

GREGORY-PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Family Access from Skyward is a Web-based information and communication center designed to provide parents and guardians with the answer to “What did you do at school today?” Gregory-Portland Independent School District will open use of this service to parents and guardians on January 17, 2007.

At this time only grade information for students in first through twelfth grades and attendance information for all students is accessible. Additional features will be made available over time.

FEATURE	BENEFIT
ACCESS TO REAL-TIME STUDENT INFORMATION VIA A SECURE INTERNET CONNECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK • INCREASES COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL • EXCELLENT PUBLIC RELATIONS TOOL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
<p>WHAT CAN PARENTS SEE?*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades • Daily Assignments • Report Cards • Attendance • Class Schedules • Emergency Contact/Student Address Information • Bus Schedules • Health Records • Food Service • Fee Management • Discipline • Customized Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVES TIME AND MONEY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fewer phone calls to teachers and office staff ▪ Use less paper ▪ Postage costs can be significantly reduced • VISUAL “REMINDER” FOR PARENTS TO KEEP CONTACT AND HEALTH RECORDS INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE • INFORMED PARENTS ARE BETTER CONNECTED TO THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR SCHOOL • AVAILABLE ANYTIME, FROM ANYWHERE VIA A SECURE WEB CONNECTION, FAMILY ACCESS KEEPS THE DISTRICT IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS, AND PARENTS IN TOUCH WITH KIDS
<p>WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify school of absences • Email school personnel • Print reports • Submit student course requests • Update their email address • Retrieve their “forgotten” login and passwords • Credit card payments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MORE TIME EFFICIENT AND COST EFFECTIVE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduces the phone calls to teachers and office staff ▪ Less paper is expended • ALLOWS PARENTS TO CHANGE THEIR OWN EMAIL ADDRESS AND UPDATE INTO SKYWARD TO SAVE DISTRICT SIGNIFICANT TIME IN ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD • PARENTS CAN MAKE PAYMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING FEES SAVING ADDITIONAL TIME OF OFFICE PERSONNEL
EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND NAVIGATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE “TRAINING” FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS
<p>SECURE LOGIN AND PASSWORD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to mass-generate parent usernames and passwords directly from student database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MINIMAL TECHNOLOGY STAFF INVOLVEMENT