

# Hide Student Contacts Plugin

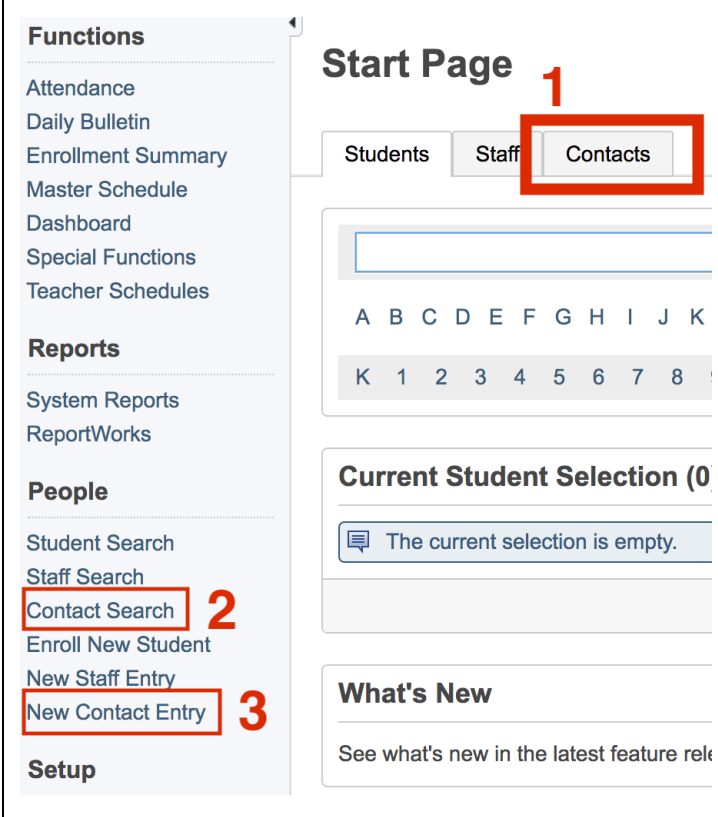
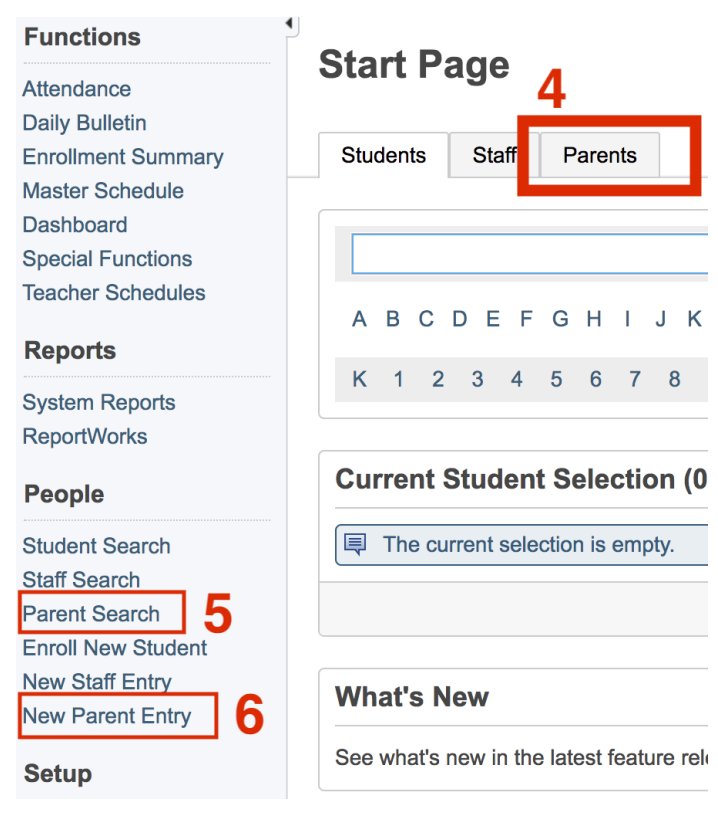
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By default this plugin completely hides the new Student Contacts feature, released in version 12. The rationale is not to avoid Student Contacts indefinitely, but allow you to upgrade for all the other benefits, and have time to prepare to transition to Student Contacts for when your district is ready.

The plugin does not remove any student contacts, it just removes the links to interface with them. Once you are ready to use Student Contacts, it is recommended to disable or delete this plugin.

