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# Message from the Principal

Dear families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the arrival of spring!  
We wanted to update you on some critical information as we approach the break.

It is that time of year to look toward next year and build your course schedule again for the 2023-2024 school year. This year we ask you to complete your course selections online utilizing your PowerSchool account. On our website, you will find a banner at the top of the page directing you to the Documents section, which has a critical file folder titled 2023-2024 10-12 Course Selection that includes the following resources.

- 2023-2024 Course Calendar (detailed course descriptions)
- Course registration instruction document.
- Registration Video tutorial to help you complete your online course registration for next year.

Please follow the link below to access all the information required for Course Selection. We ask you to have your course selections completed by April 17th.

[Click here to be brought straight to the page](#)

When we return from spring break, we want to remind everyone to stay focused on their studies and finish the year strong. Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our excellent staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts in making our school a great place to learn and grow. We are grateful for all that you do!

We hope you all have a happy Easter break.

Sincerely,

*Dennis Vobeyda*

Principal



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# Important Dates

- April 7-16
  - Spring Break (no school)
- April 17
  - Quarter 4 begins
- April 28
  - PLD (no school)
- May 1 (6pm-8pm)
  - Parent Council Meeting
- May 3 (6pm-7pm)
  - LAST Grad Parent Meeting
- May 18 (8:30 am)
  - GRAD Breakfast
- May 19
  - GRAD CEREMONIES 1pm-3:30pm
  - GRAND MARCH 7pm-9pm
  - PLD (no school)
- May 22
  - Victoria Day (school closed)
- June 5 (6pm-8pm)
  - Parent Council Meeting
- June 9
  - PLD (no school)
- June 16
  - Last day for regular classes for semester 2
- June 19-27
  - Semester 2 exam week
- **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**



# Parent PowerSchool How To's

Please see in the following pages below:

- VIEWING MARKS, CURRENT GRADES, TEACHER COMMENTS
- PARENT/GUARDIAN MYPASS INSTRUCTIONS (2 PAGES)
- HOW TO APPLY FOR A BUS PASS
- HOW TO APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS PASS

*Watch me!*

**YouTube How-To's regarding:**

- Accessing your (PowerSchool) Parent Portal using a desktop or mobile
- Your child's Report Card online using your Parent Portal



*Click to watch*

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# STUDY CLUB

MARCH 13 AND 27 *Every SECOND Monday :)*

JOIN US MONDAYS, 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

The study club brings students and tutors together twice a month at the **On-Campus Friendship Centre in B205**. Students have access to tutors or a welcoming space to study. Tutors will provide general assistance with assignments and extra help as required. The study club is in partnership with Pitone Youth Group & the NWP Circle of Indigenous Students.

*“Supporting students on their learning journeys.”*

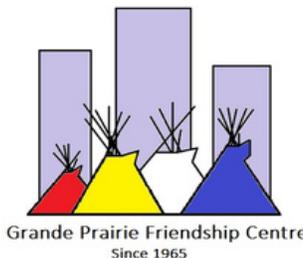
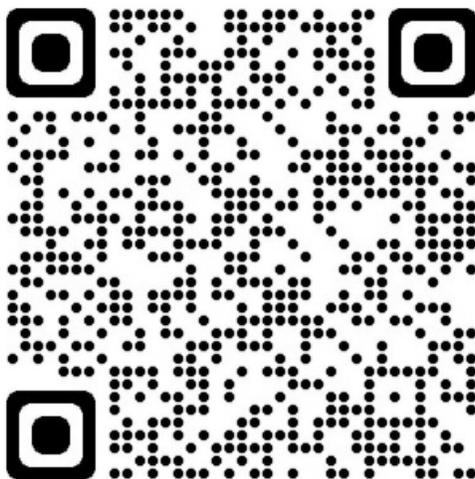
If you have any additional questions please contact,

Pitone Youth Group: [moniquehommy@gpfriendship.com](mailto:moniquehommy@gpfriendship.com)

On-Campus Outreach (Elaine):

[oncampusfriendshipcentre@nwpolytech.ca](mailto:oncampusfriendshipcentre@nwpolytech.ca)

Students must Scan QR for Survey or GPFC Membership



HOW DOES IT WORK?

