

## *Using Moodle and PowerSchool to Stay Involved in Your Child's Education*

**At Vail Academy and High School we offer parents two ways to stay tuned-in to what their child is doing all day. There are a few key differences about the two.**

### **PowerSchool**

- X District-wide program that tracks attendance, demographic information, and grades.
- X Teachers update PowerSchool weekly with graded assignments.
- X Teachers can notate if an assignment is late, missing, or collected but not yet graded.
- X Report cards and transcripts are generated from PowerSchool.
- X PowerSchool ONLY reflects what the teacher has entered, not what your child has turned in.

### **Moodle**

- X The front page of Moodle provides information and links to important school information.
- X Once logged in, Moodle becomes an individualized portal into each of your child's classes.
- X Class Moodle pages tell what students are learning, homework assignments, and what will be going on over the next few days.
- X Teachers oftentimes provide resources, notes from class, and on-line assignments. Students can upload work to turn in.
- X *The Moodle will NOT tell you what grade your child has earned in class.*

***The best way to help your child be successful in school is to check BOTH PowerSchool and the Moodle frequently.***

### **Checking Moodle**

To access Moodle go to [learn.vail.k12.az.us](http://learn.vail.k12.az.us). In the top right hand corner click on "(Login)." If you do NOT have a Moodle login (often the same as your PowerSchool login), call Mr. White, the VAHS Site Technology Coordinator, at 879-1907.

Use your login and password to access all of your child's class Moodle



You are not logged in. (Login)

#### **Returning to this web site?**

Login here using your username and password (Cookies must be enabled in your browser) ?

Username

Password

***Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of the homepage to see the list of classes your child is enrolled in. Click on the class to go to the teacher's Moodle page.***

**Every teacher's Moodle is different, but they all have the same essential components such as homework, contact info, and a course description. Become familiar with each teacher's Moodle and check it regularly for homework, classwork, bellwork, class notes, and resources.**

## Checking PowerSchool

To access your child's grades, you'll first need to log into PowerSchool. To do this, go to <https://ps.vail.k12.az.us>. You can also access PowerSchool through a link at the VAHS website under the RESOURCES tab.

### PowerSchool

**Parent Sign In**

Username

Password

Having trouble signing in?

[Sign In](#)

**Create an Account**

Create a parent account that allows you to view all of your students with one account. You can also manage your account preferences. [Learn more.](#)

[Create Account](#)

**IF YOU DO NOT YET HAVE A POWERSCHOOL LOGIN AND PASSWORD TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GRADES, YOU MUST CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE AT 879-1902. IF POSSIBLE HAVE YOUR COMPUTER IN FRONT OF YOU WHEN YOU CALL.**

**Do not attempt to create an account. This part of the system no longer works.**



Once logged in, you'll be able to see your child's grades for each class as well as his/her attendance.

### Grades and Attendance: Doe, Jane

Attendance By Class														
Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Q1	Q2	S1
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F				
MS1(A)			X								Art: Studio 1A <a href="#">Name, Teacher</a>	A	--	A
MS2(A)			L								ABC's of Business <a href="#">Name, Teacher</a>	A- 92	--	A- 92
MS3(A)											Language Arts 8 <a href="#">Name, Teacher</a>	A- 91	--	A- 91
MS4(A)											Social Studies 8 <a href="#">Name, Teacher</a>	A- 92	--	A- 92
MS5(A)											Science 8 <a href="#">Name, Teacher</a>	A- 92	--	A- 92

**You can click on a teacher's name to instantly send an email to him/her.**

**Grades 6-12 are graded on semester. Q1 and S1 will be the same. Q2 builds on the Q1 grade to form the semester (S1) final grade.**

**Click on the blue letter grade or percentage to see all of the assignments that make up the grade.**

**Use the legend to see if your child's assignments are late, missing, or collected but not yet graded.**

Grades last updated on 08/31/2012

✔ - Collected, ▲ - Late, ■ - Missing, ◆ - Score is exempt from final grade, ✖ - Assignment is not included in final grade

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Codes	Score	%	Grd
07/25/2012	Assign	Vocabulary - Scientific Method		2.4/3	80	B-
07/25/2012	Part	Baking Soda Lab		2/2	100	A+
07/27/2012	Assign	Vocabulary - Scientific Method Part 2		1.5/2	75	C
07/31/2012	Assign	Baking Soda Lab Final Report	■	0/10	0	F
08/01/2012	Assign	Cell Division - Reading Guide	■	0/5	0	F
08/02/2012	Assign	Cell Division - Vocabulary	▲	1.5/2	75	C
08/08/2012	Assign	Mitosis Flip Book		10/15	66.67	D
08/10/2012	Assess	Cell Division Formative		9.5/25	38	F
08/14/2012	Assign	Cell Inheritance Reading Guide		5/5	100	A+
08/15/2012	Assign	Sutton Interview	■	0/2	0	F
08/17/2012	Assign	Mendel's Work		5/5	100	A+
08/20/2012	Assign	Probability and Heredity Reading Guide		3/3	100	A+
08/22/2012	Assess	Genetics Test		22.5/29	77.59	C
08/27/2012	Assign	Density Lab		11/15	73.33	C
08/28/2012	Assign	Living Things Reading Guide		5/5	100	A+
08/30/2012	Assign	Studying Populations Reading Guide	■	0/5	0	F
08/31/2012	Assign	Interactions Reading Guide	■	0/5	0	F
09/04/2012	Assign	Bell Work - Populations and Communities	■	0/4	0	F
09/04/2012	Assess	Populations Test	■	-/50		
09/10/2012	Assign	Voyage of the Beagle Summary		-/10		

A blue assignment title means the teacher has provided details about the assignment and possibly a link to resources that were used to complete it.

If you click on a blue number, you will see the teacher's explanation.

A dash (-) means the teacher has created the assignment but has not yet added the grade.

<b>Teacher</b>	Name, Teacher
<b>Course</b>	Science 8
<b>Assignment Name</b>	Cell Division - Reading Guide
<b>Date Due</b>	08/01/2012
<b>Comment</b>	Student Absent Today

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