



Welcome to Wednesday's Wisdom

Your weekly dose of support!

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Don't Miss the Edsby Demo!

Join us June 14 to see how Edsby can provide your iPass users with a dashboard interface, analytics, and more. Refer to the Upcoming Events and Workshops section below for more information.

Support Announcements

MA End-of-Year State Reporting

The SIMS certification deadline is July 6, SDDR is July 21, and SCS and EPIMS are August 3. We encourage you to work on resolving your errors now.

The Support team receives weekly updates from the DOE regarding your district's SIMS, SCS, EPIMS, and SDDR errors. We are proactively reviewing sites with large error counts to see if this is related to system setup. We will be in contact as needed.

If you have errors you can't resolve, please submit an [eSupport](#) ticket. To protect student

confidentiality, please include only the student SASID or Student ID number along with the error message that you are getting.

iPass Survey Extended

We value your feedback! HSS is still accepting survey responses. If you have not yet had a chance to tell us what your district is up to, please take a few minutes to answer the survey question and let us know what challenges your district is facing and how we can support and service you best. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

iPass Tips & Tricks

Prepare for Final Report Cards

It is important to check your Report Cards now and not wait for the day you need to print them. It is highly recommended that you prepare in advance by running some example Report Cards to make sure that the Grades, Comments, and Attendance totals are printing as you expect. This will help avoid printing errors and last minute struggles.

We recommend selecting some sample students at each school, entering some fake grades, and creating example Report Cards to review. Look for any misalignments or missing/incorrect data. Pick a few example students that you know have been absent and check to make sure that their Term Attendance totals on Report Cards are correct.

If you find that you are experiencing any issues with your Report Cards, please enter an [eSupport](#) ticket with detailed information about your issue and provide an example Report Card.

iPass FAQs

Q. *MA Districts:* How do I reset the staff attendance values in iPass for End-of-Year EPIMS Report?

A. Districts that use iStaff for Attendance will need to clear out the October values on the Batch Data Entry screen. Districts that don't use iStaff for Attendance will need to import the EOY values for Staff Days in Attendance (SR36) and Days Expected (SR37). [Click here for details.](#)

Q. MA Districts: Why won't the SR37 Staff Expected Days of Attendance show correct values for EOY EPIMS report on the Batch Data Entry screen?

A. For October EPIMS you may have adjusted the Days Expected values for the different employee contract groups. These need to be updated to the EOY values. [Click here for details.](#)

Q. MA SIF Districts: What is causing the SIF SIMS error of "Graduate percentage too low"?

A. This error will appear in the SIF SIMS error reports until the seniors are graduated with a "Graduated" withdrawal record.

Upcoming Events & Workshops

Pennsylvania User Group Meetings

Laura Patton, iPass Support Manager, will be holding User Group Meetings for our Pennsylvania sites next month:

iPass Pennsylvania User Group Meeting – Charter Schools

June 8, 2017

CHANGE IN LOCATION:

Arts Academy
601 West Union Street
Allentown, PA 18101

iPass Pennsylvania User Group Meeting – Public Schools

June 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (light refreshments will be provided)

Bethel Park Harris Schools Solutions Office
1008 Progress Court
Bethel Park, PA 15102

Topics will include:

- End-of-the-Year Procedures – Review steps for setting up the new school year (2017-2018), finishing the current school year (2016-2017), and rolling the database over to the new school year.
- Round table discussion – Opportunity to share of how each site is using iPass and what features are available
- Q&A Session – Opportunity to find out anything you need to know or wanted to ask

To register for this free event, send an email to Laura Patton at lpatton@harriscomputer.com with the name of all iPass users that plan to attend.

June Online User Group Meeting – Edsby Demo

Please join us June 14 at 1:00 p.m. for the next monthly Online User Group Meeting. We will be demonstrating **Edsby**.

Edsby is the innovative teacher workflow, parent engagement, and analytics platform that integrates with iPass.

- **Access all your tools conveniently** from a single dashboard.
- **Configure everything to your needs** with highly flexible settings.
- **Boost interactive collaboration** between teachers, parents, students, and administrators through a modern, Facebook-style interface.
- **Centralize information** to organize efforts across your district, school, and class.
- **Standardize and orchestrate communication**, including sending regular mass-updates and targeted messages.
- **Get your work done from anywhere** on devices such as smartphones and tablets.
- **Create assignments, projects, and more** for students by class, group, or individual with the flexible teacher dashboard.
- **Easily produce reports** for overviews or detailed insights.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

NEW meeting link: [Click here for the User Group Webex link](#). Meeting number (access code): 632 067 901; Meeting password: harris. Join by phone: 1-866-469-3239 (toll-free).

The monthly Online User Group Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

Summer – Elementary Scheduling Workshop

We are finalizing the details for the summer iPass Elementary Scheduling Workshop. Keep an eye out in our weekly emails for an announcement of the date, time and time of this one-day workshop.

This workshop will be appropriate for the person(s) responsible for creating and maintaining the master schedule and students schedules at the elementary level. The Elementary Scheduling Workshop will cover:

- Rolling over last year's schedule
- Changing teacher/room assignments for 2017-2018
- Assigning homerooms to students
- Assigning homerooms to teachers
- Setting up the elementary Quick Scheduler
- Mass loading students into courses

Cost: \$250 per person

iPass Add Ons

Harris School Solutions Now Offering Edsby Platform!

Great news! We've partnered with Edsby to offer their cutting-edge social learning and analytics system to you across several of our solutions!

[Click here to find out more.](#)



Add Online Registration

Currently, iPass is offering a FREE license to the online registration tool, *EZSchoolEnroll*.



With *EZSchoolEnroll*, you can:

- Centralize registration.
- Collect important DOE language survey information.
- Save clerical time by enabling parents to add/remove/update their contact and emergency contact information.
- Verify data before bringing it into your SIS.
- Fully integrate it all with iPass!

[Schedule your *EZSchoolEnroll* demo today!](#)

EZSchoolEnroll

Enhance iPass with better communication.

School Rush! is the real-time, classroom-level communication app that increases parent engagement by up to 90%.



With *School Rush!*, you can:

- Make getting involved easier for parents.
- Organize events, activities, assignments, and more into an integrated calendar.
- View analytics on parent interactions to see what's working.
- Fully integrate with iPass!

[Schedule your *School Rush!* demo today!](#)

School Rush!

Does your school district need professional development in iPass?

Do you have new initiatives that may require the purchase of a third-party software product? Meet with a Harris Professional Services expert and see how iPass can meet your needs. Harris offers several third-party products that are designed to integrate with iPass, including *Edsby*, *EZSchoolEnroll* and *School Rush!*.

[Click here](#) to schedule an appointment for a complimentary business review.

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