# **OVERVIEW**

## WHAT IS THE PARENTVUE PORTAL?

To help their children get the most out of school, parents want-day to day insight into the academic experience. With the Synergy ParentVUE web portal, parents can access near-real time information on assignments and scores, attendance, class schedules, transcripts, graduation status and more.

# DO I HAVE TO SIGN IN AT EACH SCHOOL IF I HAVE A CHILD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ANOTHER IN HIGH SCHOOL?

ParentVUE offers a single sign on to view school information for all of the siblings, regardless of the grade level or school of attendance.

# IS THERE A WAY TO CONTACT THE TEACHER OR COUNSELOR IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT I SEE ON THE SCREEN?

Easy access to communication tools throughout the various ParentVUE screens promotes the contact between home and school that is necessary for student success.

# IS MY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ANYONE ON THE INTERNET?

While the website is accessible over the Internet, access is secured via a user name and password. Parents can see information about their children, only, and cannot see the records of other students.

# PARENT ACCOUNT ACTIVATION

## **ACCOUNT CREATION**

**Note:** To create an account, you need the web address (https://spportal.wcps.k12.md.us) and account activation key provided by the school district.

1. In your web browser, enter the address provided by the school district and press ENTER.

The ParentVUE and StudentVUE Access screen opens.



Figure 1-1 ParentVUE and StudentVUE Access
Screen

- 2. If other languages are supported, they will be listed at the bottom. Click on the preferred language. The screen default is English.
- 3. Click I am a parent >>. The ParentVUE Account Access screen opens.



Figure 1-2 ParentVUE Account Access Screen

- 4. Click I have an activation key and need to create my account>>. Step 1 of 3, the district's Privacy Statement screen displays.
- 5. Read the Privacy Statement, click I Accept to agree to the privacy statement, and continue to create an account. Step 2 of 3, Sign In with Activation Key screen opens.



Figure 1-3 Step 1 of 3 Parent Account Activation Screen Privacy Statement

 Enter First Name, Last Name, and Activation Key as provided in the Activation Key Letter. The first name and last name must match the information recorded in Synergy SIS exactly.



Figure 1-4 Step 2 0f 3 Parent Account Activation Screen Sign In with Activation Key

7. Click **Continue to Step 3**. Step 3 0f 3 : Choose user name and password screen opens.



Figure 1-5 Step 3 0f 3 Parent Account Activation Screen Step 3 0f 3: Choose User Name and Password

- 8. Enter a unique **User Name**. An error message opens if someone is already using the user name entered.
- Enter a Password and re-enter it in Confirm Password. The password must be a minimum of 6 characters in length and can consist of numbers and letters, but not special characters. The password is case-sensitive.
- 10. Enter the **Primary E-Mail** address.
- 11. Click Complete Account Activation.

# **VIEWING INFORMATION**

## Log Into Account

 In your web browser, enter the address provided by the school district https://spportal.wcps.k12.md.us
 and press ENTER.

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Figure 1-6 ParentVUE and StudentVUE Access Screen

- 2. If other languages are supported, they will be listed at the bottom. Click on the preferred language. The screen default is English.
- 3. Click I am a parent >>. The ParentVUE Account Access screen opens.
- 4. Enter User Name and Password. Click Login.



Figure 1-7 ParentVUE Account Access Screen

## HOME SCREEN

After logging on to the website or activating an account, parents will see the Home tab screen of the ParentVUE portal. The information on the home page includes:



Figure 1-14 Parent Home Page Screen



The Navigation bar contains links to various areas within ParentVUE. Each area displays records for the child selected and are described below. The Navigation Bar remains consistently on the left as you view the information in ParentVUE, except when viewing the Account tab. It identifies the area you are viewing by highlighting the bar. Click **Home** at the top to return to Recent Events, shown in the example above.



Recent Events includes grading period dates, conference events, discipline events, school events, attendance notes, and nurse log notes. Information in blue is a link for more detailed information.



Figure 1-15 Navigation Bar



District Announcements are featured on the right.



In ParentVUE, children linked to a parent and attending first names listed at the top of the screen. Click the child's name to view his or her this district, have their information.

# **NAVIGATION BAR**

## **CALENDAR**

Calendar displays the important details of your child's school day. Use these directions to check your child's school attendance using ParentVUE.

