

- **Benchmark Tests** – this data is created when your child takes a nine-week cumulative assessment in reading, math, science subjects in grades 3-8 and Biology, English II, and Math I plus other non-End-of-Course subjects available in grades 9-12. Students receive scores demonstrating how well they answered questions created from the NC Standard Course of Study. This information is not used for grading purposes, but it is used for instructional decision-making. It is anticipated that students' scores will continuously improve over the year and provide teachers with the information they need to plan instruction as the year progresses.
- **Classroom Tests** – this section will be blank as our students' information for this area is loaded into the first stop under the “Navigation” pane entitled “Grades and Attendance.”
- **Standardized Tests** – students' scores for ACT assessments, End-of-Course Assessments, End-of-Grade Assessments, Career Technical Education Assessments and other subject area NC Final Exams, are listed here.

These are just a few of the options you have at your fingertips in order that you may support your child and his/her teacher as they progress through the current school year. We encourage you to ask for help at your child's school when you have questions or would like a brief tutorial on navigating the Parent Portal.