MUST BE A MEMBER OF  
GPFC  
OR  
PITONE YOUTH GROUP

MUST BE GRADE 9-12  
STUDENT OR  
IN ACADEMIC  
UPGRADING COURSES

MUST FILL OUT SURVEY  
(4-MINUTES) FOR EACH  
SESSION REQUIRED\*

2 HOUR SESSIONS  
WITH A BREAK

NORTHWESTERN  
POLYTECHNIC  
ON-CAMPUS  
FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

780-539-2092  
10726 106 Avenue  
Grande Prairie, AB



FREE

# LEARNERS LICENSE STUDY GROUP

Struggling to pass the test? Join  
Youth on the Rise online study  
group

**ONLINE**  
MONDAYS AND  
WEDNESDAYS STARTING  
MARCH 22ND  
5:00PM - 6:00PM  
(until April 12th)  
Microsoft Teams meeting

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21st Edition

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**Calling all hockey & soccer players Gr's 9-12  
to the CKC Field Friday May 12th**

For more information please reach out to Mr. Foley  
at [Darren.Foley@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Darren.Foley@gppsd.ab.ca)



# THE OUTLAND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

FIND US ON



## EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY

for indigenous youth through

### 1. EDUCATION

*OYEP offers alternative, land-based education to support all forms of learning styles.*

- Opportunity to tour active natural resource operations
- Energy, mining and forestry education
- Science Week - spend a week living at and attending class as a post secondary student at a College and/or University!
- Two high school credits

### 2. WORK

*Gain valuable work experience in Silviculture, Forestry and Mining!*

- Tree planting
- Brush cutting/Juvenile spacing
- Trail clearing/Building
- Construction
- Surveying/GIS
- Mining
- Forestry

*Earn wages while having fun and learning new things!*

### 3. TRAINING

*During the 6 weeks, complete various training with accredited certifications that focus on employment Natural Resources sector:*

- WHMIS
- First Aid
- Canoe Safety
- Tree Planting
- Brush Cutting
- Forest Fire Fighting
- Chainsaw Safety
- Learners driving permit training
- and more!

### A REMOTE CAMP EXPERIENCE:

- Semi-private male and female accommodations
- On-site chef
- 3 meals and snacks
- Bi-weekly pay schedule
- Free time after work: workout spaces, volleyball, swimming, canoeing, etc

### WHO CAN APPLY:

- Indigenous youth
- 16 to 18 years of age
- Eligible to work in Canada
- Must have a Social Insurance Number

### HOW TO APPLY:

- Email: [OYEP@outland.ca](mailto:OYEP@outland.ca)
- Visit: [www.OYEP.ca](http://www.OYEP.ca)
- Speak to your school guidance counsellor!



