

## North Carolina ACT Enhancements

### Background

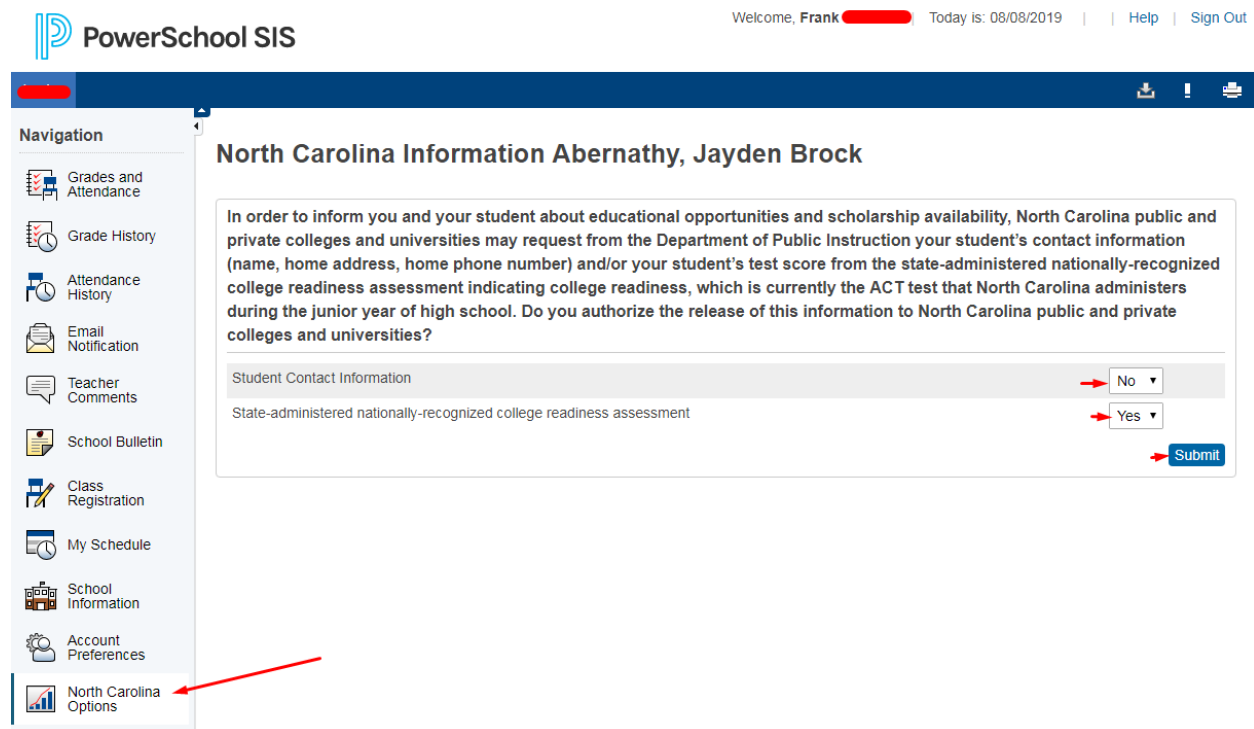
In July 2019, NCDPI needed a way to collect information about disclosing college readiness assessment data to colleges and universities. In order to collect this information, parents need to be solicited to accept (or opt in) to allow the state to disclose this data.

### Enhancement

The parent portal (web portal, not mobile app) was modified to include a new menu option for “North Carolina Options”. This new page is for North Carolina specific data and although it only contains a few yes / no options for this purpose, it was made generic enough so additional information could be solicited from parents for other purposes at a future date.

### How To Use

Upon authentication to the parent portal in PowerSchool, a new menu option is added at the bottom of the list of items. Picking the **North Carolina Options** menu option will present the user with a new screen to collect information. Pick yes or no for each item and submit.



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS parent portal interface. At the top, it says "Welcome, Frank [redacted] Today is: 08/08/2019 | Help | Sign Out". The main navigation menu on the left includes: Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Email Notification, Teacher Comments, School Bulletin, Class Registration, My Schedule, School Information, Account Preferences, and **North Carolina Options** (highlighted with a red arrow). The main content area is titled "North Carolina Information Abernathy, Jayden Brock". It contains a text box with the following text: "In order to inform you and your student about educational opportunities and scholarship availability, North Carolina public and private colleges and universities may request from the Department of Public Instruction your student's contact information (name, home address, home phone number) and/or your student's test score from the state-administered nationally-recognized college readiness assessment indicating college readiness, which is currently the ACT test that North Carolina administers during the junior year of high school. Do you authorize the release of this information to North Carolina public and private colleges and universities?". Below this text are two dropdown menus: "Student Contact Information" with a "No" option selected, and "State-administered nationally-recognized college readiness assessment" with a "Yes" option selected. A "Submit" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

### Technical Details

Information collected is saved in the **S\_NC\_STUDENTINFO** table and both items are held in the **USER\_DEFINED\_5** field. It is position delimited and Student contact information is held in position 1 while the assessment option is held in position 2. They are stored as Y/N values. The screenshot above would be held with the value NY