Click on **Calendar**. The school calendar lists assignments from the Grade Book for the student listed, school holidays, and other school events. Information in blue is a link for more detailed information. The calendar can be screened by day, week, or month.

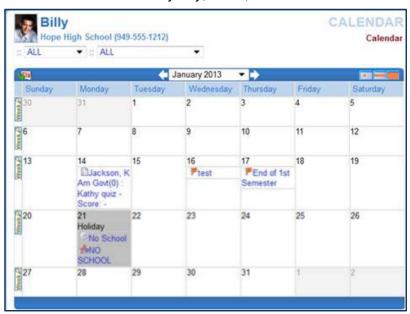


Figure 1-16 Parent Calendar Screen

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Figure 1-18 Calendar Screen Button



Figure 1-19 Month Button



Figure 1-20 Week Button



Figure 1-21 Today Button

To filter the information displyed on the calendar, use the drop-down boxes at the top of the calendar. This can be used to only show assignments of a particular type or from a particular class.

By default, the calendar is shown in a Monthly screen. To switch to a Weekly or Daily screen, click on the buttons in the top right-hand corner of the calendar.

Scroll forward or backward through the months using the arrows to the right or left of the month displayed, or select a specific month from the drop-down list.

To see the details of a specific week, click on the yellow Week bar to the left of the week to be screened.

To return to today's date, click the icon in the top left-hand corner of the calendar.

The calendar shows two types of information: District or school events that are marked with a for  $\mathbb{P}$ , and Grade Book assignments are marked with a  $\mathbb{D}$ .

To see additional details, click on the blue text describing the event or assignment.

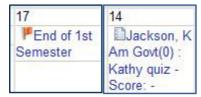


Figure 1-22 Events & Assignments

**Event Detail** shows the title, date, time, and a full description of the event. To return to the main calendar, click the Calendar link at the top right of the page.



Figure 1-23 - District Event Detail

The **School Work Detail** screen lists all the information associated with the assignment, including the details of the class and the instructor who assigned it. If the teacher has referenced an online file or website, it is listed in the Resources section.

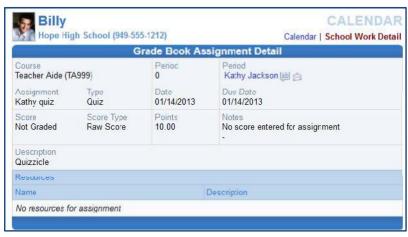


Figure 1-24 Grade Book Assignment Detail

The **Weekly Screen** lists all events and assignments for the week. To scroll forward or backward a week, click on the arrows next to the name of the week.

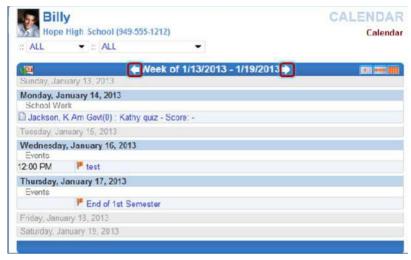


Figure 1-25 Weekly Calendar Screen

The **Daily Screen** of the calendar lists all events and assignments for the day. To scroll forward or backward a day, click on the arrows next to the name of the day.



Figure 1-26 Daily Calendar Screen

## **ATTENDANCE**

To view attendance information, click **Attendance** on the Navigation bar. This screen can be viewed in two ways – the List screen and the Calendar screen.

The **List view** displays all the days your child was marked absent or tardy, along with the reason and notes associated with each entry. Totals display at the bottom of the list.



Figure 1-27 Attendance List View

Icons provide an at-glance understanding of the reasons for non-attendance.

The **Calendar view** displays absences in the date they occurred. This is handy to view a specific period of time.



Figure 1-28 Attendance Calendar View

Click the right or left arrow to go forward or backward by months.

√ January 2013 ✓ ► Click ✓ to select a different month to view.

In calendar view, click on an absence reason to view the details.

In List view, click on the absence reason or absence date to view the details.



Figure 1-29 Secondary Attendance Detail

The **Secondary Attendance Detail** screen lists the class scheduled for each period, the room number, the teacher's name, and the type of absence.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

Click Class Schedule on the Navigation bar to view the current semester or term.

The schedule lists the period, course title, room name, and the teacher for each class.



Figure 1-30 Class Schedule Screen

To view a different semester's schedule, click on the semester abbreviation (**Fall, Spring**, etc.) in the upper right-hand corner. The schedule lists the period, course title, room name, and the teacher for each class. If the teacher's name is in blue text, click on the **blue text** to send an e-mail to that teacher.