## SIX WEEKS ON THE JOB



SAFETY



FORESTRY



SCIENCE WEEK



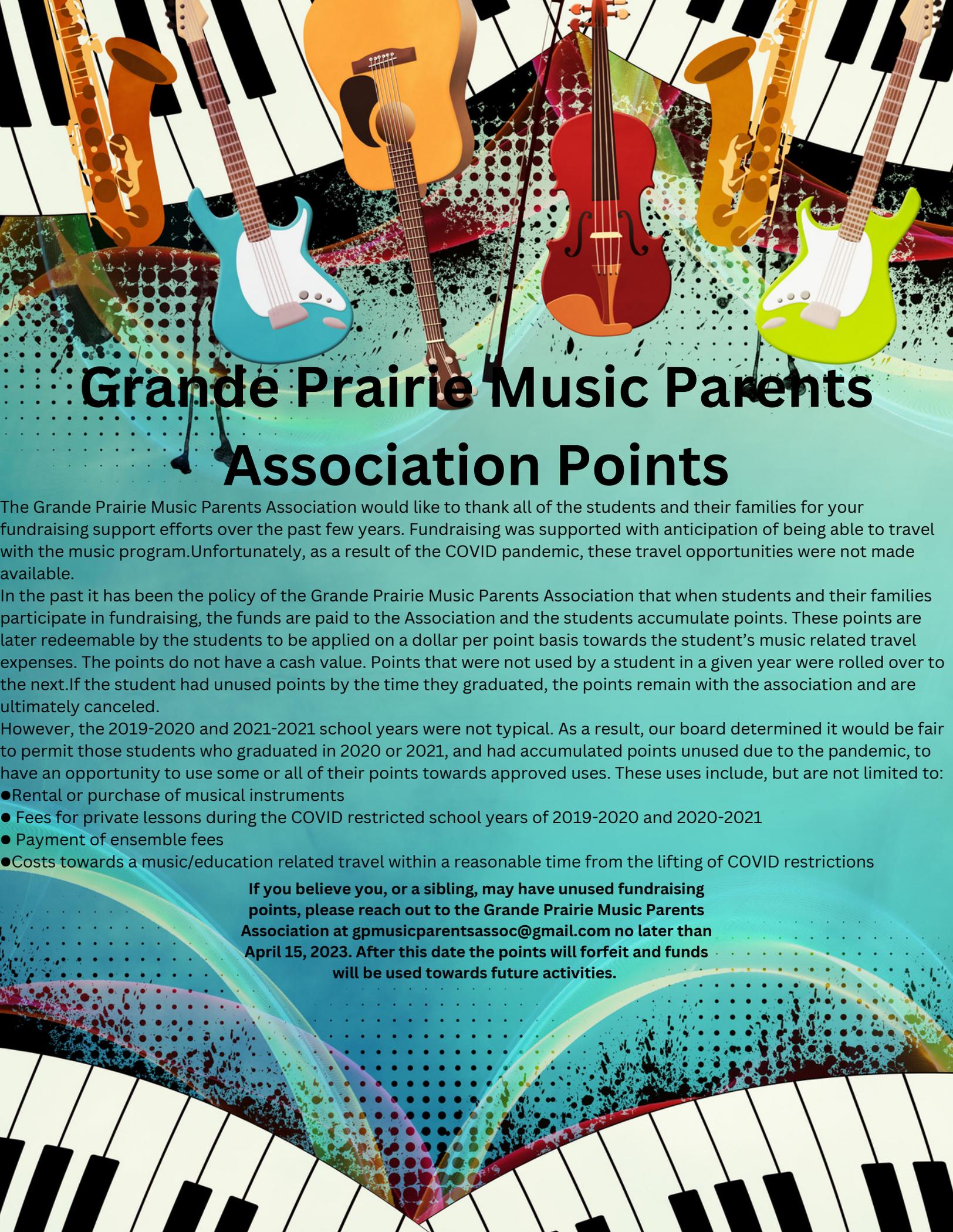
ENERGY



MINING



FIELD WORK



# Grande Prairie Music Parents Association Points

The Grande Prairie Music Parents Association would like to thank all of the students and their families for your fundraising support efforts over the past few years. Fundraising was supported with anticipation of being able to travel with the music program. Unfortunately, as a result of the COVID pandemic, these travel opportunities were not made available.

In the past it has been the policy of the Grande Prairie Music Parents Association that when students and their families participate in fundraising, the funds are paid to the Association and the students accumulate points. These points are later redeemable by the students to be applied on a dollar per point basis towards the student's music related travel expenses. The points do not have a cash value. Points that were not used by a student in a given year were rolled over to the next. If the student had unused points by the time they graduated, the points remain with the association and are ultimately canceled.

However, the 2019-2020 and 2021-2021 school years were not typical. As a result, our board determined it would be fair to permit those students who graduated in 2020 or 2021, and had accumulated points unused due to the pandemic, to have an opportunity to use some or all of their points towards approved uses. These uses include, but are not limited to:

- Rental or purchase of musical instruments
- Fees for private lessons during the COVID restricted school years of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
- Payment of ensemble fees
- Costs towards a music/education related travel within a reasonable time from the lifting of COVID restrictions

**If you believe you, or a sibling, may have unused fundraising points, please reach out to the Grande Prairie Music Parents Association at [gpmusicparentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gpmusicparentsassoc@gmail.com) no later than April 15, 2023. After this date the points will forfeit and funds will be used towards future activities.**

# PowerSchool Parent Portal

## Viewing Report Cards, Current Grades and Teacher Comments

- 1 Go to <http://powerschool.gppsd.ab.ca/public/>
  - Enter your username and password.
- 2 - If you have forgotten or do not know your sign in information please call the school at
  - 780-532-7721.

