#### **Parent Communication Products**

#### Various Programs

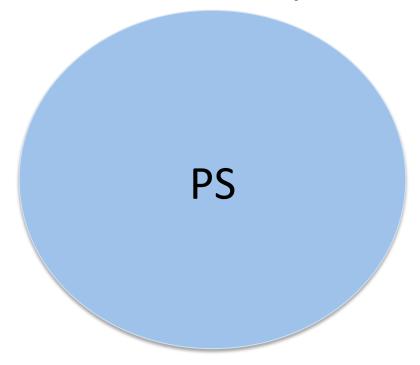
PS PowerSchool C Canvas

SM SchoolMessenger

- We will cover the highlights of each program and how to create an account.
- The district encourages you to use these tools to help your students succeed at Indee.

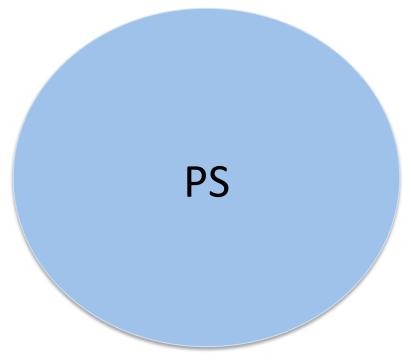
### PowerSchool (PS)

- Related Terms: PowerTeacher, Gradebook, Parent Portal, Student Portal
- SIS: Student Information System



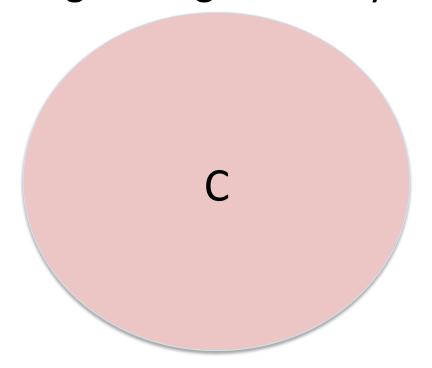
## PowerSchool (PS)

- Kinds of data: Demographics, Schedules, Attendance, Letter Grades(6-12), Report Cards (6-12), Transcripts, Enrollment record
- State Reporting



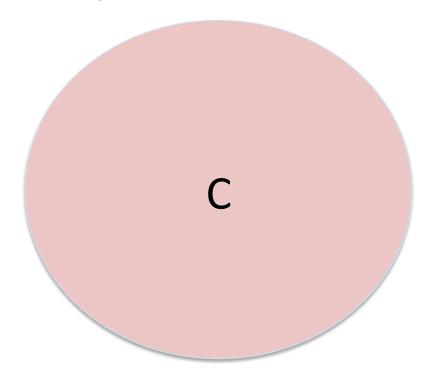
# Canvas (C)

- Instructure is the company; Canvas is the product
- LMS (Learning Management System)



# Canvas (C)

 Kinds of Data: Teacher resources, Student work, Syllabus, Actual quizzes/tests, class notes, Class expectations, Calendar



#### Grades

Both PowerSchool and Canvas will show grades.

PS

- Official grade
- Grades do not sync back and forth
- Updated at least once per week

С

- Grades may transfer to PS as a teacher option
- You might be able to see the actual assignment

#### **Teacher Contact**

Both PowerSchool and Canvas have the ability to contact the teacher with questions and concerns.

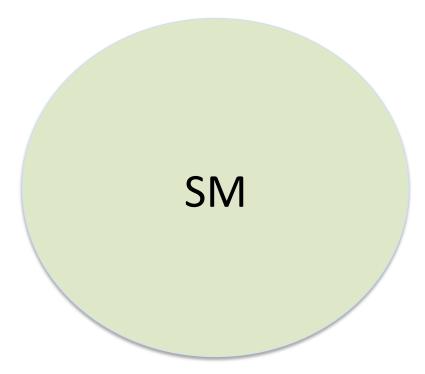


The district website will have the teacher phone number, email and available website.

http://www.independence.k12.ia.us

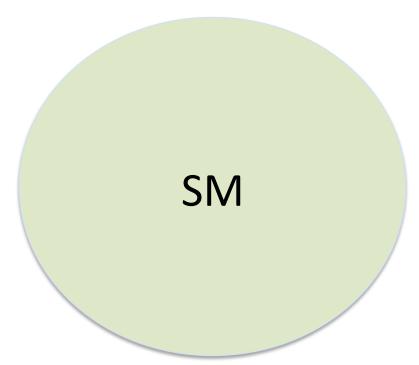
# SchoolMessenger (SM)

 Mass communication tool: Sends emails, phone call, instant messages to groups of people



# SchoolMessenger (SM)

- Information: Add additional phone number, emails, sms
- Control which kinds of messages go to which contacts



#### Data Flow

Student Name Classes Teachers Attendance

Report Cards Transcripts
Assignments

PS

Grades, no details

Student Name Home Phone Student email Parent A email

**Teacher Notes** 

Assignments

Calendar

Grades, details

Grades (optional) **Types of Contact** 

Types of Calls

SM

## How do I get an account?

PS

SM

Request a Parent Portal Letter from your building office

 Use the information at the bottom of the Parent Portal Letter

Use the Parent Portal to manage
 School Messenger

# PS Account Creation Helps

- You must follow the directions in the letter and use the information in the middle of the page to link your student to your account.
- You may add your students at one time or add them after you have logged into the Parent Portal.
- Username/Access Codes are case sensitive.
- Different buildings see different information.

# Account Creation Helps

- Go to http://www.indeek12.instructure.com
- Click, "Click Here For an Account"
- Use the student username and password from the Parent Portal letter (at the bottom of the page)
- You will get immediate access for one time.
- You will need to confirm your email address to login subsequently

# **SM** Account Creation Helps

- Use your Parent Portal account to manage SchoolMessenger
- If you want a separate SchoolMessenger, please send <u>snoyes@independence.k12.ia.us</u> an email requesting account information and instructions.

### **Summary Page**

To view attendance

To view schedule

To view official letter grade

To interact with the class

To view actual class materials

To view calendar of due assignments

To add additional phone number, email addresses and sms

To set the type of communication to the appropriate contact

PS

SM