



# An Introduction to Focus School Software

## April 8, 2024



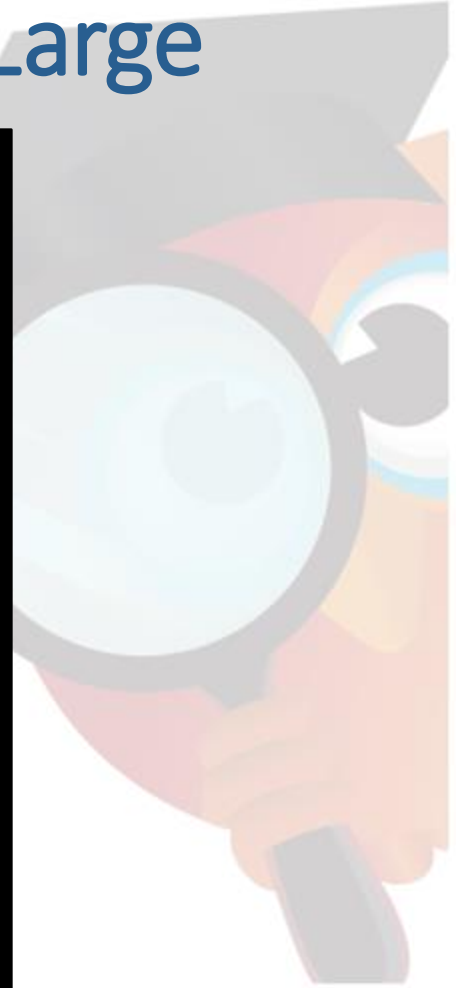
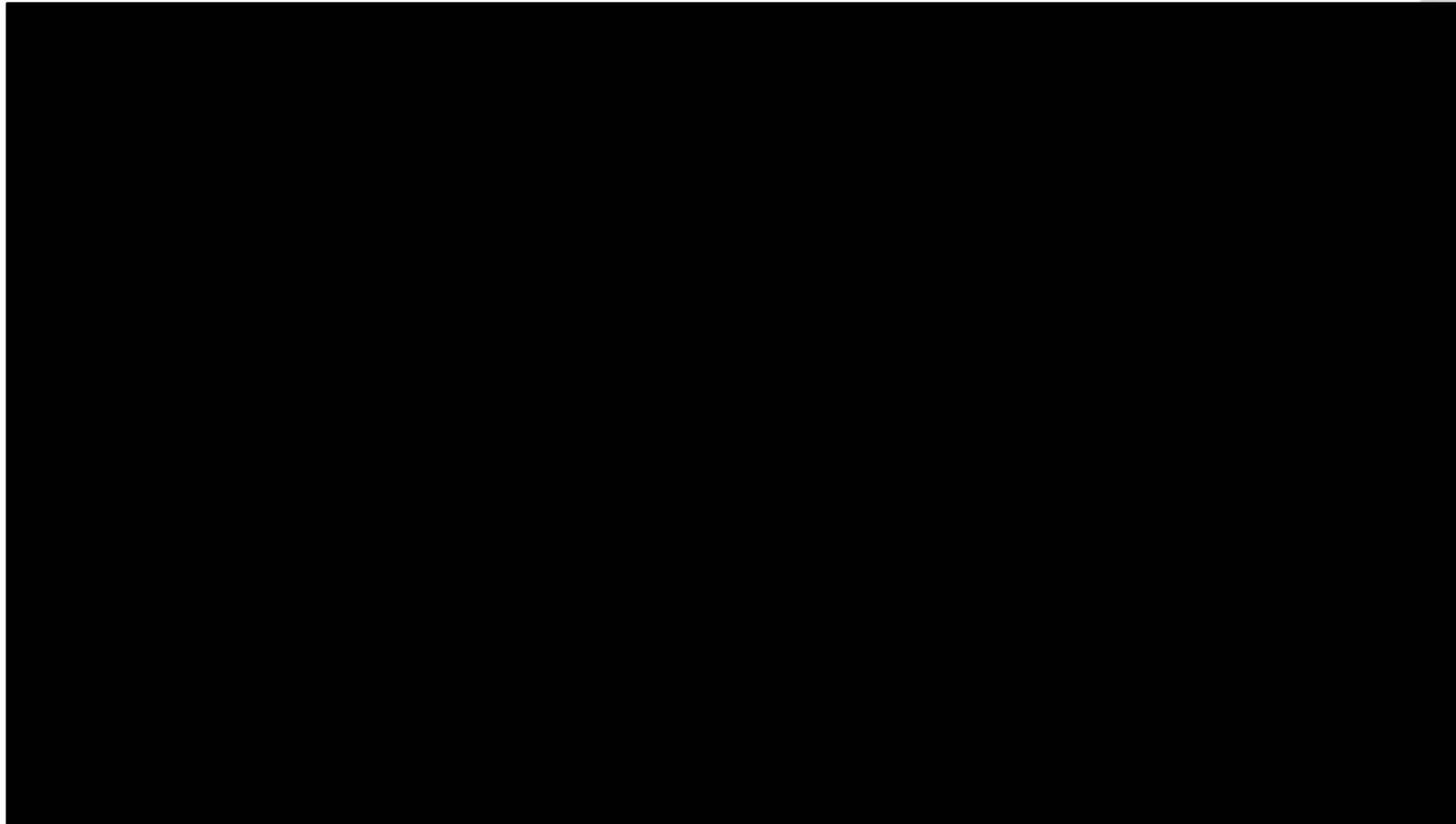


