



Search Comparators in PowerSchool

A search command is a statement of search instructions. Search commands must contain three elements: a field name, a comparator, and a search argument. Below is a list of comparators, description and example for your reference.

Comparator	Means This	Does This	Example
=	Equals	Searches for an EXACT match of the search argument	First_name=Jamaal
<	Is less than	Searches for all matches less than the search argument	Grade_level<11
>	Is greater than	Searches for all matches greater than the search argument	Grade_level>3
<=	Is less than or equal to	Searches for all matches less than or equal to the search argument	grade_level<=10
>=	Is greater than or equal to	Searches for all matches greater than or equal to the search argument	grade_level>=5
#	Does not equal	Searches for all matches that are anything other than the search argument	Special_education# (special education field is not blank)
in	One of the values is present in the field	Searches for all the matches that contain one of the search arguments. Additional search arguments are separated with commas in the search command	Last_name in Wilson, Pena (searches for students whose last name is Wilson or Pena)
contains	The value is contained in the field	Searches for matches where the search argument is anywhere in the field	Street contains maple
!contain	The value is not contained in the field	Searches for matches where the search argument is not anywhere in the field	Street !contain maple
@	Wildcard	Replaces unknown information in the search argument	First_name=jacq@ (searches for any student whose first name begins with jacq-such as Jacqueline and Jacqueline)