How a Fully Integrated SIS/LMS Benefits Your School

Is your Student Information System (SIS) fully integrated with your Learning Management System (LMS)? Can families update medical records in the same place they go for grades and assignments? Do teachers need a different login for their Gradebook than they do to update attendance? Can administrators pull comprehensive reports without manually merging spreadsheets with sometimes conflicting data?
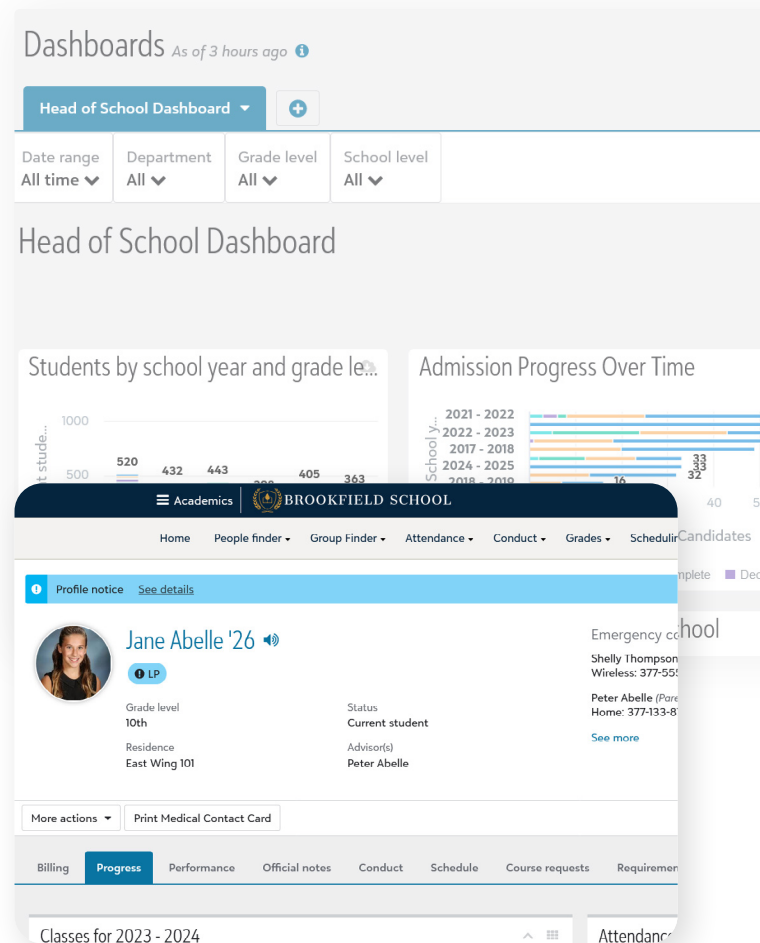
At Blackbaud, we understand that fostering a strong partnership between families and schools is crucial for student success. Our innovative platform starts with an industry-leading SIS/LMS in one system that empowers schools to streamline communication, facilitate collaboration, and engage families and caregivers in their children's education. Through user-friendly interfaces, comprehensive data analysis, and personalized insights, our K–12 school software revolutionizes how families interact with schools, ensuring a seamless and enriching educational journey for every student

Here are some of the benefits:

I. A Single Source of Truth:

Blackbaud's K–12 Solutions provide consistent student data so teachers, families, and administrators view the same information in one secure place, organized to align with each user's role(s) and relationship with the school.

a. **Student 360 View:** Get a centralized administrative overview of a student's complete record, including contact/emergency/medical info, attendance, enrollments in courses/clubs/ activities/advisories/teams/dorms, current homework, current grades, GPA, testing scores, Learning Profile, conduct, graduation progress, and more.

b. **School-wide Unified Calendar:** All-school events (vacations, early dismissals, lunch menus, etc.) are displayed on a single calendar, with families seeing only those events that relate to their children rather than everything for every classroom/ grade level.

c. **Cross-department statistical dashboard:** With all data in one system, the school can use the prescriptive dashboards or create a customized graphic analysis for a holistic view of all departments to support data-driven decisions for the entire school.

II. Intuitive Navigation

Families, faculty, and staff can easily find all information most relevant to them through their unique role-based login.

a. **Recent Activity:** News, announcements, events, photos, and videos from multiple sources—classrooms, activities, teams, committees, school-wide, divisional, etc.—related just to that family's children and their classes are all in one location and organized chronologically with the newest information at the top.

b. **Resource Board:** Highlighted content from multiple departments can be aggregated into one visual display personalized for the family, student, or teacher based on the school division with which they are associated.

c. **Assignment Center:** Assignments from all a student's or teacher's classes grouped in one area visible in a sortable list view or within a gridded weekly or monthly calendar. Assignments are also combined with the school calendar for the family on the Unified Calendar.

d. **"Find Me Now"** allows teachers and administrators to locate students and teachers in real time based on the day's actual schedule, including rotations, custom days, and partial days.

III. Embedded Content

Updates populate across the system, and the most vital information is available throughout the platform.

a.   **Learning profiles** are visible within Academic (Progress) Overview, Report Cards, Gradebooks, Rosters (classroom, advisor, activity, & team), Course Recommendations, and Student 360 View;

b.   **Attendance** is visible within Academic (Progress) Overview, Gradebook, Teacher Daily Schedule, Find Me Now, and Student 360 View;

c.   **Profile notifications** are visible within Rosters (Classroom, Advisor, Activity, & Team) and Student 360 View;

d.   **Medical Records** are visible within Academic (Progress) Overview, Student 360 View, and Rosters (Classroom, Advisor, Activity, & Team);

e.   **Messaging/News/Announcements** are visible within Featured News, Recent Activity, Class/Group Pages, and Rosters. Access to these individual navigational tabs is available from every screen.

IV. Complete and Independent System Controls

a.   Schools can control what each person can see and do through role-based access settings. Student/family/teacher/admin logins can be managed securely by the school's own Identity Provider (IdP), such as Azure AD, ADFS, Google, Okta, or SAML.

b.   Schools can create unlimited custom roles on an individual basis to meet their specific security access needs without needing to contact Blackbaud.

c.   The school has the same rights in the software configuration as Blackbaud Support or Professional Services teams. You don't need to rely on or wait for anyone else to make changes or create utility within the product, such as default teacher pages, gradebook settings, report cards, transcripts, Learning Profiles, admission applications, etc.

One system. One login. Zero silos. When your SIS and LMS are fully integrated, every stakeholder has the most relevant and up-to-date information they need at their fingertips.

For the ultimate guide to researching, selecting, and implementing new SIS and LMS in K–12 schools, check out our K–12 School SIS and LMS Transition Toolkit.

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