## Debra Hixon , Vice-Chair Countywide At-Large





# Debra Hixon , Vice-Chair Countywide At-Large





# Dr. Peter Licata, Former Superintendent



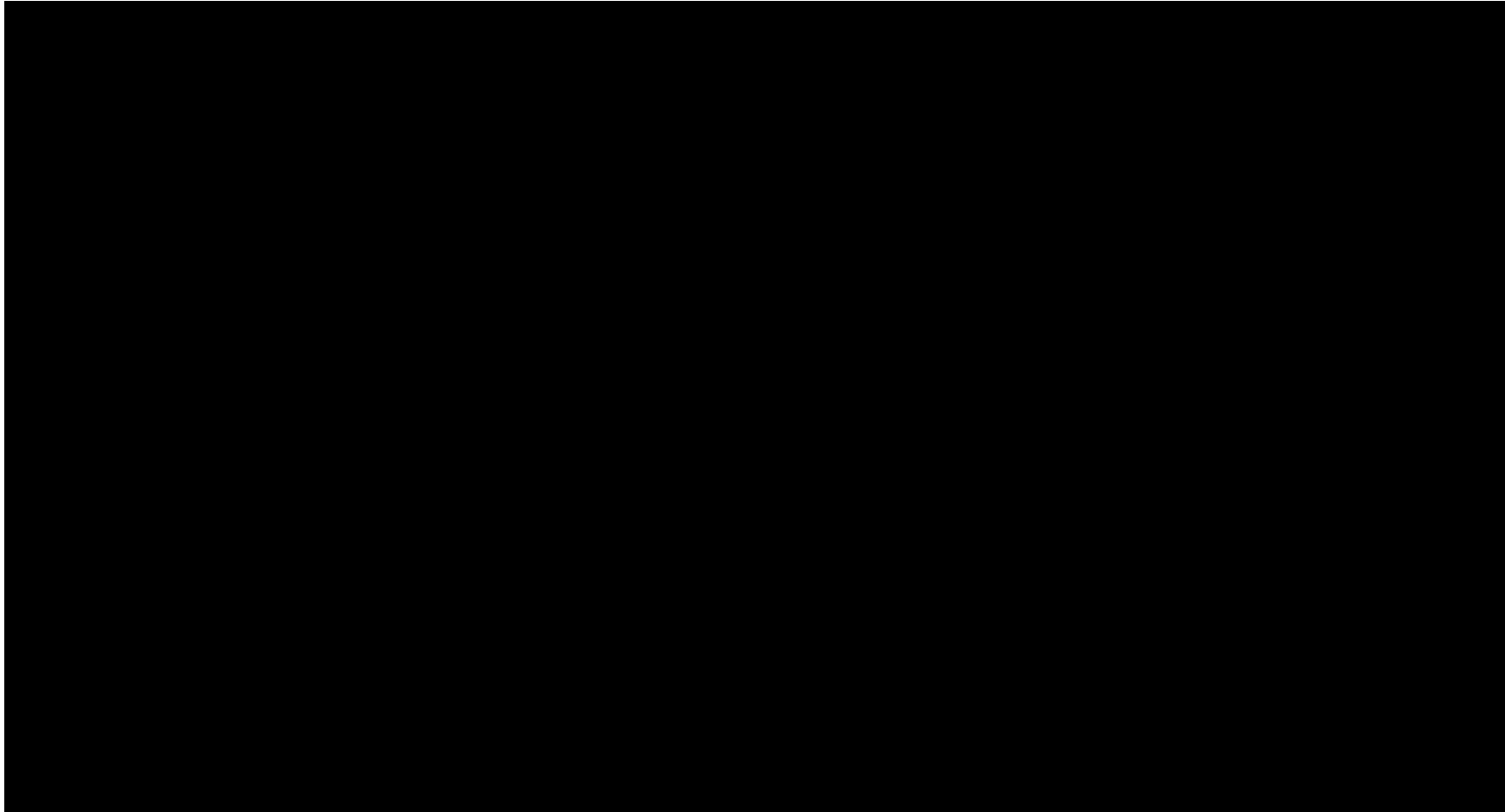
**Get Focus(ed)!**  
**Student Information System**  
[browardschools.com/focus](http://browardschools.com/focus)







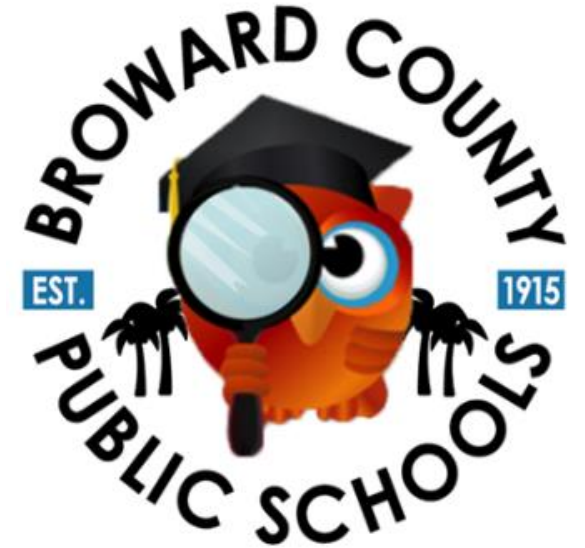
# Dr. Peter Licata, Former Superintendent