### To view Report Cards

If you have multiple children you can switch between them by clicking the students name

**Student Report Card** If you are having any issues viewing the report cards please pay special attention to the items beside the red stars. ★

**Report Card**  
The supported browser for this report is Chrome. Other browsers can be used but will not be supported. ★  
Click the report card name to view. Can't see the report card? Try unblocking popups in your browser. ★

Name	School	Date
Grade 10 - S1 - 2022-2023	Grande Prairie Composite High School	01/30/2023
Grade 9 - S1 - 2021-2022	Grande Prairie Composite High School	03/31/2022
Grade 9 - S2 - 2021-2022	Grande Prairie Composite High School	06/29/2022
Grade 8 - R1 - 2020-2021	Derek Taylor Public School	11/27/2020
Grade 8 - R2	Derek Taylor Public School	03/12/2021
Grade 8 - R3	Derek Taylor Public School	06/29/2021
Grade 7 - R1	Derek Taylor Public School	06/23/2020

Click to view Report Cards, then click on the report card you'd like to view.

Print report cards, right click and choose the printer from the Destination drop down. ★  
• Select paper size Letter and orientation as Landscape ★  
To generate a PDF file, right click and in the Destination drop down choose "Save as PDF" ★

### To view Current Grades and Teacher Comments

**Grades and Attendance:** Click to view current grades

Grades and Attendance

Exp	Last Week				This Week				Course	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W							
B11										[1]	8			12	4
B11												[1]	[1]	1	0
B01										80	46			15	11
B01												[1]	[1]	2	2
B03										[1]	[1]			13	11
B03												[1]	[1]	1	2
B04										70	54			10	11
B04												[1]	[1]	3	0

Click to see details of current grade

**Teacher Comments:** In "Teacher Comments", choose the reporting term you would like to view

Reporting Term Q1

Exp.	Course #	Course	Teacher	Comment
B11(D1-D4)				for the next), Group to lead a healthy importance of rial assigned for m to enjoy this
B11(D1-D4)				od coming to see me
B21(D1-D4)				our third of five
B21(D1-D4)				enthusiasm in the

