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# **TeacherPlus**

# Gradebook



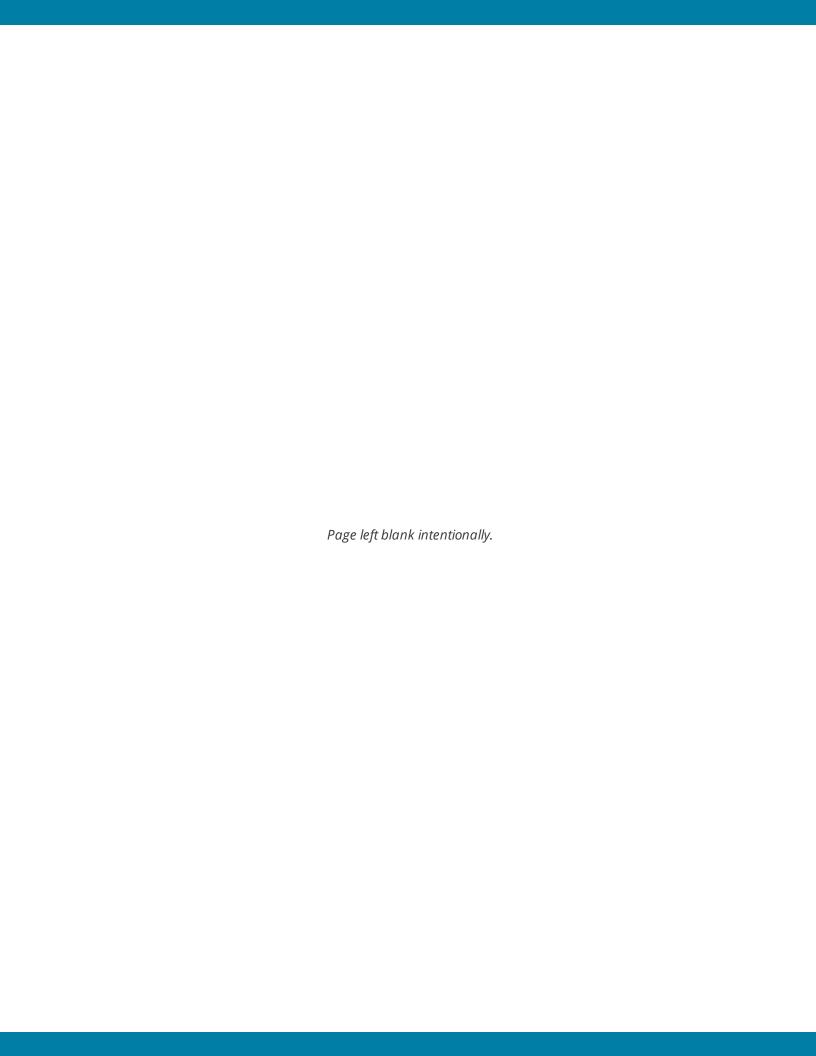
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# System Requirements

TeacherPlus Gradebook runs on Microsoft Silverlight. The system requirements for Silverlight are as follows (as listed by Microsoft):

### Compatible Operating Systems and Browsers

os	IE 11	IE 10	IE 9	IE 8	IE 7	IE 6	Fx 12+	Sf 4+	GC 12+
Win 8.1 Desktop	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	-	$\checkmark$	-	$\checkmark$
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Win Server 2012	-	<b>4</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>\( </b>	-	<b>4</b>
Win 7	-	-	<b>V</b>	<b>4</b>	-	-	<b>V</b>	-	<b>4</b>
Win 7 SP1	<b>4</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	-	-	<b>V</b>	-	<b>V</b>
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Win Vista SP2	-	-	<b>4</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>4</b>	-	<b>\( </b>	-	<b>\( </b>
Win Server 2003 SP2, XP SP3	-	-	-	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	-	<b>V</b>	-	<b>V</b>
Mac OS 10.5.7+	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>\rightarrow</b>	<b>4</b>	-

### **Minimal Requirements**

Components	Minimal Requirements
Win	X86 or x64 (64-bit mode support for IE only) 1.6-gigahertz (GHz) or higher processor with 512-MB of RAM
Mac (Intel- based)	Intel Core Duo 1.83-gigahertz (GHz) or higher processor with 512-MB of RAM

# Change Your Password

Note: You must be logged in to use the password management feature. If you've forgotten your password, contact your TeacherPlus Gradebook or AdminPlus administrator to have your password

1. At the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus, click the blue arrow to the right of your name.



- 2. Click **Change Password**.
- 3. Type your current password in the **Current Password** text field.
- 4. Type your new password in the **New Password** text field, keeping in mind that your password must have the following:
  - At least one lower-case letter
  - At least one upper-case letter
  - At least one number
  - A minimum of eight characters
- 5. Enter the password again in the **Confirm Password** text field.

**Note:** The **Password strength** bar indicates how strong your password is. For security purposes, we recommend typing a strong password, indicated by a full bar.

Password strength:

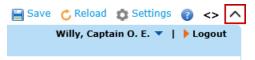
6. Click Change Password.