## **COURSE HISTORY**

**Course History** displays all your child's courses, and the grades received for all years and all schools. It shows their cumulative GPA and graduation ranking.

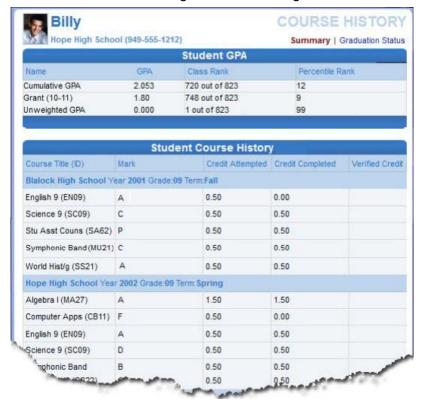


Figure 1-34 Course History Summary Screen

To view a summary of the student's current progress towards graduation, click **Graduation Status** in the upper right-hand corner. The **Course History Graduation Status** screen opens.

The **Course History Graduation Status** provides detailed credit and test requirement information, if appropriate to your child's school grade level. This is the same information that displays on the student's transcript.

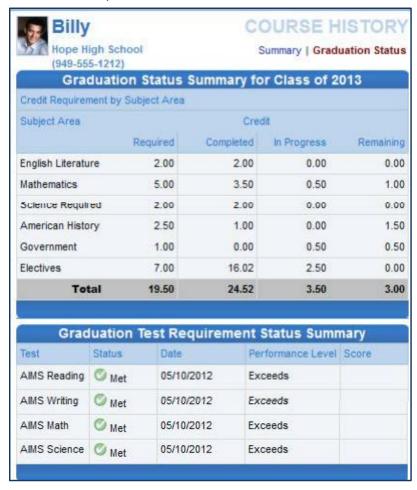


Figure 1-35 Graduation Status Screen

## **GRADE BOOK**

The Grade Book screen allows parents to keep track of student grades, assignments and test scores that have been posted in the TeacherVUE Grade Book. Click **Grade Book** on the Navigation bar. The Grade Book Summary screen shows grades for each grading period and progress period. The screen opens to the current grade period but clicking any available quarter or progress period brings up that summary.



Figure 1-54 Grade Book Summary Screen

The summary for secondary students displays the periods, course title, resources for that class (if any were posted), the teacher name, and grades for that time period.

The summary for elementary students displays the teacher name, subject area, number of missing assignments, any class resources, the number of points earned by the student and the percentage of points.

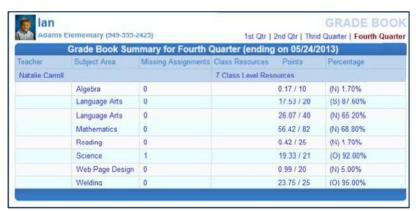


Figure 1-55 Grade Book Summary Screen - Elementary

The teacher's name is a link to the Class Website screen. Other words in blue are links to the Assignment View. The **Assignment View** screen that displays may be filtered to show one teacher's assignments or one subject area, by selecting from the drop-down.

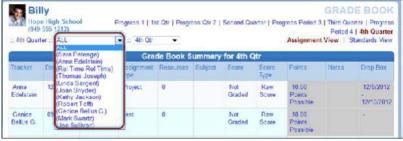


Figure 1-56 Grade Book Assignment View - Secondary



Figure 1-57 Grade Book Assignment View -Elementary

To see the details of an assignment, click on the blue text for the assignment. The **Grade Book** 

# Assignment View Detail screen displays.

If the assignment is aligned to a state standard the standard name and performance indicator display. NOTE: The state standard feature is not used in all districts.



Figure 1-58 Grade Book Breadcrumb

To return to the previous screen click the link at the top.

## REPORT CARD

The Report Card screen shows grades for each quarter and for progressive periods between the quarters. Click **Report Card** on the Navigation bar. This screen also contains period, course title, room name, teacher, marks, conduct, citizenship, and work habits. There is a grade legend at the bottom of the screen.