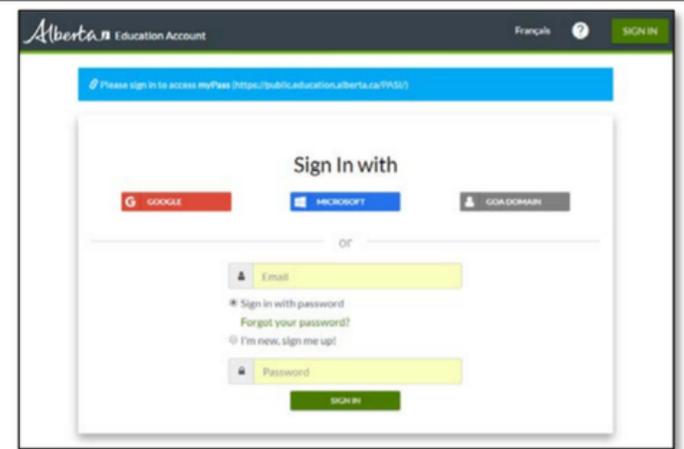
Click to view Teacher Comments

How to connect Parents/Guardians to myPass

**Step 1: Contact Student Services to register your email address in PASI.**

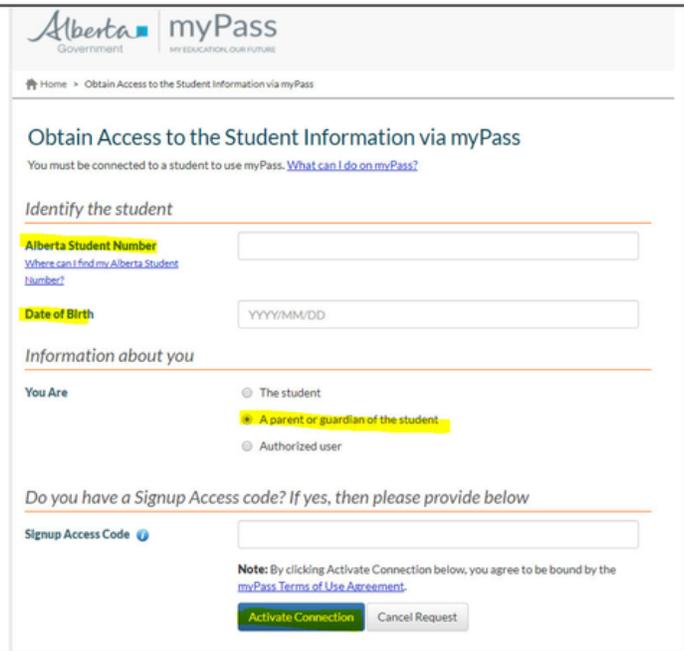
**Step 2: Create/Sign in Education Account**

- The Parent/Guardian visits myPass website: [mypass.alberta.ca](https://mypass.alberta.ca), or simply search “myPass” in browser.
- The Parent/Guardian clicks “Sign in with Education Account.”
- The school instructs the parent/guardian to create an Education Account with an email address that match the email address registered in PASI.
- The Parent/Guardian signs in with the Education Account or Google or Microsoft Account.



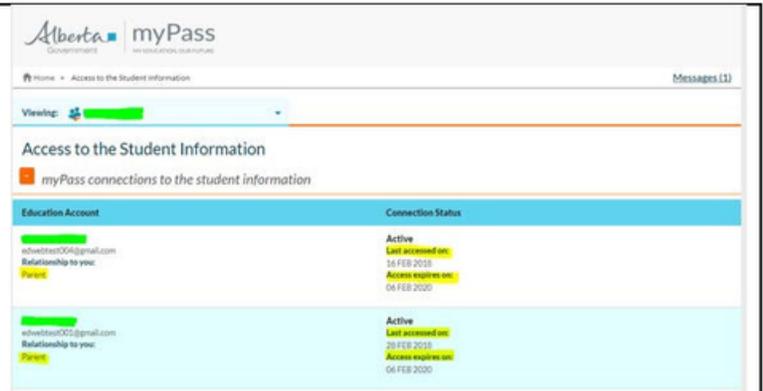
**Step 3: Enter details in myPass**

- The Parent/Guardian enters the following information:
  1. The ASN of the student
  2. The Date of Birth of the student
  3. Select the option “A parent or guardian of the student”
  4. Click “Activate Connection”
- When the email address used for the Education account match the email address registered in PASIprep, the Parent/Guardian is informed that ‘Access to your Student Information has been granted’.
- The student will receive a notification email with details that an active connection has been created on their record.



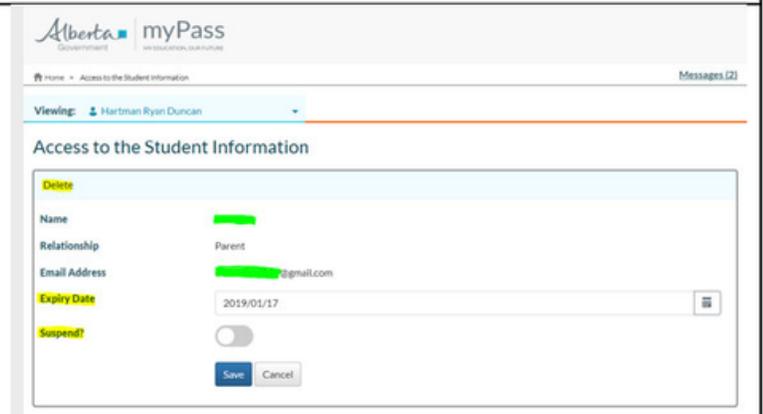
### View Connection details

- The Parent/Guardian is able to view the details of connected parent/guardian or authorized users in the "Access to the Student Information" section of myPass
  - Personal details including name, relationship and email address.
  - The status of the connection (if one exists)
  - Last time the connection was used
  - The expiration date of the connection