# Agenda

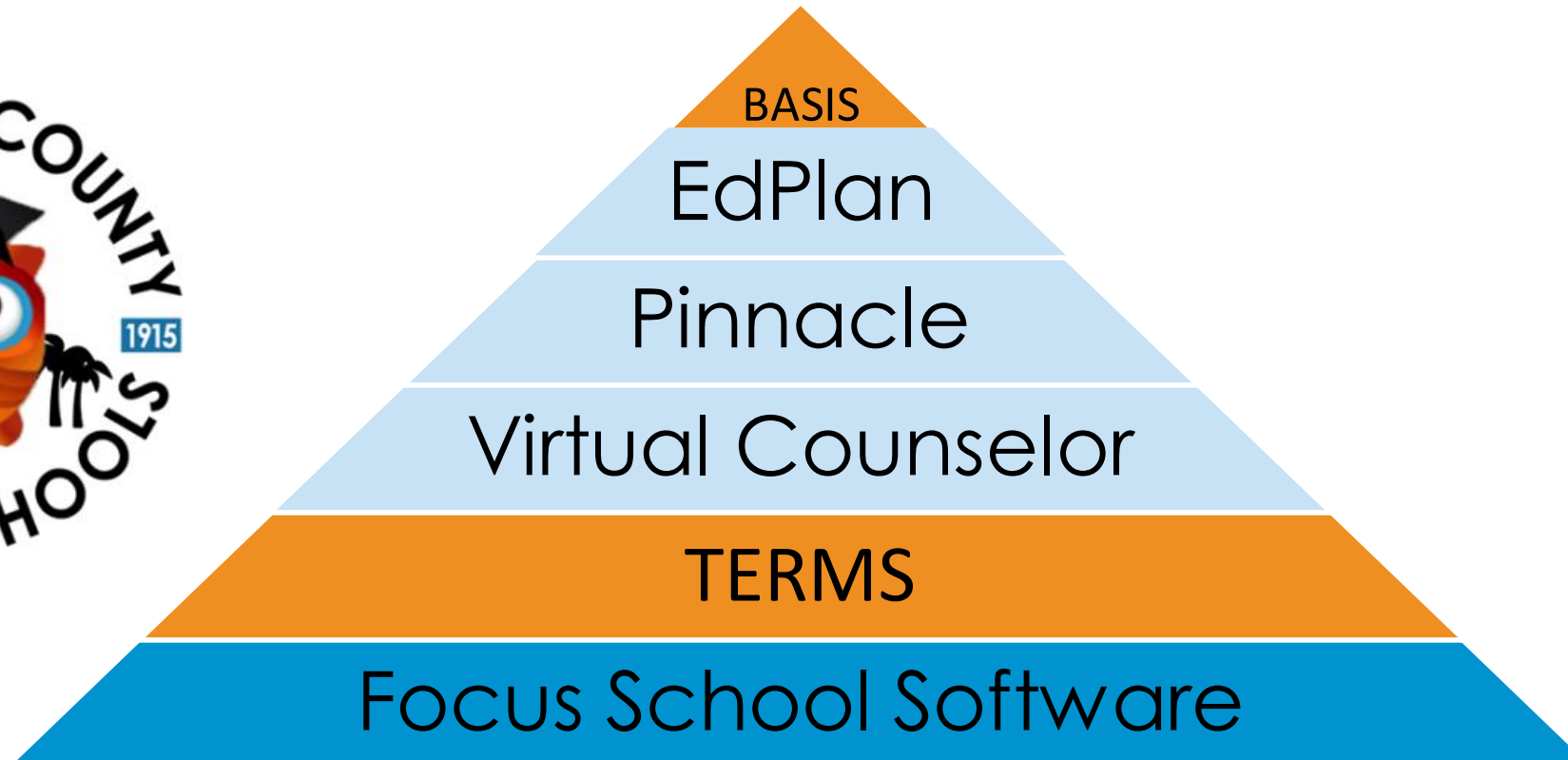
- Introduce Student Information System
- Benefits to Key Stakeholders
- Timeline of Important Dates
- Introduce the Parent Portal
  - User Accounts
  - Video Tutorial
  - Video Demonstration
- BCPS App → BCPS Connect App
- Audience Questions





# An Introduction to Focus School Software

Focus School Software is an integrated Student Information System (SIS) that will replace the following five (5) applications, to house all functions within one cloud-based system.