Figure 1-66 Report Card Screen

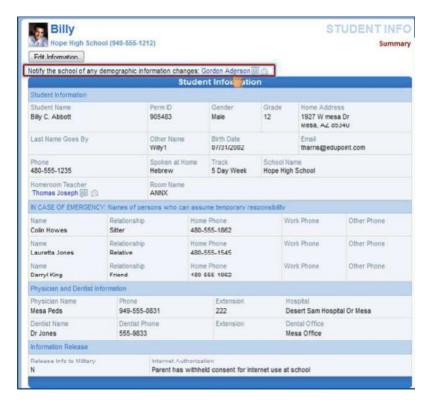
#### **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

The School Information screen is a handy directory of your child's school. Click **School Information** on the Navigation bar. To go to the school's website, click on the **Website URL.** 



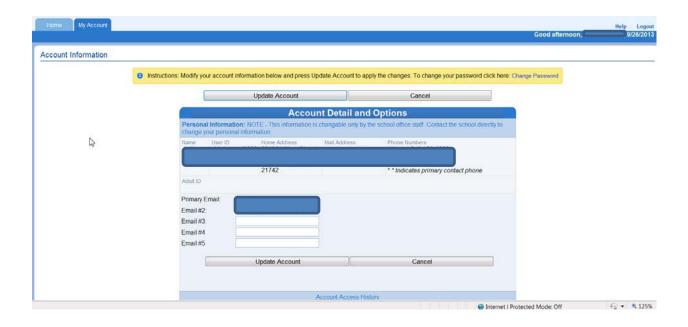
# STUDENT INFO

The Student Info screen displays your child's demographic information emergency contact and physician information. Click **Student Info** on the Navigation bar.



# MY ACCOUNT

Your account information is accessible by clicking the My Account tab.



To change your password, click **Change Password** link in the yellow box. Add or edit your **e-mail addresses.** 



## **HELP**

For help with the ParentVUE website, click on **Help** in the upper right-hand corner.

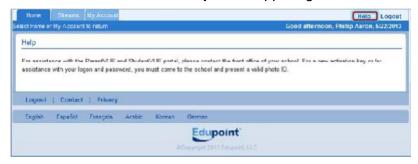


Figure 1-81 Help Screen

# **CONTACT**

To see the district contact information, click on **Contact** in the bottom left-hand corner.



Figure 1-82 Contact Screen

# **PRIVACY**

Click on **Privacy** in the bottom left-hand corner to view the district's privacy policy.



Figure 1-83 Privacy Screen

# FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

On the ParentVUE Account Access screen, click Forgot your password? Click here.

Enter the primary e-mail address. A message will be sent to that e-mail address with the username and password information.



Figure 1-84 ParentVUE Account Access Screen

# PARENTVUE MOBILE APP

## **OVERVIEW**

The ParentVUE Mobile app helps parents stay informed and connected by providing day-to-day insight into their children's academic experience. The ParentVUE Mobile app works with the Synergy™ student information system in much the same way as the ParentVUE web portal, allowing parents to stay on top of upcoming school events, classroom happenings, assignments, tests, and academic performance. Parents can view their children's classroom assignments and scores, attendance, transcripts, graduation status and more.

NOTE: ParentVUE Mobile app is a free application for parents using the ParentVUE

## portal. Hardware And Software Requirements

- Only school districts using the Synergy<sup>™</sup> student information system version 6.5 and higher can support the ParentVUE Mobile
- app. Requires wireless or 3G Internet connection.
- Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.3 or later. This app is optimized for iPhone 5.
- Requires Android 2.2 and up
- The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. Please contact your school to verify ParentVue login information.

## **Device Setup**

- 1. Download and install the free app available through Apple iTunes and Google Play Stores.
- 2. Start the app.
- 3. Tap **Settings** in the lower left corner.
- 4. Enter the district URL <a href="https://spportal.wcps.k12.md.us">https://spportal.wcps.k12.md.us</a>
- 5. Click Test.



The Settings screen will save and display previously entered district URLs.

#### Log In

The ParentVUE Mobile app uses the same user login as the web-based ParentVUE portal. If you need help please contact your school.

- 6. Enter your **Username** and **Password.**
- 7. Decide if you want your device to **Save Username** and **Password**. This option can be selected at a later time.

- 8. The default language is English. Tap **Change** to select another language. This option can be selected at a later time, as well.
- 9. Tap Login.



The Navigation screen in the ParentVUE mobile app operates much the same as the Navigation bar in the web-based ParentVUE portal.

To view any of the screens, tap anywhere inside the bar. The screen opens in a new window.



