

Are you ready for Edmodo?

Edmodo is a great management tool that many of our teachers will be using now that all students in grades 7-12 have iPads. Think of Edmodo like a digital extension of the classroom. Students will be able to take quizzes, polls, and respond to writing prompts right in Edmodo. Many teachers will communicate homework reminders, important information about class, and post assignments and attachments here as well. The greatest feature of Edmodo is that in one website so much that was once kept in a large binder can now be stored, organized, and not lost between the classroom and the locker. What a great tool!

Even better, Edmodo allows parents to follow their students' progress and teacher communication as well. While this won't replace PowerSchool where the official and complete record of grades will still be kept, think of this as a great add-on. In many cases, though, the homework reminders that teachers will post on Edmodo will replace their blogs. We believe you will want to sign up for a Edmodo parent account as soon as school starts.

I'm sold! How do I sign up?

You will not be able to sign up for a parent account until your student signs up and joins a teacher's Edmodo class, which will likely take place in many classes during the first week of school. Once a student is set up in at least one teacher's class, Edmodo will assign a unique parent code for that student. This can be found in the lower left quadrant of the student's main page. A code is a six-digit combination of letters and numbers (aB3c12). Conveniently, your student will be given only one code for all of their classes. This parent code will be needed when you sign in. Once you have set up an account in Edmodo, you will be able to view pertinent information and progress for all classes in which the teacher is using Edmodo (not all teacher will choose to use Edmodo). An added bonus is that you can easily add multiple children to the same screen so you can monitor your entire family in one place. We believe this easy, mobile avenue of communication will help our students achieve even greater success!

Is there an app for that?

Yes, there is an Edmodo app for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. Unfortunately, at this time none of these are configured to allow parents access to parent accounts. However, you can go to Edmodo.com in your web browser (i.e., Safari) and add an icon for the site to your home screen. You can find this option by pressing the share button (an arrow leaving a box) on the control bar at the top of your browser.