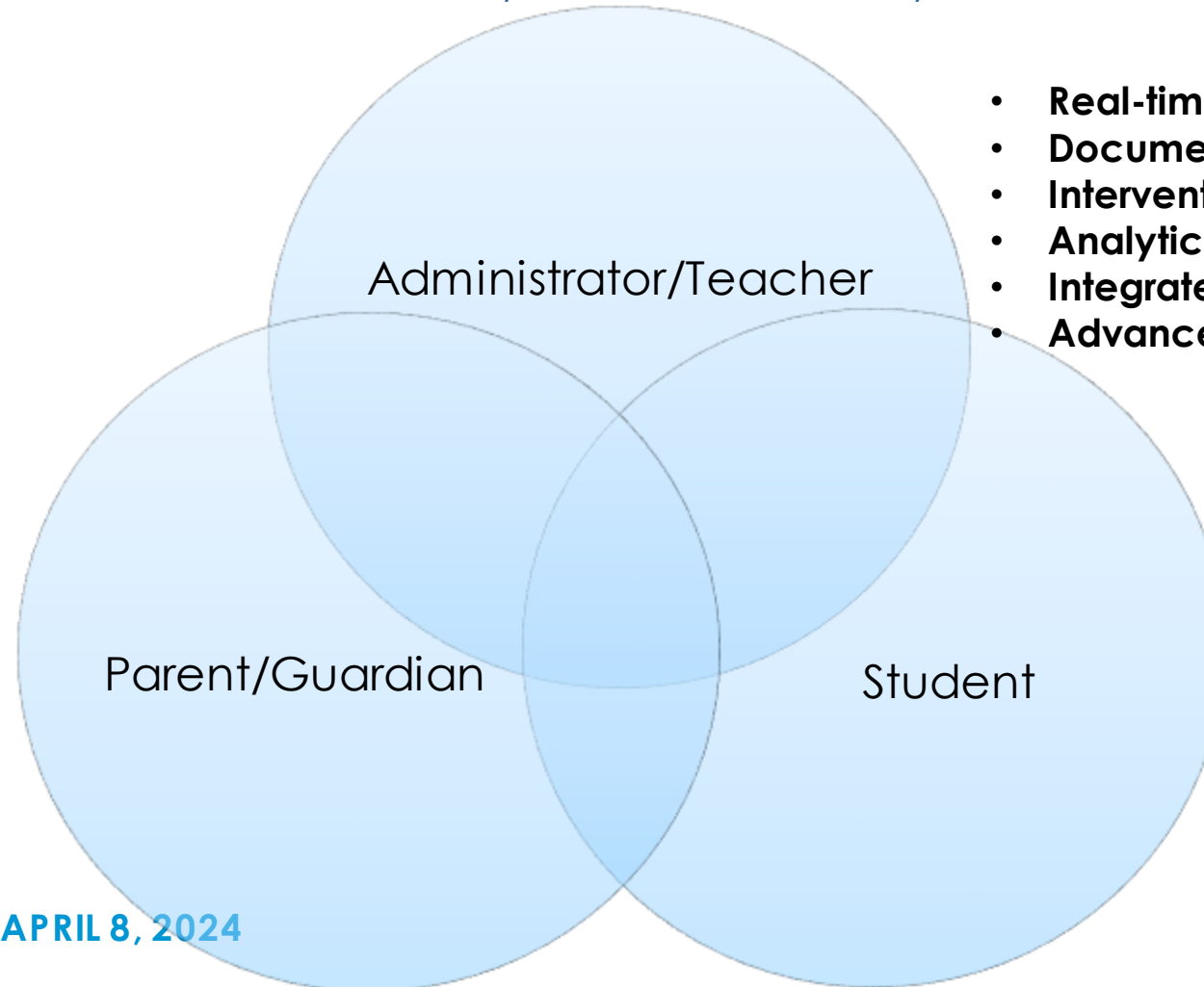


# Benefits to Administrator, Teachers, Students, and Parents/Guardians

The investment in Focus School Software will yield benefits in many areas of the educational ecosystem



- Two-way messaging
- Change the language
- All-in-one access



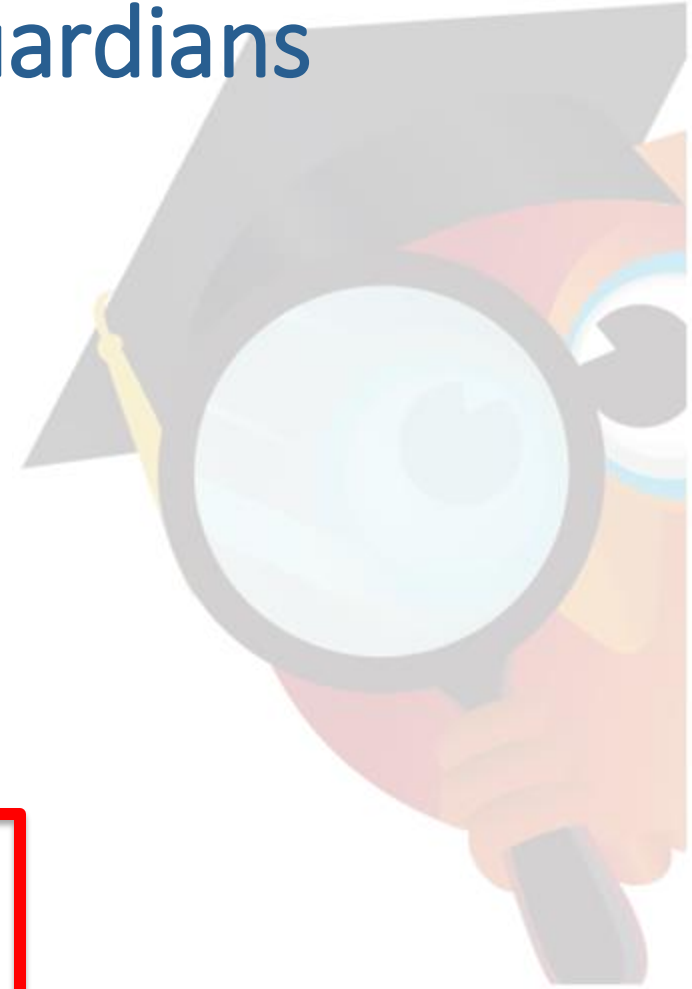
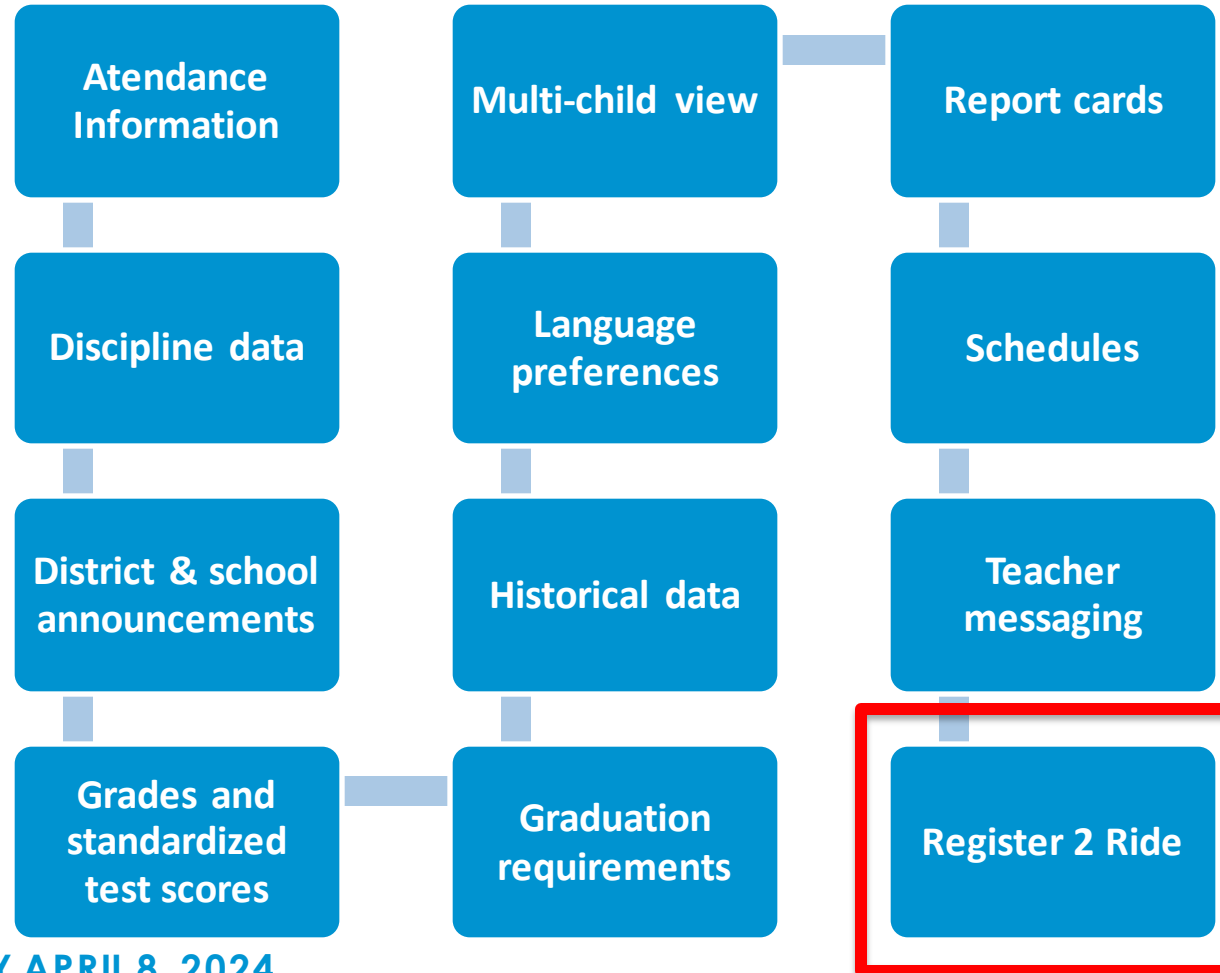
- Real-time integration
- Document upload
- Intervention tracking
- Analytics = decision support
- Integrated assessments
- Advanced reports