### Manage existing Authorized user myPass Connection

- The Parent/Guardian is able to suspend or delete existing Connections of Authorized users via the "Access to the Student Information" section in myPass



## COMPLETING A CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM

#1. Sign into PowerSchool here:

<https://powerschool.gppsd.ab.ca/public/>

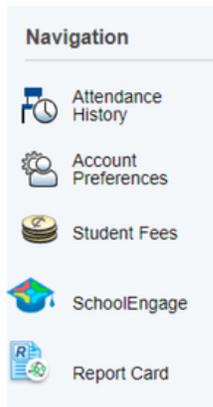
Enter username:

Enter password:

*If you have forgotten either of these please call 780.532.7721 to have this reset*

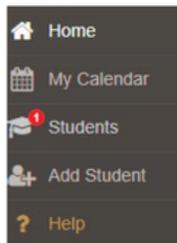
#2 Once in PowerSchool please click on the tab "School Engage" located on the lefthand side of screen.

This is what it will look like:



#3 Once in School Engage, select your child you are making the change for. This is located under "students"

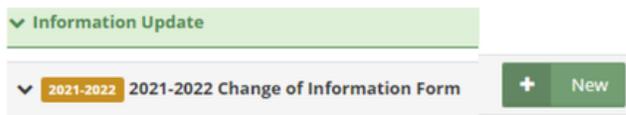
Here's what you'll see:



#4 Once you've selected the student, you will see several different options on the righthand side of the screen (be patient, this may take a moment to populate).

Next select Change of Information Form (+New) and complete this form.

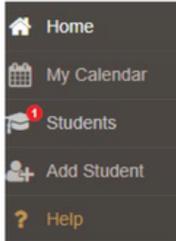
To enter a change of address you will need to attach proof of address. Examples are utility bill or lease that includes legal parent or guardian name and new address.



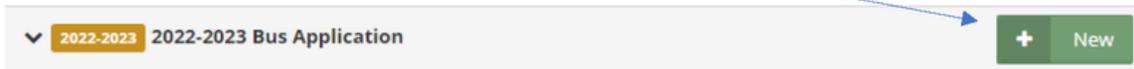
## APPLYING FOR A BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

#1. Once in School Engage, click on “Student” and all students listed in your account will populate, select the student you are wanting a bus pass for.

Here’s what you’ll see:



#2. Once your options on the right side populate, find TRANSPORTATION and select Bus Application, click directly on NEW



#3. Complete all information on the form. When you come to the 9<sup>th</sup> tab make sure you click on the edulog to ensure that they are eligible for free bussing. It looks like this:

Please check your child's busing eligibility here:

<https://edulog.gppsd.ab.ca/livewq/webquery/>

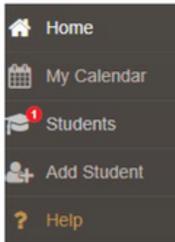
**NOTE:**

Once you submit, it can take up to 5 days for it to arrive at the school, until that time you are responsible for driving your student to/from school.

## APPLYING FOR A REPLACEMENT BUS PASS FOR YOUR STUDENT

#1. Once in School Engage, click on “Student” and all students listed in your account will populate, select the student you are wanting a replacement bus pass for.

Here’s what you’ll see:



#2. Once your options on the right side populate, find TRANSPORTATION and select Replacement Bus Pass Application, click directly on NEW



#3. Complete information requested on the form. If there have been NO changes to the address you will not need to check for eligibility.

### NOTE:

Once you submit, it can take up to 5 days for it to arrive at the school, until that time you are responsible for driving your student to/from school. They are not permitted on the bus unless the physically have their card in hand to scan up entering the bus.