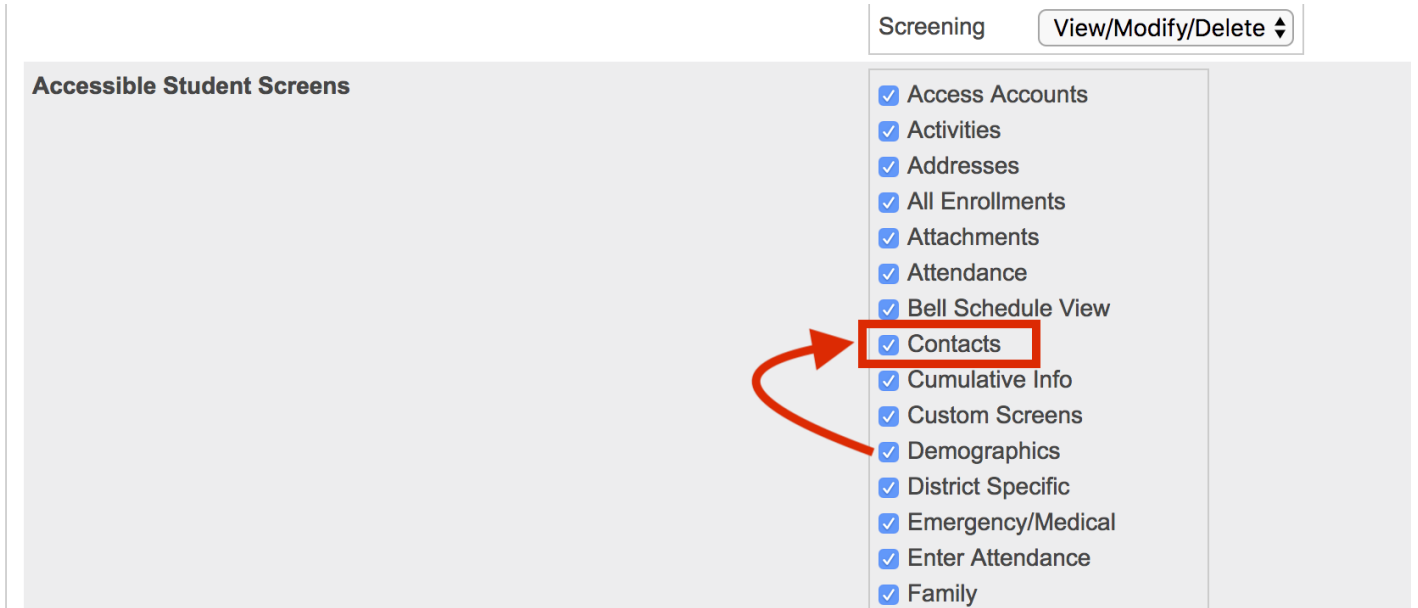
## Start Page

One of the main areas is the Start page in PowerSchool. The plugin removes the new "Contact" elements and replaces them with the original "Parent" elements. See the "Before" and "After" comparison below.

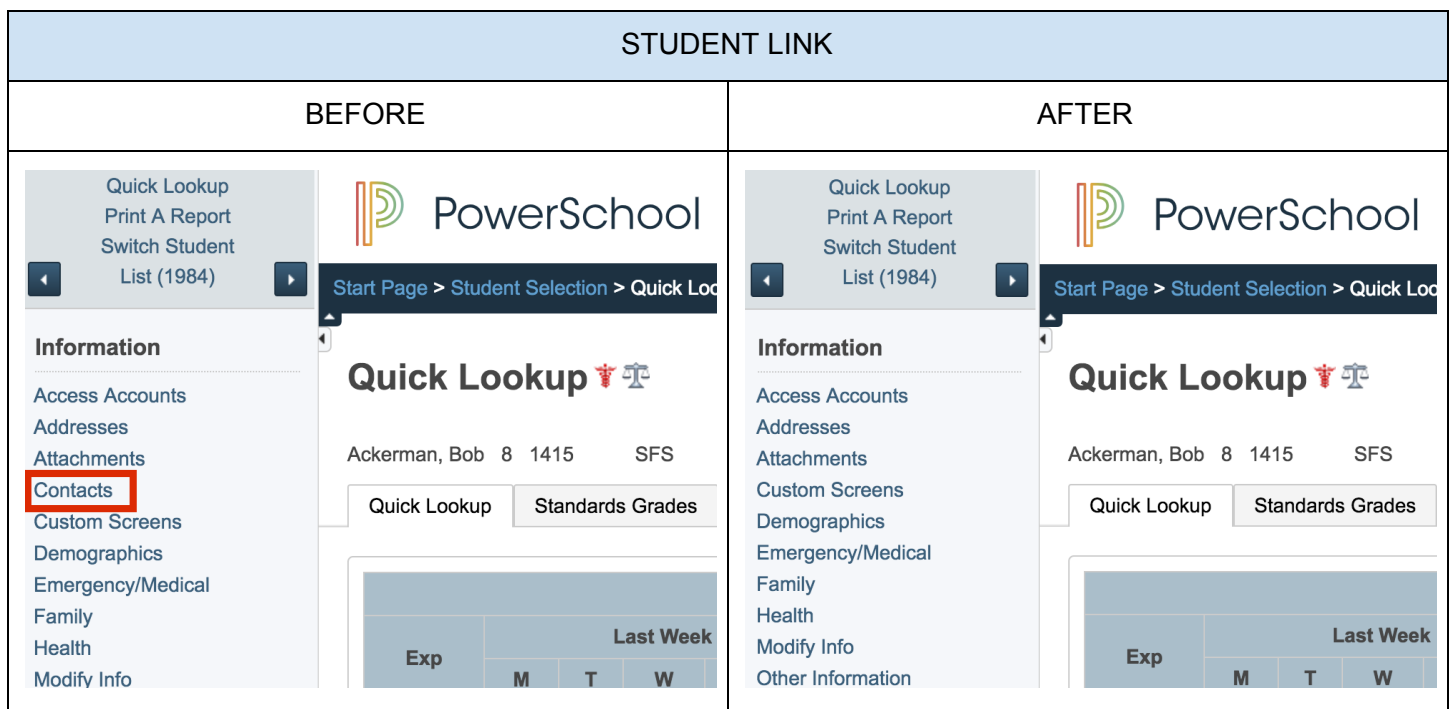
| START PAGE  |  |
|---|--|
| BEFORE  | AFTER  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. "Contacts" Tab</li><li>2. "Contacts Search" Link</li><li>3. "New Contact Entry" Link</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. "Parents" Tab</li><li>5. "Search Parents" Link</li><li>6. "New Parent Entry" Link</li></ol> |
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# Student Link