- Academic achievements
- Easy access





# Benefits to Students and Parents/Guardians





August  
2024

September  
2024

October  
2024

November  
2024

December  
2024

January  
2025

February  
2025

March  
2025

April  
2025

Access to Student Information, Student Schedules, Student Documents (i.e. IEP, EP, etc.), Student Attendance, and district links available

Interim Report 1 published  
Access to real-time gradebook, and discipline available

Report Cards Quarter 1 published  
Interim Report 2 published

Secondary Student Course requests open

Report Cards Quarter 2 published  
Interim Report 3 published

Report Cards Quarter 3 published

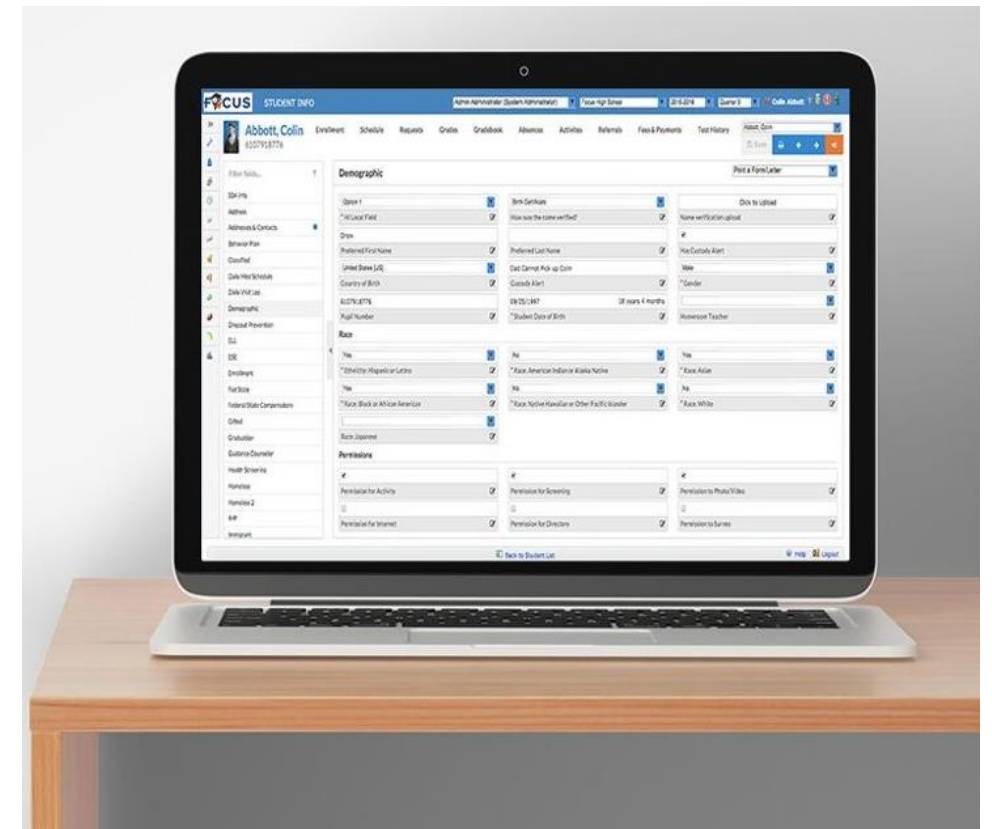




# Introduction to the Parent Portal

The Parent Portal gives parents and guardians convenient, secure, anytime, anywhere access to their student's school information.

Currently, a Parent Portal account will be needed to view your student's transportation information in Register2Ride.

