SchoolTool ~ Parent Access Guide

Getting Started

Basic Information
SchoolTool is a historical application that holds all permanent record information on an individual student by school year.

Because SchoolTool is a real-time application, users may experience brief pauses while the system updates itself from screen to screen. Be sure to watch your browser’s progress bar to see when the refresh is complete.

Navigation
SchoolTool is a web-based application. This means it can be accessed from any Internet connection anywhere in the world, if you know the URL. This also means that if there is no internet connection, you cannot access SchoolTool.

While viewing SchoolTool through a web browser, you should always use the buttons and links within the SchoolTool interface, and not those of your browser. Using the browser buttons may cause errors and impact the data on your screen. As a general rule, do not use the Back button on your browser as this will halt your connection to the database.

All of the links and navigation buttons are accessed with a single click, not a double click! A double click may not produce the desired results.

Note: SchoolTool will work regardless of the connection you use, (e.g., dial up, DSL, cable)

Note: SchoolTool uses several pop-up windows for calendars, alerts, confirmations and reports. Please make sure to disable your pop-up blocker for the SchoolTool URL.

Navigation Buttons
SchoolTool uses simple navigation buttons that allow you to perform basic functions with a single click.

Organizing Data Using Column Headings
In many lists, column headings may be used to reorder the list. Click once on a column heading to sort in ascending order. Click again to sort in descending order. If a column heading can be sorted, the mouse pointer will become a hand when held over the column heading.

Accessing SchoolTool

Accounts: Your current e-mail address will be used to create an account and access SchoolTool.

Please contact your school’s main office if you do not have an account.

Sherman: 359-5490 / Vollmer: 359-5550
Burger: 359-5300 / Roth: 359-5100
Senior HS: 359-5220 / Alternative HS: 359-5544

Web address: https://schooltool.rhnet.org/schooltool/

Passwords
You will receive your first SchoolTool password, through your e-mail, when your account is created.
Changing Passwords
1.) Navigate to the SchoolTool web site
2.) Enter your Username (your email address) and Password
3.) Click the Login button to access SchoolTool
4.) Your main Home screen usually has three tabs: Students, Campus and Account
   (Additional tabs may be available depending on district settings)

Click the Account tab to change the password
Your new password needs to be:
1.) Greater than or equal to 8 characters
2.) Contain a combination of letters and numbers
3.) Enter your existing password, then the new password (twice)
4.) Click on the Change Password button to finalize the change

Forgotten Passwords
Note: if you do not have an account, please contact your school’s main office.

1.) Go to the SchoolTool web site
2.) Where it says Username, type in your full email address.
3.) Leave the Password field blank - Login
4.) The words New User or Forgot Password? will appear
5.) Click on the ‘Forgot Password’ words.
   The screen will refresh and you will be prompted again to enter your username.
6.) Enter your email address again and click the Submit button.
7.) An e-mail will be sent to you containing your new password.

Logging Out
When it comes time to end the session, click Log Out on the module bar, or simply close the browser window.
Using SchoolTool

After logging in, you will see a window with 3 or more tabs.

Students Tab
This tab provides a listing of all students that ‘belong’ to the logged in parent, including contact information for each student. A parent will be able to view additional information by clicking on a student’s Select button.

Campus Tab
This tab is where parents will see general school information.

Account Tab
This tab is used to change passwords. This is where a parent would go to change a password or view previous logins.

Message Tab
This tab displays any available messages. These messages may contain text, links or attachments. Any attachments will be displayed at the bottom of the message. To download, simply click on the icon beside the file name.

Parent Portal

Once a student has been selected, the screen will refresh with that student’s Personal Information and several additional tabs.

Student Record
The top portion of the screen will provide basic information on the student: name, age, date of birth, etc. Parents will also see the student’s current location.

Buttons available:
- The Show/Hide information button allows the user to show or hide the personal section.
- The Done button will return the user to the main home screen.

The bottom portion of the screen will display the Contacts tab by default. This will change as other tabs are selected.

Attendance Tab
The Attendance tab shows a summary of the student’s absences for the current year. Use a radio button to view either Daily Attendance or Course Attendance.
**Schedule Tab**
This tab provides a complete list of the student’s schedule for the current year. The list will show the class name, the period it’s taught in, the day the class meets and the teacher.

Parents may send e-mail to any teacher who has an e-mail envelope next to their name.

The schedule may be viewed in Standard View or Grid View. Click on the appropriate radio button to select a different view.

**Grades Tab**
The Grades tab shows grades in each class depending on the View and grading interval selected.

**Views:**
- **Marking Period Grades (K-12):** This option will display report card information for the interval selected.
- **Marking Period Average (7-12):** This option will display the current grade book average for the course.
- **Assessment Grades (7-12):** This option will display mid-term and local final exams.
- **Final Grades (7-12):** This option will display the final grade for all courses for which grades have been submitted.

**Note:** The Grade column will display ‘None’ until grades have been published.

**Assessment Tab**
The Assessments tab displays a student’s grade 3 - 8 NYS Assessment Scores.

**Assignment Tab** (for students in grades 7-12)
The Assignments tab shows a list of all graded assignments. This list may be filtered by school year, marking period and/or course.

**Note:** Teachers determine whether or not assignments may be viewed by parents.

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