

## 5-Star Students Overview

### What is 5-Star Students?

5-Star Students is a unique, web-based platform available to help educators and administrators track and drive student involvement in school activities and events. Public research has proven there's a strong correlation between involvement in school activities and student achievement. To that end, 5-Star Students provides viable solutions to keep track of involvement using web, mobile and barcode scanning technologies. Schools can assign point values to help drive more involvement and manage incentive programs to recognize students for their participation. The ability to track attendance at out-of-classroom events or sessions can provide accurate records to support many use cases. The program can also assist with tracking student behavior occurrences as part of PBIS programs or other initiatives. In addition to involvement and positive behavior, 5-Star Students can help schools track intervention attendance for academic events. Sites can now use the program for safety measures: the digital hall pass tool provides an efficient way to monitor students out of class; the emergency check-in feature allows schools to check individuals in during an emergency or drill. 5-Star Students ultimately provides schools or districts with a wealth of data on student involvement at an individual or group level.

### How does it work?

5-Star Students simplifies data collection into three simple steps: track, drive, and recognize.

- **Track:** Designated individuals can check students and other participants into an event using a mobile barcode scanner, a mobile device, or a computer.
- **Drive:** By using a positive point system, schools can incentivize student engagement.
- **Recognize:** Recognizing and rewarding participants will not only motivate students to become more involved, but will also help promote a more positive school environment.

### Tracking

There are 4 main features schools can keep track of in 5-Star: activities, events, behaviors, and interventions.

Tool	Description	Example	Significance	Bonus Features
<b>Activities</b>	Activities are year-long organizations that students belong to.	Sports teams, performing arts groups, and clubs	By keeping track of team and club rosters, schools are able to view participation data. They can also run cross-comparison reports with discipline, grades, or other student assessment factors.	Create rosters based on event attendance; display custom badges on participants' digital IDs
<b>Events</b>	Events can be one-time or repeating happenings that students attend.	Dances, club meetings, spirit days, athletic events	Tracking event attendance can help schools understand which students are coming to school events and which ones are not. This data can also help with planning for future events.	Manage event tickets: in person, online, or import; Maintain a no privileges list for tickets and check-in
<b>Behaviors</b>	Behaviors are positive actions performed by students.	Trash clean-up, respect, and random acts of kindness	Tracking students' positive behavior occurrences in 5-Star is a direct source of data for PBIS programs.	Assign points using the class management tool – distribute by class roster
<b>Interventions</b>	Interventions are academic happenings that students attend.	Tutoring, study hall, or library check-in	Tracking intervention attendance can help schools manage a study hall period and help plan tutoring sessions.	Teachers can assign or allow students to self-sign up for tutorials ahead of time using the student webpage or app.

## Driving and Recognizing

Point systems are unique to each school. Here's an example of a point and rewards program.

<b>Points:</b>	<b>Rewards:</b>
<u>Activities:</u>	50 pts = Free churro at football game
Sports participation = 50 pts	75 pts = 2 free tickets to sporting event or performing arts production
Performing Arts participation = 50 pts	100 pts = early entrance pass to sporting event or performing arts production
Leadership Activities = 50 pts	125 pts = pre-game BBQ
Scholastic Groups = 50pts	150 pts = 2 movie tickets to a special school event
All Clubs = 20 pts	300 pts at Trimester 1 = Entrance to drawing for spirit prizes
<u>Events:</u>	600 pts = Super Fan T-Shirt
Sporting Event = 10 pts	600 pts at Trimester 2 = Entrance to drawing for spirit prizes
Premium Sporting Event = 25 pts	800 pts = Premium parking
Performing Arts Production = 20 pts	1000 pts = 2 extra Graduation tickets
Bucket of Points = 100 pts per season	1200 pts = Extreme Fan Hoodie
<u>Behaviors:</u>	Top 10% = VIP access to all events
Positive Behavior Occurrences = 2 pts	Top Point Earner = Best seat in the house at a football game
Perfect Attendance = 50 pts	Top Point Senior = First to walk across the Graduation Stage
No Tardies = 15 pts	
<u>Interventions:</u>	
Tutoring = 2pts/check-in	
Study Hall = 1 pt/check-in	

## Additional Features

In addition to tracking student engagement, 5-Star also offers [survey and voting](#) capabilities, a [Student Mobile App \(with Digital ID\)](#), an [Online Store](#), and [Class Schedule](#) organization.