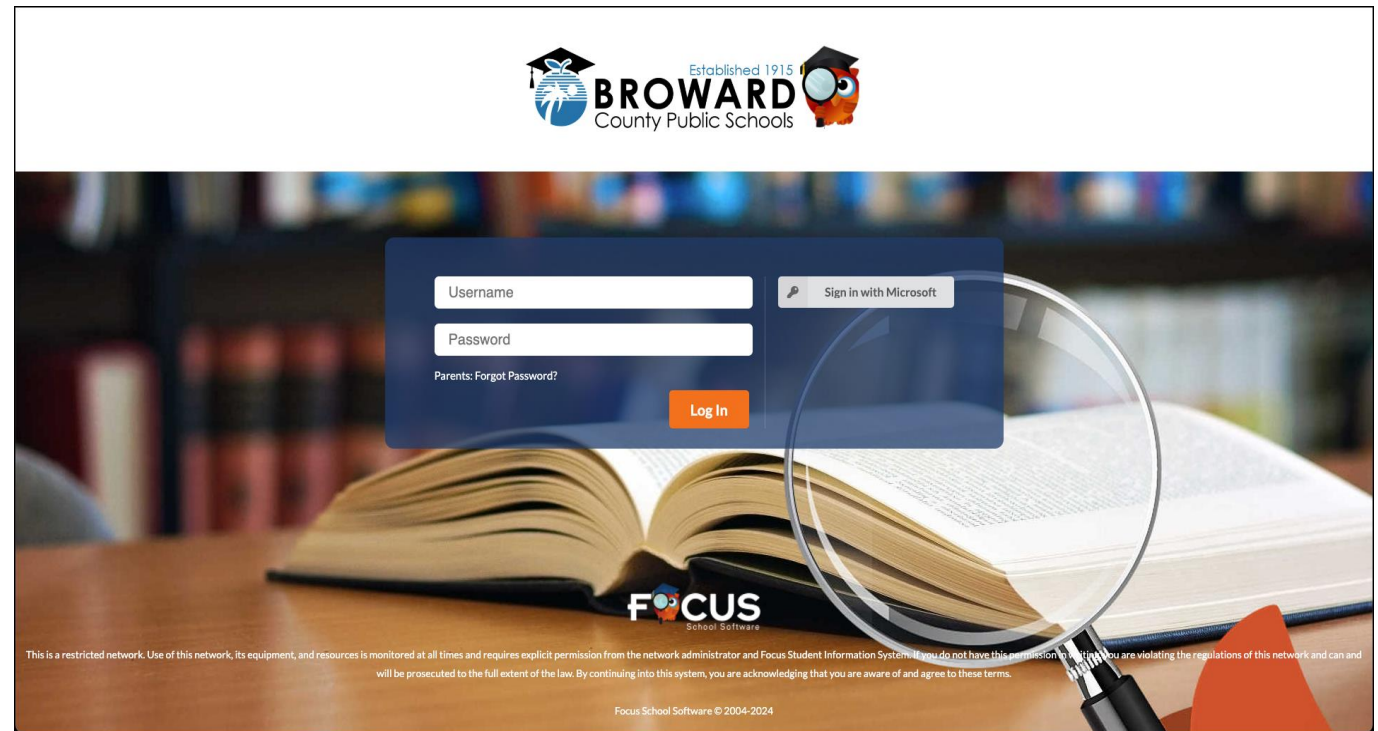




# Signing Into the Parent Portal – Virtual Counselor Account Holders



<https://bit.ly/BCPSParentPortal>







## Signing Up for the Parent Portal– Non-Virtual Counselor Account Holders

Before you begin:

- Have the student's ID number (begins with "06")
- Have the student's date of birth



<https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>



Create Parent Portal Account

Have an account and need to add  
my student(s)

Password Reset Assistance

Haga clic aquí para crear/actualizar  
su cuenta de portal de padres de  
Focus en español

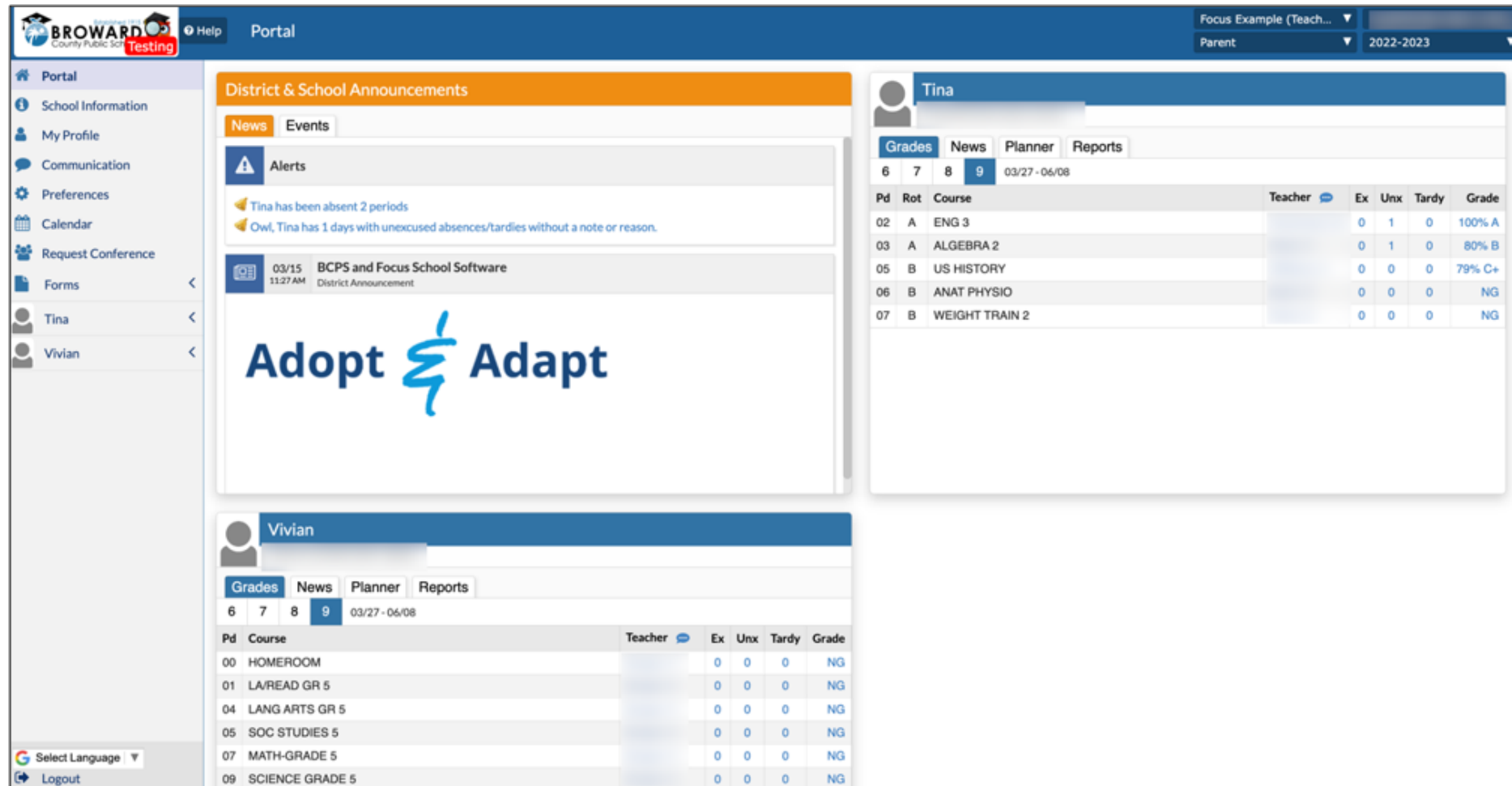
Klike isit la pou kreye/aktyalize kont  
Pòtay Focus pou Paran yo nan lang  
kreyòl ayisyen