Figure 1-87 ParentVUE Mobile Navigation Screen

Tap **Events** to see grading period dates, conference events, school events, attendance notes, and local notifications set up by you (see below).

Tap **Settings** in the lower left corner to set additional preferences and notifications.

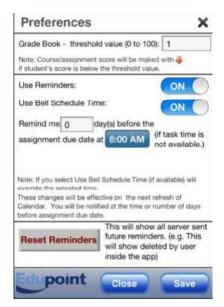


Figure 1-88 ParentVUE Mobile Preferences Screen

#### **Grade Book - threshold value**

The number entered here will determine when this marker displays next to an assignment. For example, if the number 10 is entered than any score 9 or less will trigger the marker.

## Reminders

Assignment notifications allow you to set a specific reminder time. The task is added into Calendar as reminder.

## Calendar

Calendar displays the important details of your child's school day.

Alternate from the month to day view and the day to month view by clicking <a>!</a>.



Figure 1-89 ParentVUE Mobile Calendar Screen Month View

Calendar shows your child's schedule and assignments due on the current date. Parents can add their own remiders, which are saved to your local device. They are not synced to the server.



Figure 1-90 ParentVUE Mobile Calendar Screen Day View

- 1. Click on the day view.
- 2. Click Reminders. The Add Reminders screen opens.

3. Enter the Message and Select Date and Time.



Figure 1-91 ParentVUE Mobile Add Reminders Screen

4. Click **Save**. The message displays in the Reminders screen and on the day and time selected.



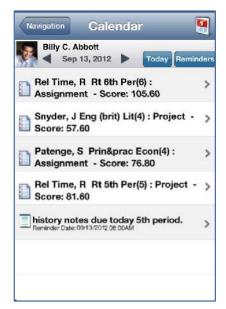


Figure 1-92 ParentVUE Mobile Reminders and Calendar Screens

## **Attendance**

Attendance displays all the days your child was marked absent or tardy, along with the reason associated with each entry.



Figure 1-93 ParentVUE Mobile Attendance Screen

The Legend screen displays and explanation for the icons used in the Attendance screens.

The Summary screen displays totals by period at the bottom of the list, along with the reason associated with each entry.



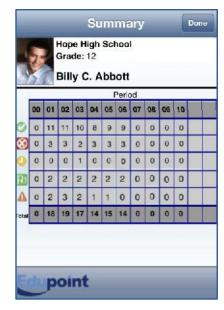


Figure 1-94 ParentVUE Mobile Attendance Legend and Summary Screens

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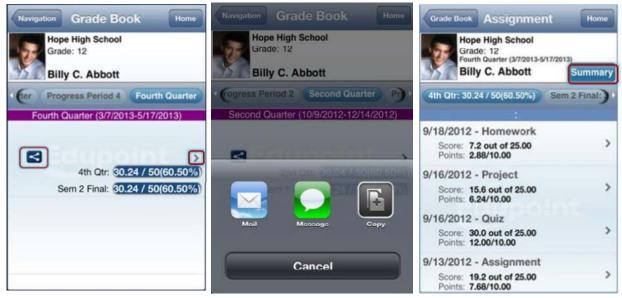
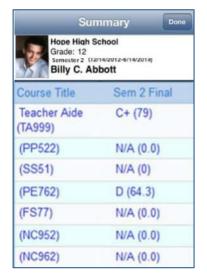


Figure 1-95 ParentVUE Mobile Grade Book / Post Options / Assignment List Screens

Grade Book allows users to post on Facebook, Twitter or send emails from within the application. Click and select from a post option.

Click to see the assignments for that quarter/semester. While on that screen, click **Summary** to see the grades posted for that quarter/semester or click on any assignment to see more details.



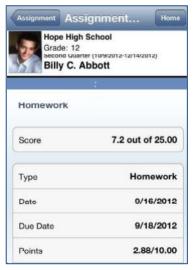


Figure 1-96 ParentVUE Mobile Grade Book Summary and Assignment Details Screens

## **School Information**

The School Information screen lists the details about the school including a handy school directory.



Figure 1-103 ParentVUE Mobile School Information /Staff Contact / Email Screens

Click Show Staff List to open the Staff Contacts screen. Click at to email a staff member.

## Class Schedule

The schedule lists the period, course title, room name, and the teacher for each class. To send an email to the teacher, click ...