[Surveys](#) can be used for collecting information about student interests, getting feedback for events, or learning more about the incoming class. The [voting](#) polls in 5-Star are a simple way to distribute and collect votes for nominations and elections. Both surveys and voting polls can be distributed with a link or via email. 5-Star also gives schools the capability of sending surveys and voting polls to specific groups (i.e. seniors only being able to vote in the senior class election).

The [Student Mobile App](#) is a great tool for check-ins and distributing surveys and voting polls. With the mobile app, students are able to check themselves into events, view their personal 5-Star profile, redeem rewards, and take surveys and vote. The app includes a [Digital ID](#) for all students, displaying their barcode, picture, and any custom badges the school has issued.

An optional feature is the **Online Store**, where schools can set up tickets and items to allow for online sales. Individuals can purchase a ticket/item using a credit card which will directly communicate with the program during an event check-in or item pickup. A convenience fee can be distributed to the customer during check-out. Schools can apply ticket options (i.e. meal choice) for students during check-out. The proceeds can be directly connected to the school's checking account or a check can be mailed directly to the school.

The **Class Schedule** tool permits schools to import students' class schedules. With the Class Management tool, staff members can quickly and easily award Behavior points to the students in their class. It also allows staff members to download and print barcodes for their specific class members (by period) to easily scan and award points during virtual or in-person meetings.

## Safety Features

5-Star Students continues to serve the purpose of tracking and incentivizing student engagement, as well as aiding schools in keeping their staff and student body safe.

### Hall Passes

The digital Hall Pass tool is used to help monitor students leaving class in real time. This will log all active and inactive passes with student and pass information, date/time of pass, and the user that assigned the pass. Users can run reports by individual, pass type, and/or date range.

#### ***How does it work?***

*Staff assign* - Staff members with a 5-Star account can scan a student ID card or manually add, using their mobile device or computer, to assign a Hall Pass to a student. The same method (scan or manually add) can be used to mark the student's return to class.

*Kiosk mode* – a Chromebook, tablet, or computer can display the kiosk mode in which a student signs themselves in/out using their student ID

*Self-assign* – students can use the student app to add a pass or scan a QR code to open/close the pass. If the school uses the Student App, there is an option to display active Hall Passes on the student's phone.

#### **Restrictions**

*Daily limits* – set the number of passes an individual can use per day

*Individual Restrictions* – limit specific individuals from receiving designated passes

*Group Restrictions* – prevents selected groups of students from receiving a pass at the same time

*Blackout Schedules* – limit *when* passes can be issued throughout the day (i.e. no passes the first 10 min of a class period)

### No Privileges List

To help school sites run their events smoothly, 5-Star Students offers a space for administrators to manage the “No-Go” list of students. The list includes a *reason* field and *expiration date*. Because the program relies on individuals' ID numbers, the No Privilege flag will be directly connected to the individual's barcode. Whether it is for health purposes, safety reasons, or disciplinary action, a warning will appear when the individual's barcode is scanned at an event or ticket sale. An optional badge can be display on the Digital ID.

## Emergency Check-In

The Emergency Check-In Feature allows administrators and teachers to check students in during an emergency or drill. This feature is available through the website and the 5-Star Students Manager App. Users can mark their location, any notes, and the individual's status (safe or need help) when they scan a student or staff member's barcode during check-in. Administrators can access the list of checked-in and unknown (missing) individuals from a computer or mobile device.