Clique aqui para criar/atualizar sua  
conta em português brasileiro no  
Focus Parent Portal





# Parent Portal – Video Demonstration



**District & School Announcements**

**News** Events

**Alerts**

- Tina has been absent 2 periods
- Owl, Tina has 1 days with unexcused absences/tardies without a note or reason.

03/15 11:27 AM BCPS and Focus School Software District Announcement

**Adopt & Adapt**

**Tina**

Grades News Planner Reports

6 7 8 9 03/27 - 06/08

Pd	Rot	Course	Teacher	Ex	Unx	Tardy	Grade
02	A	ENG 3		0	1	0	100% A
03	A	ALGEBRA 2		0	1	0	80% B
05	B	US HISTORY		0	0	0	79% C+
06	B	ANAT PHYSIO		0	0	0	NG
07	B	WEIGHT TRAIN 2		0	0	0	NG

**Vivian**

Grades News Planner Reports

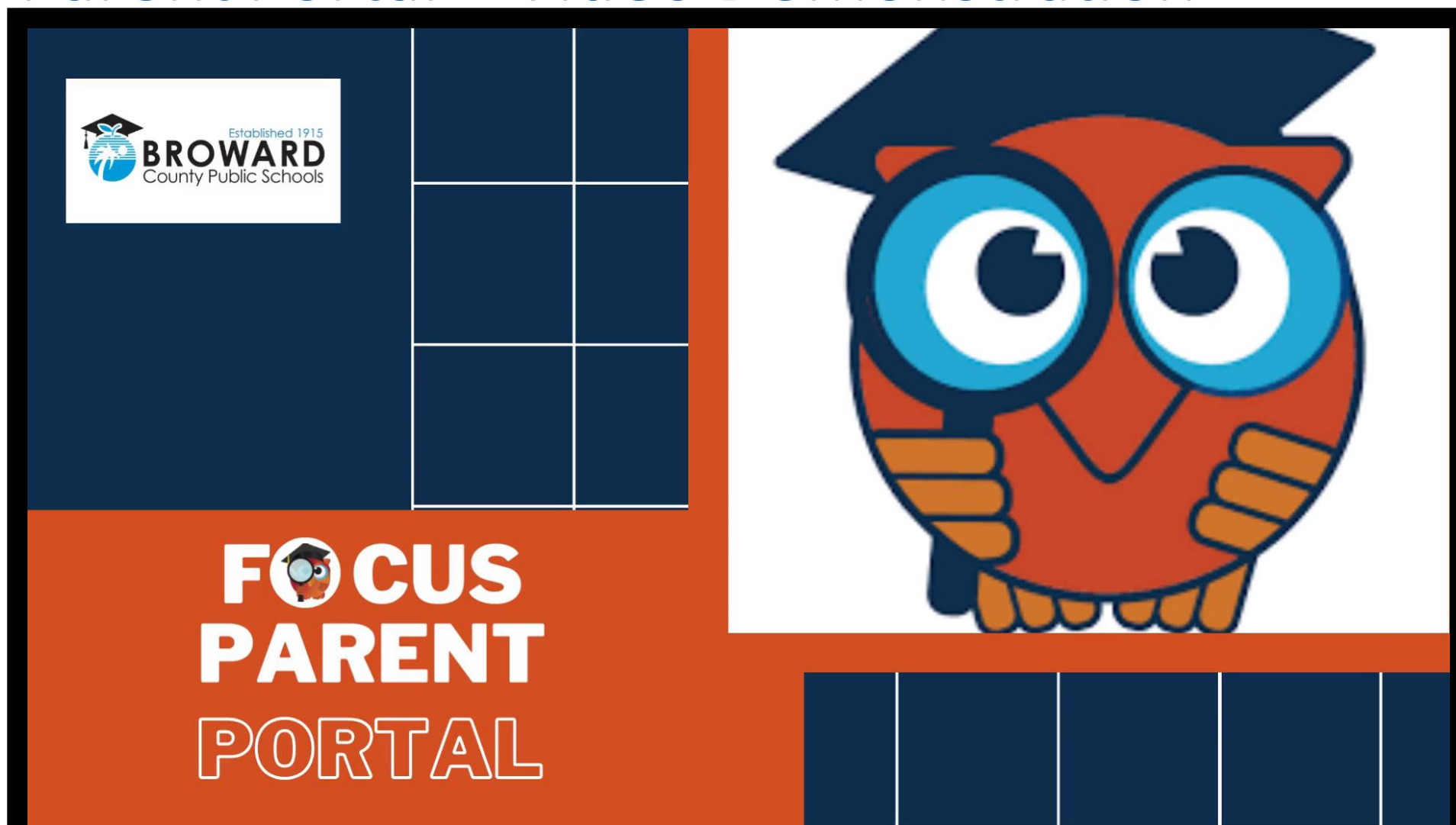
6 7 8 9 03/27 - 06/08

Pd	Course	Teacher	Ex	Unx	Tardy	Grade
00	HOMEROOM		0	0	0	NG
01	LA/READ GR 5		0	0	0	NG
04	LANG ARTS GR 5		0	0	0	NG
05	SOC STUDIES 5		0	0	0	NG
07	MATH-GRADE 5		0	0	0	NG
09	SCIENCE GRADE 5		0	0	0	NG





