New Default Student Passwords

With the launch of the San Juan Portal, the district is implementing a new “default password” scheme for all student accounts this summer. Currently, the default password for all student accounts is their birthdate as a six-digit number (e.g., May 28, 2004 becomes password 052804). Although a system has always been in place for students and staff to change their password, the vast majority of student accounts still use their birthdate as their login password. Increased awareness of this convention has made student accounts (for users who haven’t changed their default birthdate password) vulnerable to unauthorized access and hacking. Subsequently, besides the ability to access, change or delete work in another student’s account, a savvy student, leveraging this known convention, could easily log in to another student’s account (K-12) and use it inappropriately; posing as that other student.

To prevent this type of “hacking” and increase the security of every student’s account (including access to their records in Q and data in every other online system), every student account will be converted to a random, default password this summer. When students return to school in the 2015-16 school year, they will need to log in through the San Juan Portal (portal.sanjuan.edu) to access all their online resources and will need to use their newly assigned random, default password (which will no longer be their birthdate). Teachers and parents both have access to view this default password through Q-SIS and Q-Parent Connect. Students may, and should be encouraged to, change this to their own preferred password using an easy to remember PassPhrase or LEET password (teach your students how to create their own PassPhrase or LEET password using the tutorials below).

Tutorials and Documentation

Teacher
- Finding Your Students’ Default Password in Q SIS: http://tinyurl.com/ncat74s
- Resetting a Student’s Password to the Default: http://tinyurl.com/ofqe5vu
- Printing a Class Roster of Default Passwords: http://tinyurl.com/o44c2s7
- Assigning New Passwords to your K-2 Student (Process being Developed For Younger Students)

Student
- Changing Your Password: http://tinyurl.com/pe6y3r5

Parent
- Finding Your Child's Default Password in Q-Parent Connect: https://goo.gl/s3uZ4K

Helping Your Students Create Secure Passwords that are Easy to Remember

1. Creating a secure, but easy to remember password using a PassPhrase or LEET Password: https://goo.gl/h0Bqz2

Password Change, Reset, or Recover Options for each User Group

Employee: .... Can change his/her password and reset a student password to default (cannot recover)
Student: ....... Can change his/her password from the default to a personal password