

About SDV SMS

System Overview

educational administration, enhance productivity, and modernize school operations. Available in both Online and Offline versions, SDV SMS adapts to your institution's specific needs.

Feature

Version Comparison

Online Version

Offline Version

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SDV School Management System is a comprehensive solution designed to streamline

Internet Requirement	Required	Not required
Mobile App	✓ Available	✗ Not available
Multi-Computer Installation	√ Yes	Single computer only
Communication	Bulk SMS & Email	Email only
Backup Management	Managed by SDV	User-managed
Software Updates	Over-the-air (OTA)	On-site by agent
Custom Domains	√ Supported	X Not supported
Recommendation		

and access to mobile applications for parents and staff.

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We strongly recommend the **Online Version** for maximum flexibility, automatic backups,

System Requirements

Getting Started

eM Client (free) and setting it as your default email application. If you already have an email client,

ensure it's configured to handle mailto: links.

Online Version

Email Client Setup

Authentication Setup

For email functionality, we recommend installing

email addresses only. This adds an extra layer of security.

Account Activation:

Domain Initialization (Optional):

New users receive an email with an activation link. They must click this link to activate

Offline Version

Administrator Setup:

their account before accessing the system.

During installation, create an administrator account. This account will be used to create additional users and assign roles.

Configure your official domain (e.g., yourschool.edu) to restrict signups to authorized

Admission Number Prefixes

Student & Staff Management

A Best Practice

Always use prefixes for student admission numbers.

Complete all unique fields (ID Number, Assessment Number, Birth Certificate) to

Set up prefixes for student and staff identification numbers for better organization.

Example: With prefix "SDV", student numbers will be SDV1, SDV2, SDV3, etc.

Archiving Students and staff who are no longer active can be archived, maintaining a complete

historical record.

Core Features

Classes & Labels

Fee Management

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the adjustment option on individual student profiles.

Verify you're editing the correct category (Day or Boarding)

prevent duplicate entries when former students or staff return.

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and protects classes with enrolled students from accidental deletion.

Manage classes and labels from the School Settings section. The system prevents duplicates

Students are invoiced once per term and academic year. If adjustments are needed, use

Fee Structures

Invoicing

► Confirm the class before making changes Use the copy feature to duplicate structures across classes Export structures for printing or sharing

PayBill and bank account payments require unique codes to prevent duplicates. For urgent situations, record payments as "pending" for later verification and receipt printing.

against double-invoicing. Keep location lists and fees updated in the drawer settings.

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Payment Processing

Payment Recording

Transport Management For schools offering transport services, billing occurs monthly with automatic safeguards

Assessments & Reporting

Assessments are saved locally before syncing to the cloud. Once synced, parents can

Marks exceeding 100 are automatically scaled to 0. Use grid filters to track entries when

dealing with many students and subjects, or reference verification sheets.

Verification Sheets: Include rankings, totals, and average marks for review

Data Entry Process access marks through the mobile app (Online version only).

1 Important

Assessment Entry

Mark Sheets ▶ Empty Mark Sheets: Print blank templates for manual data entry

Analytics Dashboard

Student participation rates

Teacher assignments per subject

Access comprehensive analytics including: Subject rankings and performance trends Standard deviation analysis

Update teacher assignments for each class from the dashboard to avoid N/A values in analytics reports.

Report Cards

Tip

Class and stream positions Term opening dates and student details Subject-wise assessment results and rankings

Class teacher comments and signatures

Comprehensive report cards include:

Historical Records: Access complete student transcripts from the Student Transcripts section for year-end or historical data.

Official school stamp

Setting Up Promotions

Student Promotions

This configuration is set once and saved for future use.

Configure student promotions from the School Settings section using promotion maps. **Promotion Maps** Define the transition path for students (e.g., Grade 1 → Grade 2, Grade 2 → Grade 3).

When promotions are executed, all current marks are cleared and archived. These

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archived marks remain accessible through the Student Transcripts module for future reference.

1 Important Notice

Support & Resources

Technical Support Our technical team is available to assist with installation, setup, and troubleshooting. Contact us for on-site support or remote assistance.

Training

Comprehensive training sessions are available for administrators, teachers, and staff to

Updates & Maintenance Online Version:

Automatic updates including database migrations **Offline Version:** Scheduled on-site updates by SDV agents

ensure smooth adoption and optimal use of the system.

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