# Student Absences

If your student is going to be absent, please contact the school directly as soon as you can to avoid an absence text message and/or phone call.

This can be done by speaking directly to Nikki at  
780.532.7721

OR

When you call the school,  
at the voice prompt select **option #2** and follow the  
prompts leaving voice messages

OR

report through safe arrival

*"Please help me keep your students safe by reporting  
their absence and keeping me in the know."*

*-Nikki*



*Our front desk connoisseur and switchboard master*

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# *Grad Commencement Ceremony*

Friday May 19, 2023

Commencement Ceremony: 1pm-3:30pm

Grand March: 7pm-9pm

BONNETTS ENERGY CENTRE - 10017 99 AVE  
GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB T8V 0R7

# Grad Important Reminders

- Baby pictures are due. Baby pictures will be featured during the slide show at both the Grad Breakfast and during the ceremony. Please select one photo and send it to [Jennifer.Jackson@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Jackson@gppsd.ab.ca).
- Watson's Photo studio is currently taking bookings for Grad photos. The sitting fee is included in grad fee. There is no obligation to buy a package, however these grad proofs are used in The Composite photo that all grads receive and will also be a part of the Grad slide show. Sessions book are to take place between now and April 17, 2023. Watson's supplies the cap and gown for all pictures.
- Next parent meeting will be May 3rd at 6 pm at the Comp
- Grad fee for the 2022-2023 year is \$175 per student and must be paid in full by May 1st, 2023 in order in order to participate in the graduation ceremonies.
- Safe Grad and Fun Grad are optional activities, historically being held on the evening of Grand March. Both events are organized and controlled by parent committees. Neither the Grande Prairie Public School District nor Grande Prairie Composite High School endorse either of these activities; they are organized and executed completely by a parent group. There is usually a charge for attending either activity. All safe grad and fun grad details are determined by the parent committees.

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# Grad Meeting Dates

**GRAD STUDENT MEETINGS**

**MAY 2**

**GRAD PARENT MEETINGS**

**MAY 3**

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# Wondering how many credits you have?

## Q: WHY SIGN UP FOR MYPASS?

Courses and Marks	Document Orders	Student Profile	Student Connections
<b>View Credential</b> >> View diploma / certificate progress	<b>Order Transcript</b> >> Order an Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement	<b>Personal Information</b> >> Review and update personal and contact information	<b>Connect to a Student</b> >> Obtain access to the student information
<b>Detailed Academic Report</b> >> Download high school course and mark history	<b>Order Credential</b> >> Order a diploma / certificate reprint	<b>Verification Document</b> >> Generate letters for proof of name, school enrolment, age and who a student resides with	<b>Access to Student Information</b> >> Review who can or has accessed student information
<b>Diploma Exam</b> >> Add and manage exam registrations and late payment >> View results and request rescors	<b>Order History</b> >> View all orders >> Edit unspent orders	<b>Q: HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR MYPASS?</b> <b>Easy!</b> Visit Student Services to register your <i>personal</i> email address. You <b>do not</b> need to book an appointment, stop by during lunch or during the breaks.	
<b>PAT Results</b> >> View Provincial Achievement Test Results			

## Q: WHAT DO I NEED TO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN ALBERTA?

### Alberta High School Diploma Requirements:

- English 30-1 or 30-2; and
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2; and
- 10 additional 30 level credits
- Mathematics 20-1 or 20-2 or 20-3; and
- Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20; and
- Physical Education 10; and
- Career and LifeManagement (CALM) 20
- 100 credits

Some workplaces or post-secondary institutions may require additional credits and/or specific courses. Talk to your school counsellor for more information about diploma requirements. Mr. Duncan (last names A-L) and Ms. Mahaney (last names M-Z) are available to meet with students to answer any academic, post-secondary and career planning questions.

# Useful Links

[GPCHS Facebook](#)

[GPCHS Instagram](#)

[GPCHS Website](#)

[GPPSD Approved 2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

[Powerschool log in](#)

[2022-2023 Parent-Student Handbook](#)

[Phoenix News Youtube Channel](#)



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