Communication and access to data are crucial to the success and productivity of any enterprise. You need to share with students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni, and perhaps applicants and program registrants as well. Students and parents need access to grades, attendance, homework, and directories. Parents also need to be able to view statements and pay bills online. Faculty and staff need a convenient method to enter grades, attendance, and discipline, send broadcast emails, and to look up student data. Alumni need a way to connect with the school and each other, to make gifts and pledges, and to review their giving history. For all this, you need a Web portal that is directly integrated with your central database to ensure that everyone has current data, and that integrates with popular merchant account payment gateways. Do you have a unique and creative Website? Well, My BackPack offers several options for customization. Design your Web portal to match the school’s Website. We offer three levels of customization, Basic (free), Intermediate, and Advanced—giving you the freedom to create your school’s unique look to seamlessly blend with your school’s branding.

My BackPack™ Web Portal is a collection of communities which provides database access and additional functionality to specific groups associated with your school. Each user sees a customized landing page with a menu for all functions appropriate to his/her community and security group.

- Student/Parent Community
- Faculty/Staff Community
- Alumni Community
- Online Admissions (Inquiry and Application)
- Online Enrollment/Re-enrollment
- Online Summer School Registration
- Senior Daily Gradebook
- Web Services
You want to facilitate productive communication between school and home, and enhance interaction within the entire school community. You need a secure and easy-to-use Web portal that makes it simple for parents and students to find answers to various administrative questions, update their own profile and contact data, and to interact with the school community. And you need your student/parent Web portal to be totally integrated with your school’s central database, so everyone has access to the same, current data.

The Student/Parent Community for My BackPack™ provides a web-based portal for parents and students to access their school-related data.

- Students and parents can view schedules, a calendar, attendance and discipline records, marking period grades and comments, and homework assignments
- Parents can view account transactions and statements, and can make online payments via credit card or eCheck
- Parents can update biographical and contact data (subject to approval by school staff) and view student and parent directories
- Faculty and staff can create broadcast emails to selected groups of students and parents
- Integrates with Registrar, Summer School, and Accounts Receivable to provide current, relevant data to parents and students
You want to provide an easy method for faculty and staff to access information they need from your school’s central database, enter data for tasks like attendance and grading, send broadcast emails to students and parents, and publish important documents to a record. You need a secure and easy-to-use Web portal that works for PCs or Macs, and makes it simple for faculty and staff to find what they need, enter data, and to interact with the school community. And you need your faculty/staff Web portal to be totally integrated with your school’s central database, so everyone has access to the same, current data.

The Faculty/Staff Community for My BackPack™ provides a web-based portal for faculty and staff to access their school-related data from school or home.

- Faculty and staff can view a variety of student information, including schedules, attendance and discipline records, grades and comments, and academic history
- Teachers can enter marking period grades and comments, attendance, and discipline, and print class rosters and schedules
- Faculty and staff can view biographical and contact data for students and parents
- Faculty and staff can create broadcast emails to selected classes or specific groups of students and parents
- Integrates with Registrar and Summer School to provide current, relevant data
- Add Daily Gradebook for My BackPack™ to provide teachers with a flexible, easy-to-use electronic gradebook
You want to keep alumni involved in the school and with each other, and provide a secure method to enable gifts, pledges, and payments to be made online. You need a secure and easy-to-use Web portal that makes it simple for alumni to connect, update their own profile, notes, and contact data, make gifts, pledges and payments via credit card or eCheck, and view their giving history. And you need your alumni Web portal to be totally integrated with your school’s central database, so everyone has access to the same, current data.

The Alumni/Development Community for My BackPack™ enables alumni to access their school-related data, and make gifts, pledges, and payments.

- Alumni can view their own giving history, and can make online gifts, pledges, and payments via credit card or eCheck
- Alumni can update biographical and contact data (subject to approval by school staff) and view an alumni directory
- Alumni can view and search class notes to keep up on happenings in each other’s lives
- Staff can create broadcast emails to selected groups of alumni
- Integrates with Alumni/Development and General Ledger to provide current, relevant data, and to post gifts and pledge payments
You know that user self-service increases efficiency, productivity, and customer satisfaction. You need a solution for your admissions process that is flexible, customizable, and user-friendly, and that can handle multiple kinds of applications, each with its own form, checklist items, and fee. You want to collect inquiry data, applications, and fee payments efficiently, and you want to be able to customize the user experience. And, of course, you need the data to be automatically uploaded to your admissions system and accounting software.

Online Admissions for My BackPack™ enables prospective students to inquire and/or submit applications and payments online.

