Quick Guide to Edmodo: Parent Accounts

This guide helps teachers understand everything about Parent Accounts.

“When I attach notes, recordings, worksheets, etc. to a post for my students, I usually include parents in the “Send to” field as well. Parents with an account can then see what we’re doing in class.”

- Vanita Vance

Getting Started with Parent Accounts

Edmodo is essential to keeping my students’ parents informed and engaged. Once students have created an account and joined my group, it is time to get parents started on Edmodo. During back to school night, I help parents create a Parent Account by:

- Passing out the Parent Sign Up Guide
- Explaining how parents can find their unique Parent Code
- Showing a quick video overview of Parent Accounts
Parents Observing Their Students

After parents create an account using their unique Parent Code, they can observe much of the activity in my classroom, as well as the activity for their child’s other groups.

Whenever I post a new Assignment, enter a new grade, update the Planner, or add a comment to a student’s Assignment submission, parents will see this activity related to their child. All of this information is automatically shared with the Parent Accounts as soon as I share it with students.

While parents observe various activity on their accounts, they do not see folders I share with the group. Parents will also not see Note posts, unless I choose to send them to parents.

Messages from the Teacher

Maintaining communication with parents is important. Some posts I send to my group will appear automatically on Parent Accounts. However, for other types of posts, I must include parents in the “Send to” field in order for parents to see them.

Parents always see:
• Assignment and Alert posts sent to the class
• Direct messages between their child and the teacher

Parents only see if included:
• Note posts sent to parents
• Polls sent to parents

While I can send a group message to all parents with an Edmodo account, I cannot message individual parents. It is also important to remember that parents cannot send or reply to posts.

Staying Updated on the Go

Since Parent Accounts are not accessible on the Edmodo mobile app, I encourage parents to set up email or text notifications. This way, new Assignments, Alerts, and Notes sent to parents will reach them even when they are away from a computer.

Parents can also use the browser on a mobile device to access the full web version of their Parent Account.

Preparing for Next Year

To ensure a smooth transition next year, I inform parents that they will use the same account year after year. Once they create a Parent Account, there is never a need to create a new account. Parents can add multiple children to their one account.

Students will also use their same account every year, even if they move to a new school, join more groups, or change their email. A parent’s account will be automatically updated to reflect any changes in the student’s information.
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Appendix: Parent Account Guide Links

A. Getting Started with Parent Accounts
1. Child First Creates a Student Account
2. Students Join My Group
3. Parent Sign Up Guide
4. Unique Parent Code
5. Video Overview

B. Parents Observing Their Students
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1. Send Posts to Parents

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E. Preparing for Next Year
1. Add Multiple Children to Existing Parent Account
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3. Change Email Address

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