

Starting Up with ParentConnection

Log-In

Go to <https://dwa.sis.sandi.net/parentconnect/> (Notice the “s” after http.) Enter your PIN and password given to you by Bell Middle School. On your first log-in, click “Account” in the upper-right corner of the screen.



- This will take you to a new screen where you can change your password and submit your e-mail address.
- Occasionally you may encounter an error as you log in. If you continually run into an error, try completely quitting out of your web browser before trying again.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DO THESE STEPS ON YOUR INITIAL LOG-IN. IF YOU LOSE OR FORGET YOUR PASSWORD IT MAY TAKE DAYS OR EVEN WEEKS TO GET A NEW ONE, SO CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD TO SOMETHING YOU WILL REMEMBER. ALSO, WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. BY SUBMITTING THIS, YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL HAVE ANOTHER WAY TO CONTACT YOU.

ParentConnection First Steps

As you look through the various screens and familiarize yourself with ParentConnection, keep in mind that this system is new to all of us, parents and teachers. Because of this, many of our teachers are still using other websites and grading programs. As a result, ParentConnection will only let you view information that is in the student database or grade information from teachers who are currently using the district GradeBook program. All the teachers will provide student information as explained in their syllabi.

Menu Items: You should now be able to see a screen with a sidebar menu on the left. If you have multiple children that attend Bell, you should see a dropdown menu in the upper-left corner where you can switch from child to child.



News -Here you will find various school-wide and class-specific announcements.

Demographics– Listed here is demographic data on your child.

Schedule– This page lists your child’s current schedule. Each class is listed multiple times, which is how our system keeps track of our block schedule days. As you will see in other areas, any name that is underlined is automatically linked to that person’s e-mail address. The schedule page is a good way to contact your child’s teacher. Most of this information will be familiar to you however the Term notation may be new.

QA – class that meets all year Q2S – class that meets 1 semester Q4S – class that meets 2 semester
Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 – class that meets 1 , 2 , 3 , or 4 quarter.

Attendance – This page contains any pertinent information regarding your child’s attendance. Again, you can click on the “E-mail schoolpersonnel” link to e-mail school attendance.No Attendance Information Available – this means that your student has been in class and on time everyday.Unverified Absence – your student is/was absent and a parent has not called to clear this absence. Please call the school or click on the “E-mailschool personnel” link to notify the Attendance office why your student was absent.Late or Leave Early (Excused) – your student came to school late with a note or phone call from the parent, or the student left early with a blue slip.This is an excused absence.Tardy – your student was late to school or class. If your student has multiple tardies please discuss the situation and remind him/her that they mustget to school/class on time.

Assignments – Here you can view your child’s progress in their classes. You will be able to see the most current assignments or, if you click on “Show All Assignments” in the upper-left corner, you can see all the assignments. Items in red are missing assignments. In addition to what you see on the screen, you can click on the “detail” icon (looks like a pad of paper) to see if there are any particular details for specific assignments. Remember, with this being our first year of implementation for ParentConnection you will only be able to view the gradebooks of teachers who are currently using the GradeBook program

Marks – This page contains grades from Progress Reports and Report Cards for the current year. Term designations containing the letter “P” denote Progress Report grades.

Transcript – This page includes only Semester grades for classes taken in Middle, Jr. High, and High Schools. If your student attended elementary school for 6th grade, his/her grades will not show up on the transcript. The Term Codes are as follows:

Q2S – Grade given at 1st semester.

Q4S – Grade given at 2nd semester.

Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 – Grades given for each spoke of the 6th grade wheel. If your student has not taken, or is not currently taking the 6th grade wheel, you will not see these term codes.

Behavior – Here you will see any major behavior incidents for the school year. If you click on “Show All Behavior” in the upper-left corner, you will see all incidents.