PowerSchool adds a "Contacts" checklist item to Group Security and enables it for any user that also has access to the "Demographics" screen.



When you select a student, the plugin also hides the "Contacts" link in the left navigation. You don't need this plugin to hide that link, you could uncheck it from each Security Group -- the plugin just features a "one step" way to do it.



# Contact Change Confirmation

On the Demographics, Parents, and Emergency/Medical Screen, a change to the original Mother, Father, Guardian, or Emergency contact name can trigger a "Reason for Change" confirmation from the user.

If the user chooses "Replacing Person", submitting the change will lead to a confirmation screen that encourages them to make the change in the contacts screen and features a "Go To Contacts Page" button.

The plugin will hide the button, but will not prevent the underlying application logic from still prompting the user for a reason and making the same changes as before.

## Emergency Contact/Medical

Adair, Brandon 12 3 A AGHS1

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| <b>Contact #1</b> | Contact Name (Last, First)<br>Mccarthy, Mark |
|                   | Reason for Name Change<br>Replacing Person   |
|                   | Phone  |

| CONTACT NAME CHANGE CONFORMATION   |  |
|--|--|
| BEFORE   | AFTER  |
| <p><b>Contact Name Change</b> </p> <p><b>Contact #1 is about to be replaced.</b><br/>There is more information stored for this contact than shows on this page. This contact will remain associated to the student and a new Contact #1 will be created with the new name entered.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that you make this change from this student's Contacts page where you can see all relevant data.</p> <p><a href="#">Go To Contacts Page</a> <input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/></p> | <p><b>Contact Name Change</b> </p> <p><b>Contact #1 is about to be replaced.</b><br/>There is more information stored for this contact than shows on this page. This contact will remain associated to the student and a new Contact #1 will be created with the new name entered.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that you make this change from this student's Contacts page where you can see all relevant data.</p> <p><input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/></p> |

# Selectively Enable Contacts by Security Group

By default the plugin will hide all the Contact elements from all users. You may want to enable the Contacts feature for **SOME** users. If you enable this setting, **ALL** Contact functionality will be enabled for any member of a Security Group that has the Contacts screen checked in their "Accessible Student Screens" section.

To enable this option, visit the "Student Contacts Hide" link in District settings (under "District Info").

## District Information

- District Info
- Districts of Residence
- Miscellaneous
- Schools/School Info
- Student Contacts Hide**
- Sign In Screen Custom Message
- Student Numbers

The "Hide Student Contacts Setup" page features:

1. A checkbox to enable this feature
2. A reminder of which security group(s) the currently logged in user is a member of
3. For convenience, a link to edit Security Groups
4. For information, a list of all the Security Groups that have Contacts enabled.

*Note that a large number of security groups may be enabled for Contacts, since it was based on their existing access to the "Demographics" screen.*

**Be sure to submit the setting change with the submit button at the bottom of the screen. After updating Security Group settings, the user will need to log out and log back in to see the changes to their access.**

### Enable Contacts by Security Group

Enable based on Group Access to Contacts Screen  **1**  
*If unchecked, Student Contacts are completely hidden*

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 Security Groups with Contacts enabled. *You are in group 9* **2**

Edit Security Groups **3**

- (1) Unassigned
- (2) Office Staff
- (3) Counselors **4**
- (4) Registrar
- (5) Group 5
- (6) Group 6
- (7) Group 7

**Note:** Additional security around Student Contacts, such as "View Only" access, is not addressed by this plugin and should be setup based on the stock functionality available in PowerSchool, such as "Access to Page Permissions".