

RSS

Audience: Website Administrators, Faculty/Staff, Parents, Students, Alumni, Community

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an XML-based format for sharing and distributing Web content, such as news headlines. RSS is also referred to as a "news feed" or a "channel".

Using an **RSS** reader allows any internet user to combine feeds from all of their favorite websites into one single location, without having to visit each site every time a user wants to see if there is a new posting. When using RSS with SchoolFusion, additions to a faculty/staff member's FusionTools profile page, as well as FusionPages, may be accessed. This information is supplied via RSS in real-time, 7 days a week, and is not limited by the time constraints of the Recent Activity Email.

In SchoolFusion, users are able to subscribe to four types of RSS feeds:

- A **personal feed** which contains information regarding all FusionPages that each user is a member of, as well as the feeds for all of their teachers. Parents can sign up for an **RSS** feed that combines information for all children that they are connected to. What could be included is the following:
 - Information Included in the FusionPage feed
 - Grades (if activated)
 - Student Information Center (if activated)
 - Comment Replies
 - Messages (new and replies)
- A **FusionPage feed** that contains announcements and other happenings for a specific classroom or other FusionPage. If you are a member of a specific page, this information is included in your personal feed, and you do not need to sign up for this feed. What could be included is the following:
 - Homework Assignments
 - New Announcements
 - New File Uploads
 - New Discussion topics assigned to that FusionPages
 - FusionPage administrators will receive membership notifications in the FusionPage feed
- A **Faculty/Staff specific feed** that will only contain information for the blog postings for that faculty/staff member. If you are a member a FusionPage taught by this Faculty/Staff member, this information is included in your personal feed, and you do not need to sign up for this feed. What could be included in this feed is the following:
 - New Blog Postings
 - New Podcasts// Videos
 - New Slideshows
 - New Wikis
- A **feed for the community calendar for the entire school** will contain information regarding events that have been added to the community calendar. What could be included in this feed is the following:
 - Information from the Announcements & Upcoming Events Page

Users will need to have their own **RSS** Reader to subscribe to feeds.

Follow these steps to subscribe to RSS Feeds in SchoolFusion.

- STEP 1** Get an RSS reader
You can use an online reader which works from any web browser, or you can download software that runs on your computer.
- STEP 2** Enter the location of the RSS feed
In your RSS reader, add one or more of the feeds listed below.
- STEP 3** Read the SF District feed
In your RSS reader, select one or more of the feeds listed below.

Step 1: Find an online reader.

There are two types of readers:

- One where an Internet connection must be present to read the RSS feeds.
- One where the feeds are downloaded and may be accessed even after the Internet connection is ended.

Access the RSS reader of your choice, and follow the instructions to create an account.

Follow the instructions to add specific URLs from SchoolFusion.



Step 2: Enter the URL

Next, find and enter a URL for the SchoolFusion feed(s) you wish to receive.

Look for the **RSS** icon or an RSS Feed link on FusionPages or on a FusionTools profile page.

Click > the RSS icon or the RSS Feed link

A window opens with URLs for personal feeds, FusionPage feeds, staff/faculty member feeds, and/or school-wide RSS feeds.

Highlight the desired **URL > Edit > Copy**

Open the RSS reader, click to the page where you can add subscriptions to the reader.

Edit > Paste the URL



SF District Announcements

This feed includes school-wide announcements and upcoming events:
<http://sfdistrict.beta.groupfusion.net/modules/cms/announceRss.rss>

Step 3: Read the Feeds

In your **RSS** reader, read the **RSS** feeds from SchoolFusion.