



# Principals' Training Center *PTCnet Survey*

**Topic** Student Information System

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**Query** What system for student information does your school use; what factors should be considered in identifying a good system and recommendation?

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**Total number of responses** 14

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## Individual responses

### Summary

The Student Information System our school have been implementing has numerous limitations and disadvantages, especially in the reports and data analysis fields. We are now considering changing the System and would like to receive advice and suggestions from other schools who are satisfied with their system, a user-friendly, 'smart' data analysis interface that converts raw data into a management well-informed decisions tool.

In addition to the regular enrolment, attendance and grading data, we are looking for a system that does the following:

1. **Smart attendance** absconding reports: a report that highlights missing students from a specific class (ditching)
2. **Grades' Analysis**: a statistical report on grades by subject, grade, teachers, .... Including averages per class, deviation, ....
3. **Enrolment for the coming year**: our present system does not allow us to enrol students for the coming year until we 'roll-over' our present students – which only happens end of June.

School	System	Recommendation
1. Davy College Cajamarca - Peru	Administrator Plus from Rediker	No
2. International School of Luxembourg	PCR	No
3. Lincoln Community School Accra, Ghana	Admin Plus	No
4. Lincoln School Kathmandu, Nepal	inResonance	No grading features
5. United Nations International School of Hanoi	ISIS	Yes



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6. ASD Middle School	PowerSchool (Pearson)	Yes
7. American School Foundation of Monterrey	PowerSchool from Pearson	Yes except grade book
8. International School of Aruba	Sycamore	Yes
9. American International School-Riyadh	Skyward	Yes Much more effective than Powerschool and other data management systems used in the past.
10. Western Academy of Beijing	Powerschool	No - report function.
11. American School of Valencia	WinSchool	Moving into <b>Power School</b> .
12. Bavarian International School e.V.	Serco Facility	No Heard positive things about <b>Power School</b> .
13. United Nations International School of Hanoi, Vietnam	Purpose built Student Management system	Yes
14. Nanjing International School	Admin +	No

**Details**

School	System	Comments
1. Davy College Av. Hoyos Rubio N. 2684 Cajamarca - Peru	Administrator Plus from Rediker	We are using Administrator Plus from Rediker company for 5 years ago, is a good system but <b>not work smart with schedules, and report card is very laborious for change the templates of form.</b> Have many modules for other aspects of schools, for example, sent emails to parents with information of the system, work with portfolios for students and teachers, also for print Id Cards, and manage the attendance reports and Discipline.  You can see more information about this system in this web site.



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		<a href="http://www.rediker.com/Administrators-Plus.html">http://www.rediker.com/Administrators-Plus.html</a> Also we are looking for a new system, I receive suggestions for Power School.
2. International School of Luxembourg	PCR	We are using an SIS product called PCR, which we are <b>not particularly pleased with</b> . It has similar drawbacks to your own you detail above.
3. Lincoln Community School Accra, Ghana	Admin Plus	We're in the market of looking as well... <b>Stay away from Admin Plus</b> ...that's my only advice Go for Pinnacle Suites or Powerschool.
4. Lincoln School Kathmandu, Nepal	inResonance	We, too, are looking at chancing our SIS and are just starting to look at other systems. One that we are looking at is inResonance, however, it does not have the grading features you are looking for either. However, because we are in the midst of this search as well, I would look forward to receiving the compilation of the recommendations you receive.
5. United Nations International School of Hanoi	ISIS	The United Nations International School of Hanoi uses a School Information System called ISIS. ISIS is a customizable solution that <b>provides all the items you've mentioned and can also be adjusted to meet additional needs as the need arises</b> . The system is also used at the International School of Ho Chi Minh City and at Cebu International School. Both schools have been <b>very happy</b> with their implementations of ISIS as well but you might want to contact their Tech Directors (Derek Rutt, <a href="mailto:DerekRutt@ishcmc.edu.vn">DerekRutt@ishcmc.edu.vn</a> and Graham Taylor, <a href="mailto:itmanager@cis.edu.ph">itmanager@cis.edu.ph</a> ) to get their opinions first-hand.
6. ASD Middle School	PowerSchool (Pearson)	We use PowerSchool (Pearson) and like it very much. <b>It will handle 1 and 2 in your list</b> , has customizable reports and many that are already created. We have a similar problem with new students and rolling over. We manage that by creating a holding school and moving those students over once rollover is complete.
7. American School	PowerSchool	We use PowerSchool from Pearson and <b>it seems to satisfy all our needs</b>



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Foundation of Monterrey	from Pearson	with respect to #1 and #3. We are moving to PS 6 (the web based grade book) this summer and hope it will provide more reports with respect to #2. Overall we are very satisfied with this product. One thing to consider, the most important person in this equation for us is our very smart and diligent administrative assistant. She knows PS inside and out.
8. International School of Aruba	Sycamore	We are going through the same situation at the International School of Aruba. We are currently looking at a new system called Sycamore, I just saw the demonstration video online and it looks perfect for what you need. Hope that helps, we are also looking into that program.
9. American International School- Riyadh	Skyward	We use Skyward; it is the best and most comprehensive system I have ever used (and I understand that it is one of the fastest growing systems in education). Much more effective than Powerschool and other data management systems that I have used in the past.
10. Western Academy of Beijing	Powerschool	We are using Powerschool and frankly are not particularly happy with it, most especially its report function. I would appreciate it if you would send me any information you receive .
11. American School of Valencia	WinSchool	We have used WinSchool for years but are moving into Power School . If you would like more information, let me know and perhaps you could contact the person who is working with Power School .
12. Bavarian International School e.V.	Serco Facility	We use Serco Facility and it currently does not come close to the needs you (and I) are looking for. Serco is developing a new web based system called Progresso though I have doubts about it having used the predecessor.  I have heard positive things about Power School. Sorry I cannot contribute more helpfully but I will watch this conversation with interest.
13. United Nations International	Purpose built Student Management	Our Director of Technology here at UNIS Hanoi, Dr. Harry Bennett, is writing a purpose built and comprehensive Student Management system. A number of schools in the region have been very impressed



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<p>School of Hanoi, Vietnam</p>	<p>system</p>	<p>with what the system achieves and its further potential and have bought into the development as well. We are using it to do our enrollment and <b>all the things that you mention</b>. A real plus is Harry's ability to develop the tools that we have asked for. If you are interested then I recommend that you speak directly with him. I can provide his email contact upon request.</p> <p>When I was the Director of Technology at IS Amsterdam we implemented a system from inResonance - <a href="http://www.inresonance.com/">http://www.inresonance.com/</a>. Based on FileMaker and compatible with the school's dual platform approach the system continues to grow and fundamentally supports the work of the school - see article <a href="http://www.inresonance.com/resonate/2008/june/international-family-values">http://www.inresonance.com/resonate/2008/june/international-family-values</a></p>
<p><i>14. Nanjing International School</i></p>	<p>Admin +</p>	<p>We are in the same process at NIS! We are using Admin +, but as we have become a Mac school and we are an IB school, we are finding <b>it does not meet our needs as well at this point</b>. Admin + does have the capabilities to do class averages and those types of statistical reports, including attendance and enrolment, so perhaps that might be an option for your school.</p> <p>I would be interested to hear about what others recommend, especially for IB schools</p>