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HOME BASE OPT-IN TOOL AND PRICING FOR 2018-19

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to announce that the full suite of Home Base is available with many new and updated features to all districts and charter schools for the 2018-19 school year. Among them are:

Truenorthlogic

- Updates to Local Professional Development Tracking & Course Creation and Attendance Tracking
- Updates to Educator Evaluation Instruments based on Framework for 21st Century Learning and NC Teacher Standards

Schoolnet

- Additional assessment features like Text to Speech, Multiple Standards Alignment, and Gap Match technology-enhanced items
- Formative assessment items for many high school Career and Technical Education courses
- More reporting features, including Benchmark Reporting Dashboard, Standard Performance Reports, and an updated Teacher Dashboard with one click access to preformatted reports

Canvas (available with state-negotiated convenience pricing)

- Robust learning management system with LTI connections available for many popular learning tools such as Flipgrid, Khan Academy, Nearpod, and Quizlet
- Canvas-supported personalized digital learning with Mastery Paths to quickly customize learner experiences based on content mastery
- Access to over 55 fully developed courses on the NC Canvas Commons including NCVPS and DLCs for Teachers content

PowerSchool (included at no additional cost)

- Standard Object Report Enhancements, Consecutive Absence Alert, Summer School Enrollments and Mass Enroll capabilities for summer school, End of Summer School Process, a State Reporting Help Feature, and Enterprise Reporting Enhancements

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

- PowerTeacher Pro (Gradebook) with a cleaner interface and features like:
 - no more Java dependencies
 - a mobile responsive design
 - the ability to import scores;
 - fully integrated standards-based grading
 - built-in progress reporting
 - a professional judgment indicator that helps teachers understand which grades to focus on to determine if the final grade accurately reflects the student's level of understanding
 - ability to copy over assignments from PT Gradebook
 - a Section Readiness Report.

The cost to LEAs and charter schools remains the same as last year - \$1/ADM. This gives access to Schoolnet and local control of professional development components in Truenorthlogic. Districts and charter schools can acquire Canvas for an additional cost of \$3.74 per user through the state-negotiated convenience contract.

Access to the [Home Base Opt-in Tool](https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess) is available at <https://schools.nc.gov/homebaseaccess>. Only district finance officers (and charter school principals) may request access to the online opt-in tool for their district/school. When submitting a request, you are confirming that district/school leadership supports the decision to opt-in. If your district/school currently has access to Schoolnet and the local professional development components in Truenorthlogic, and is planning to continue use for the 2018-19 school year, you must indicate planned usage for school year 2018-19 by June 15, 2018. Otherwise, your access will be discontinued on July 1, 2018. After access request is approved, an invoice will be generated within the opt-in tool and emailed to the email recipient within the tool.

Providing school districts and charter schools access to robust digital content is a priority for DPI. Through the Digital Learning Initiative, we are collaborating with state partners to bring additional digital content to Home Base in the 2018-2019 school year. Checks should be made payable to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (TIN # 561492826), with "Home Base 2018-19" in the memo line. Mail the invoice and check to NC Department of Public Instruction, Cash Management and Collections, 6336 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6336. Payment is due August 31, 2018.

Thank you for collaborating with us to offer powerful, integrated digital learning tools to improve learning opportunities for all students and educators across North Carolina. We hope to see 100 percent district opt-in as last year. If you have questions concerning the opt-in process, please contact Yolanda Wilson, Home Base Opt-in Administrator, at (919) 807-3485 or yolanda.wilson@dpi.nc.gov. You may also visit our [Home Base Opt-in FAQs](#) for additional information.

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