

# Benefits of Creating Classrooms, FusionPages and User Accounts

Audience: Website Administrators

SchoolFusion's goal is to create and continuously improve upon 21st Century website and communication solutions for grades K-12. Our websites act as a communication hub for all stakeholders in the education community.

With SchoolFusion, students are organized and engaged, teachers are efficient, parents are involved and informed and administrators provide consistent and reliable communication while delegating ownership.

SchoolFusion data integration options allows Website administrators to import, FTP, or use SIF to integrate data from your SIS to create faculty, student and parent user accounts, create classroom pages and make students members of classrooms. Integrating this data insures that stakeholders have access to the functionality of FusionPages and the benefits that come with them.

## Who Benefits?

As users become members of FusionPages they are kept up to date about calendar events and recent activity to the page via recent activity notifications and RSS feeds. Non FusionPage members can subscribe to a Group RSS feed to stay up to date on the page activity.

## Teachers

Teachers can set up fully customizable web pages for their classes which allows them to:

- Assign and receive homework assignments with an online drop-box.
- Share important dates using class calendars with MapQuest integration.
- Connect with students using blogs, podcasts, streaming videos, slideshows, wikis, and more.
- Choose from a library of over 20,000 prewritten blog posts, or create their own.
- Reinforce lessons with timed online quizzes that can be auto-graded.
- Streamline communication with parents and students (while keeping their inbox clean) using an online message center.
- Post class announcements, links, class files, etc. in one location with anytime, anywhere access.
- View Student Participation Reports and analytics.
- Provide a safe, online community that keeps students engaged, learning and collaborating.

## Parents

Stay involved and informed through a single, unified view providing the following information:

- School Announcements
- Class announcements
- Homework assignments and due dates
- Activity calendars with upcoming events and field trips
- Upcoming testing dates
- Messages from teachers

- Links to teachers' multimedia blog posts

## **Students**

- Stay organized with the online calendar system that compiles all homework, due dates, test dates and scheduled activities on one calendar.
- Download resources and documents directly from class websites anytime.
- Read blogs, participate in discussion topics, listen to podcasts and collaborate on wikis.
- Watch and comment on slideshows and streaming videos.
- Submit homework assignments in an online drop-box.
- Take online quizzes.
- Learn to be good netizens and earn rewards for positive participation
- Collaborate with others in a safe online environment
- Gain real-world skills like time management and the practical use of technology

## **Education Community**

Other types of FusionPages have similar features as classroom pages but are used for different purposes such as:

- Student Activities/Club pages used for extracurricular activities administered by student advisors.
- Athletics pages used for sports teams administered by coaches.
- Department pages used for curricular and administrative departments such as Media Center, Food Services, Math Department, Employment and Board of Education administered by district and school administrators, office staff, and department heads.
- Community pages used for committees, volunteer organizations, teaching teams and grade levels administered by team teachers, parent volunteers and committee chairpersons.
- Alumni pages used for alumni groups administered by organizers of alumni activities and events.
- Faculty/Staff used for content and resources accessed only by faculty such as Benefits or Instructional Technology administered by administrative staff.
- Due to the notifications users receive when anything on the FusionPage gets updated, group pages get repeat traffic that can be tracked with a simple group hit counter.
- FusionPage administrators can upload and manage resources without having to rely on Website Administrators.
- FusionPage administrators can add members and email members in one click.
- FusionPages provide unlimited communication possibilities for members, such as an Alumni blog about the next class reunion, or a private School Board blog discussing bond issues, or PTA members collaborating with one another between meetings.