- Enables prospect and applicant self-service via links on your school’s Website
- Application and inquiry forms customized for your school
- Parents can submit applications for multiple children, download checklist items and other documents, view current status of each item, and pay application fees
- Extensive customization of screens, instructions, and automated email responses provides optimal user experience
- Integration with Admissions enables data to be automatically uploaded via an approval process (with ability to make changes and corrections, and to print submitted applications), saving time and ensuring accuracy
Online Enrollment/Re-enrollment
Streamline the enrollment and re-enrollment processes with Online Enrollment/Re-enrollment

The enrollment and re-enrollment process is detailed and paperwork-heavy, and often requires customization of documents for individual families. You need a software tool to help you accurately manage all the details, and to increase your efficiency for this labor-intensive process. You also want to make it as easy as possible for parents to complete all parts of the process, including review of profile and contact data, viewing, printing, and submitting contracts, submitting additional forms as required, and paying enrollment or other deposits. And, of course, you need the documents and data to be automatically uploaded to your enrollment management and accounting software.

Online Admissions for My BackPack™ enables prospective students to inquire and/or submit applications and payments online.

- Enables parent self-service for the contract submission and deposit payment process
- Contracts and other documents are customized with family and enrollment data, calculations, and dates
- Parents can view and update profile and contact data online
- Supports contracts by family or by student
- Customization of screens, instructions, and automated email responses provides optimal user experience
- Integration with Enrollment Management enables documents and data to be automatically uploaded via an approval process, saving time and ensuring accuracy
You need a user self-service solution that increases efficiency, productivity, and customer satisfaction. You need a solution for your summer programs, extended programs, and special programs’ registration process that is flexible, customizable, and user-friendly, and that can handle multiple types of programs, each with its own registration dates and policies. You need to be able to control the courses and programs available, deadlines, fees, and payment schedules. You want to collect payments efficiently, and you want to be able to customize the user experience. And, of course, you need the data to be automatically uploaded to your student information system and accounting software.

Online Summer School Registration for My BackPack™ enables online registration, course or program selection, and payment for summer school, summer camp, or extended programs.

- Enables registrant self-service via a link on your school’s Website
- Registration form and course selection screens customized for your programs
- Configure to set deadlines, deposit policies, payment schedules and fees to reflect your operations
- Parents/registrants can register multiple children, select courses and programs, pay deposits and final payments, and print schedules, receipts, and additional forms
- Extensive customization of screens, instructions, and automated email responses provides optimal user experience
- Integration with Summer School enables data to be automatically uploaded via an approval process (with ability to make changes and corrections), saving time and ensuring accuracy
The less time teachers spend on administrative tasks, the more time they can spend with students. You want to provide your teachers with a sophisticated grading tool to enhance productivity, and to make it easier for them to provide assignment information and feedback to students and parents in a timely fashion. You need a Web-Based tool that is flexible enough to adapt to a teacher’s individual work style and grading policies, handling a wide variety of grading schemes, calculation methods, and types of assignments. You need to provide the ability to easily record comments, publish assignments, and produce grading and progress reports at any time. And, of course, you want your electronic gradebook to integrate with your student information system or registrar software, to upload marking period grades and comments.

Daily Gradebook is a Web-Based portal which gives teachers an online electronic version of their gradebook.

- Web-Based electronic gradebook is available from anywhere, readily accommodates PCs or Macs
- Adapts to teachers’ work styles and grading policies, with a variety of grade calculation methods
- Quick setup with copy features based on templates and prior gradebooks
- Advanced capabilities such as individual grading scales for students, bell curve grading, and incorporating attendance policies into grade calculations
- Print grading reports and grade entry worksheets at any time
- Publish homework, other assignments and grades to students and parents via the Student/Parent Community
- Easily create customized progress reports, with ability to email report links to students and parents
If your school has access to sophisticated IT services and you have a proprietary Web portal or other software associated with your school’s Website, you can take advantage of Web Services for My BackPack™ to access, include, and update current data from your Senior Systems database. Data can be refreshed frequently, allowing you to keep everything in sync. You can also provide your users with single sign-on access to all of the regular My BackPack™ functionality, while still maintaining the custom look and feel of your school’s Website.

**Web Services Overview**

- Web User Authentication
- Person Info about Students, Parents, Faculty, and Constituents
- Course, Section, and Schedule Data
- Direct Access ("Deep") Links to My BackPack Functions
- Web User Authentication Requests
- Course Requests
- Student, Parent, Constituent Password and Profile Updates