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Parent Connect and Student Connect

Student Grades

Student Pick Courses

- Web form enhanced to show full course description. There is the catalogue description as per SCH.310 and now a new SCH.317 that will allow the school to write significantly more description per course.
- Pick Courses tab now available in Student Connect (previous to this release was only available in parent connect, adminconnect, teacherconnect).
- <View> button for both pre-requisites and description bring up a single box containing both pre-requisite and additional course description information. Had decided to leave the 2 columns as parents would then be aware of what is online to view for this course.
- New <Print> button added to history of grades screen. This will provide parent/student with full profile of everything in the transcript. It will also include Passport information if the student has achieved any passports.

Student Textbook

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Student Demographics

- IEP link to IEP Central available from within Parent Connect. Parent can select IEP Central and if an IEP is in place it will be presented to the parent in pdf format.
- New authority given to STU.255 to allow school to provide Guardian2 and/or Guardian3 with full authority to reporting and contact information. Default is that G2 and G3 living at different address than the student would have access to all student information but not change authority to contact information.

Student Folder

- Each time an image is viewed, history of who/when is recorded in a history file. Last viewed person and date are shown in the document view.

Student Assignments

- Assignments were only showing for taken at registered school. Now courses and assignments from all schools will appear.
- New Term select for parents to be able to limit to assignments for a particular grading term

Corrections

- There was a <Print> issue for some student and assignment profiles – resolved
- When parents sent messages the subject was cutoff 0 now trims properly
- <View> description on <Pick Course> tab did not listen to if description in SCH.310 or SCH.317 view ... does now.
- The view course description for feeder students was not working .. corrected
- The top summary view of overall marks for the parent by course was not separating the overall mark between terms if term marking was not indicated in the setup .. resolved.



Teacher Connect

Student Grades

- Added a new option to GRD.21E format so that a grading format can either be available to Teacher Connect YES, NO, Lookup only. This way – between grading periods you could have a STD (standard format) or something available that includes all grades for the year and comment codes to the most accumulated information is available for view to Teachers and AdminConnect.
- There is a new option in GRD.21E that allows the office to mark a grading format as 'L'ookup only. This way grades can continue to be showed to teachers after the grading period is over without jeopardizing that they could change it.
- There is now consistency between inputting grades and inputting topics. CIMS is assuming that you have matching grading worksheets as report card formats (you can have more grading worksheet formats but the ones that pertain to a report card must have an identical ID as the report card). If you do this – then each report carding cycle appropriate dropdowns for topics will appear consistent with the grading worksheet to ensure that teachers are inputting their topics and grades into the appropriate report card buckets. Schools make sure to pay attention to which grading worksheet(s) you have open for teachers to input and to lookup!
- For Elementary Schools using Final mark entry into transcript (BC) VERY IMPORTANT ADD. If your format name has a match in GRD.270H Formats the system will then only allow certain grades to be entered per format! If you have a performance format (BCP.108) say X1 and you only want grades of M, NY – then create a GRD.270H format of X1 and indicate that allowed grades.

Student List/View and Demographics

- BC Only: Within the Special Ed screen there is a new <IEP Central>. When selected, this will branch to IEP Central and retrieve the appropriate IEP for the student if it exists.
- Within <Education Plan> there is a new <IEP Central>. When selected program will check into IEP Central and present the most current IEP for the student.

Student Attendance

Messaging

- The Send Message now listens to the ID that is sending the message and inputs that in the from sender details so that anyone receiving the message will be able to Reply
- When a teacher sends a message they will automatically ALSO receive the email. This way they know the email went – and they have a copy to file/save.

School Calendar

Student Assignments

- At time of printing student profiles or the student summary, user can also request to include other grade titles (WH1 = workhabit 1) and comment buckets (ie: C01).

- Added new tab <Input Grades> from within the Assignment so that if you a teacher wants to added narrative comment or work habit this would be more convenient.
- Within an assignment when a user selects category only categories that have been selected in the setup will appear.
- New ability to include a particular workhabit value (identify grade title) on assignment profile
- New ability to select a narrative comment (identify comment title) on assignment profile
- Selected Workhabit and/or narrative will appear on the course summary page
- New selection in Creating Assignment that allows you to not 'Close after Save'. This will assist when teachers need to save the assignment and then copy to other course(s). Once you change the default it will remain as you have indicated until you leave the option and return.
- New option in student marks to <Fill excluded into all students>. This will help in situations where students hand in completions over a long period of time. You want the completed marks to be included in mark calculations but you do not want all of the uncompleted ones to appear as 0.
- Reformatted Course assignment summary and student summary to fixed column lengths, consistent header sizes and a few other cosmetic changes to help the user visually.
- Gradebook will now accommodate categorizing and weighting your assignments by strand rather than term. If teachers want to split and weight their course by areas eg Planning 10 (Education and Careers, Health, Finances, Graduation Program) we can now accommodate. The manual has been updated to describe how to set this up.
- Enhanced course summary view column widths to improve readability

Student Folder

- Deleted efiled documents will now not truly be deleted. We will store the data record in a deleted member (to know what has been deleted) and physically leave the document in place. This will allow us to recover
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Corrections

- There was an assignment add issue if you were limited to a term – resolved.
- There was a problem in <Assignment Setup> copy from. Not all fields were being copied.
- There was a problem in selecting next assignment# if you were also restricted to a term.
- There was a problem in <view> from pick courses not displaying the course description details.
- When final marks were uploaded to CIMS, completion date was not filling in – corrected.
- The course handbook was not appearing to parentconnect/studentconnect ... bad link .. resolved. The program will now look within the iseries first (appropriately as this is where the new attach is found in Admin Connect) and if not found – will then look to the adminconnect/images directory.
- Reviewed all grades, attendance, textbook, course screens to ensure that page down would not save if <Save> option not available. This will completely prevent information that is not supposed to be updated from getting updated.