

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

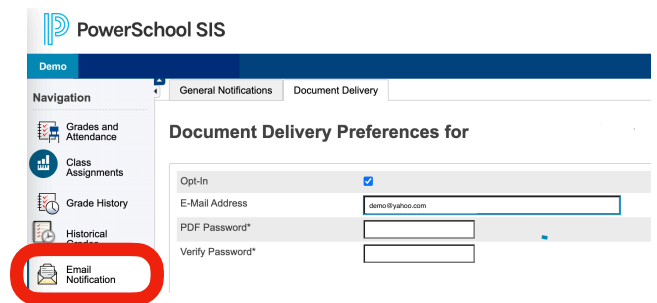
On behalf of the technology department, we would like to welcome you back to school as we move forward into the 21-22 school year! Carefully review this letter, as it contains important technology related information, including new changes for this year.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Log into <https://ps.gcasd.org> with your parent/guardian account.
- If you do not have a parent account, please contact your student's office for assistance.
 - DO NOT USE YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT TO LOGIN.**
 - DO NOT USE THE MOBILE APP TO ACCESS THE FOLLOWING SETTINGS.**
 - FOR THE BEST USER EXPERIENCE, SETTINGS MAY BE UPDATED AT <https://ps.gcasd.org>**

- New!** Be sure to update your **Email notification** settings within PowerSchool to receive important information pertaining to grades and attendance.

- New!** PowerSchool leverages "**Document Delivery**" to send digital report cards.

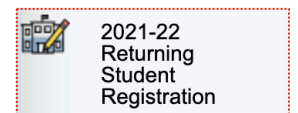


Click the **Document Delivery** tab, located in the **Email Notification** screen.

- Click the Opt-In checkbox if you wish to receive digital report cards via e-mail.
- *HINT*** If you would like to secure the message, you may also set a PDF password on this screen.
- *HINT*** If more than one e-mail address is preferred, please separate the addresses with a semi-colon (ex: email1@yahoo.com;email2@hotmail.com)

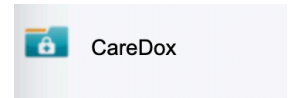
Back to School Paperwork

- IMPORTANT!** Complete the "Back to School Paperwork" by clicking on the **2021-22 Returning Student Registration** icon; located in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- *HINT*** The Back to School Paperwork contains important agreements and announcements for the upcoming school year.



CareDox Health Enrollment Form

- IMPORTANT!** Complete your student’s health enrollment by clicking on the CareDox link; located in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Complete the enrollment for each student (if applicable)

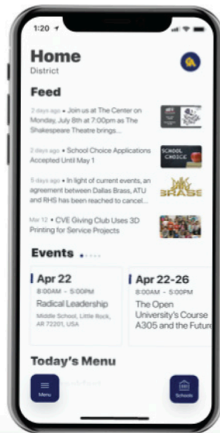


Thrillshare Emergency Notifications and Weather Announcements

- NEW!** Thrillshare is replacing SchoolMessenger for the 2021-2022 school year. To receive emergency notifications and weather announcements (i.e. school closings, delays, etc.), you must complete the Thrillshare enrollment within the Back to School Paperwork.

Remember: the back to school paperwork contains important agreements and announcements for the upcoming school year. You may find the back to school paperwork in the returning student registration link; located in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

- We also encourage you to download the GA Mobile App; available for iOS and Android devices. Search for GASD Mobile in the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).



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iPad Overview

All students K-12 are assigned an iPad for on-campus, and if necessary, off-campus use. To take the device off-campus, the district leverages a \$25 'off-campus' fee.

If your student has previously paid the \$25 fee, there is no additional charge for this school year for taking the device off campus (exception: if your student has damaged the iPad in the previous school year, an additional \$25 off-campus fee will be charged for this year).

- Parents / Students receiving a district device must read the [ETO Student Packet \(found here\)](https://www.gcasd.org/page/eto-forms).
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 - \$25 off-campus fee may be paid using the [ETO Payment Portal using MySchoolBucks \(found here\)](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getlogin.action?loginRequired=true).
<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getlogin.action?loginRequired=true>

 - You may also pay via check or cash (checks made payable to the Greencastle-Antrim School District). The \$25 fee is waived for students participating in free and reduced lunch. *Students must be enrolled in the national school lunch program prior to receiving their iPad to have the \$25 fee waived.
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PowerSchool Mobile App

- Students and Parents are encouraged to download and leverage the PowerSchool Mobile app for checking grades and attendance.

- IMPORTANT!** Parents/Guardians, we highly recommend using a parent account to monitor your student's progress. Parent accounts have the ability to monitor multiple students if applicable.

- After installing the mobile app, you will be prompted for a district code. Please use **KWBG**.