# Parent Portal – Video Demonstration





# BCPS App —————> BCPS Connect App



Available on the  
**App Store**



GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

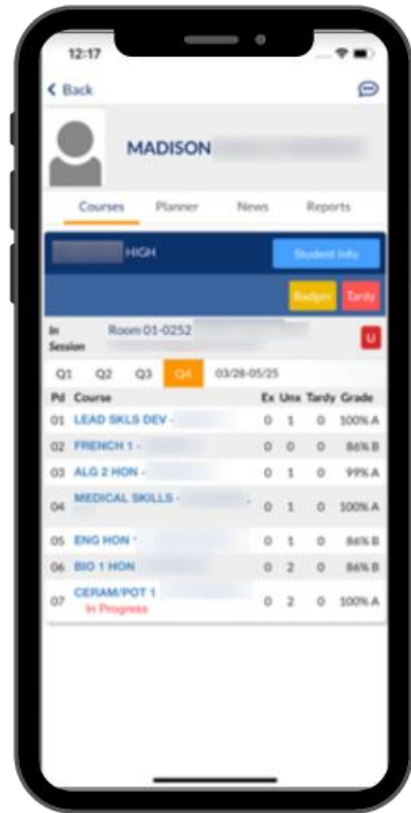




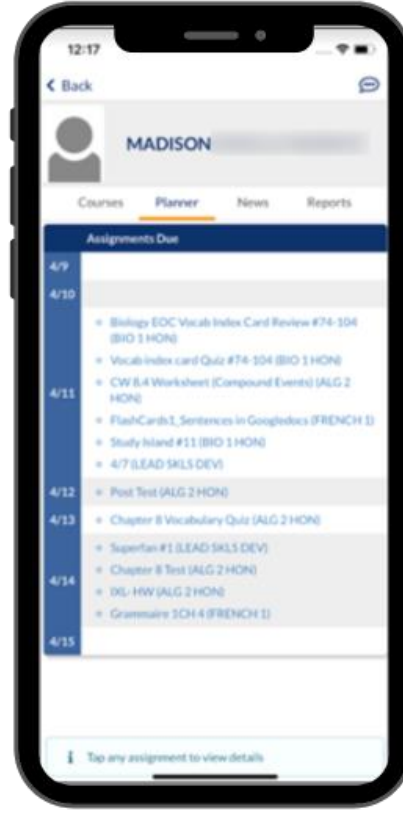


# BCPS Connect App

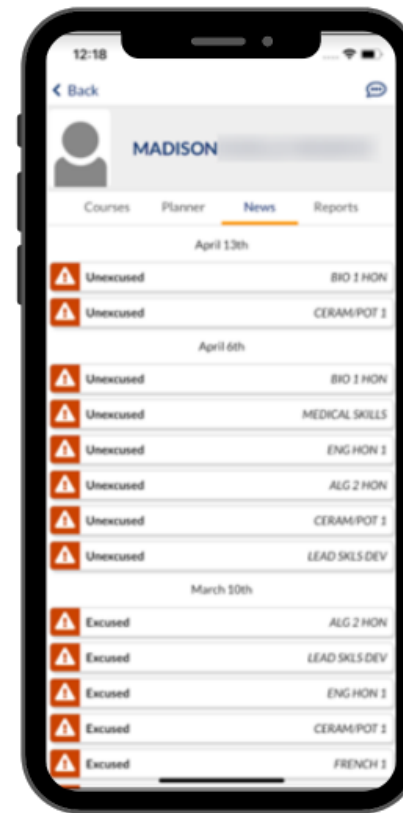
**Courses**



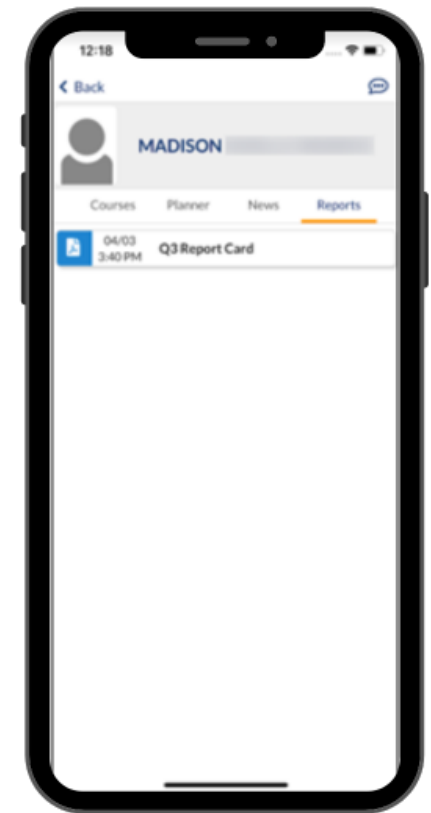
**Planner**



**News**



**Reports**





# Parent Portal Resources

<https://www.browardschools.com/focus>

## Focus FAQs

---

Parent Portal Registration and Mobile App

What is a Student Information System?

Why Focus?

Why is it important?

Why does it matter to me as a parent? As a student? As a staff member?

Focus is replacing the following:

How will Focus be implemented?

Why do we need to replace the current system?





# Focus School Software





# Thank you for joining us!







Lori Alhadeff, Chair  
Debra Hixon, Vice Chair

Torey Alston  
Brenda Fam, Esq.  
Daniel P. Foganholi  
Dr. Jeff Holness  
Sarah Leonardi  
Nora Rupert  
Dr. Allen Zeman

Dr. Peter B. Licata  
Superintendent of Schools

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or email [eeo@browardschools.com](mailto:eeo@browardschools.com).

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or email [eeo@browardschools.com](mailto:eeo@browardschools.com).

[browardschools.com](http://browardschools.com)



**PARENT UNIVERSITY APRIL 8, 2024**