

# Patchogue-Medford Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

You play a critical role in your child's educational and social growth. To help you maintain a strong school connection amidst the demands of today's high-pressure society, the Patchogue-Medford School District has implemented a web-based communication tool, which allows you access to your student's academic profiles via the Internet anytime.

### **What information will I have access to?**

The district will be implementing the e-School Portal initially for grades 6 through 12. You will have online access to student attendance, schedules, progress reports, and report cards.

### **How much will it cost for me to use the system?**

There is no cost for you to utilize this system.

### **What is the district doing to protect my children's privacy?**

Your children's privacy is extremely important to us; as such, the district has elected not to send user names and passwords via US mail. Instead, passwords will only be issued after your application has been thoroughly reviewed by district personnel. If the information you've supplied to us online does not match the information we have on file, your application will be denied, and you will be notified. Once your application has been approved, your account will remain active as long as you have children attending the Patchogue-Medford School District.

### **What about security?**

The eSchool Portal utilizes 128-bit encryption and is hosted in a secure Network Operation Center, which is professionally monitored around the clock. The e-School Portal represents a snapshot of data that is contained in the district's "live" student information system. Therefore, even in the unlikely event that the system was compromised, permanent records could not be altered in any way.

### **How can I apply for eSP**

You can apply for an eSchoolPortal (eSp) account online by visiting [www.pmschools.org](http://www.pmschools.org) and clicking on the Parent Portal link. Each parent with a separate e-mail account may apply.

**Note: When registering online, you should have the following information handy for each student:**

**Student's name (as it appears in our records); Student's ID Number; Student's Grade level; Student's School**

**Note: Please be sure to enter the complete nine-digit student ID number. Your students ID # is printed on all schedules, report cards, and progress reports.**

We hope this system helps keep you informed of your student's progress. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Information Technology at (631) 687-6470 or send an e-mail to [esp@pmschools.org](mailto:esp@pmschools.org).

Sincerely,



Michael H. Mostow  
Superintendent of Schools