# Optimize Visibility

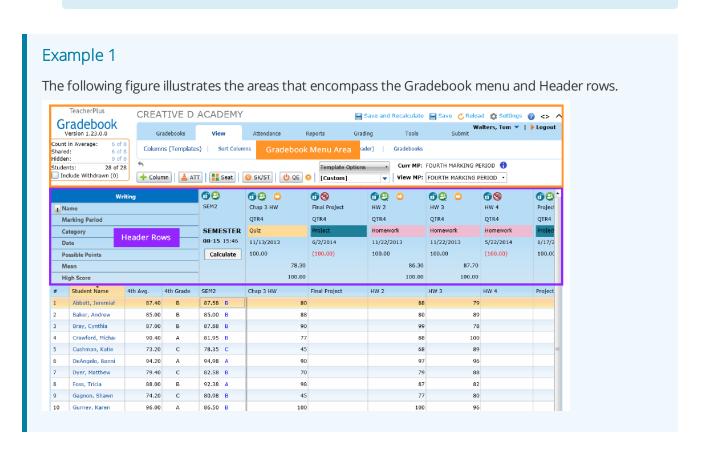
If your computer has a small screen size or resolution, there are three approaches you can take to maximize the number of students and assignment columns you can see at a time on the screen: minimize the Gradebook menu and Header rows, enable Thin Column Mode, and adjust the zoom settings on your browser.

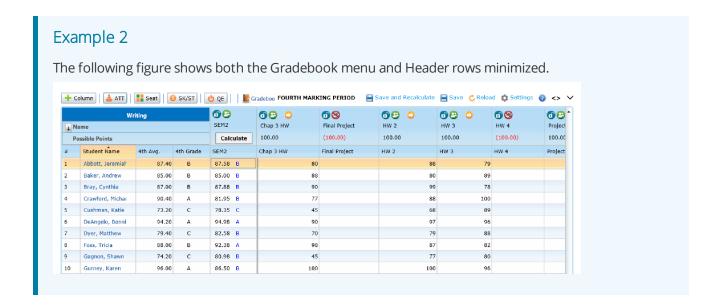
#### Minimize the Gradebook Menu and Header Rows

■ To minimize the Gradebook menu and Header rows, click the up arrow icon at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.



**Note:** When the Gradebook menu is hidden, the up arrow icon changes to a down arrow. Clicking the down arrow displays the Gradebook menu again.





#### **Enable Thin Column Mode**

This feature is ideal if you want to see the scores of several assignment columns at once.

Click the Thin Column Mode arrows at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.

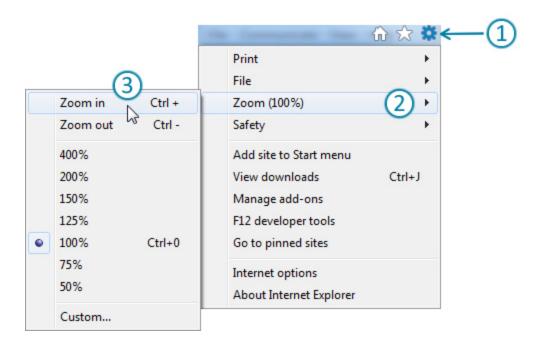


Note: Clicking the Thin Column Mode button again changes the assignment columns back to their standard width.

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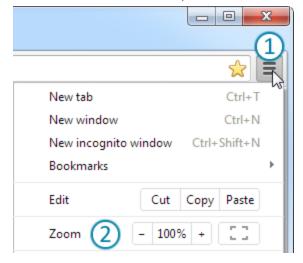
Adjusting your browser's zoom settings is another alternative to optimizing how much of TeacherPlus you can see.

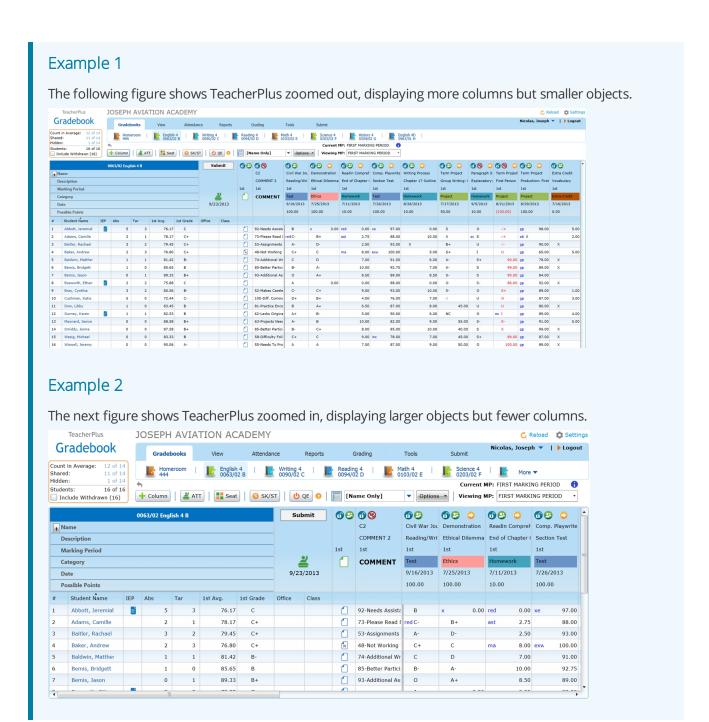
- 1. Click the Settings gear icon on the browser toolbar, located at the upper-right corner of the browser window.
- 2. From the shortcut menu, click **Zoom** to display more options.
- 3. Click **Zoom in** or **Zoom out**, depending on your preference.



#### Zoom In or Out Using Google Chrome

- 1. Click the Chrome menu icon on the browser toolbar, located at the upper-right corner of the browser window.
- 2. Click the icon + to zoom in, or click the icon to zoom out.





#### Load Your Zoom Changes

Click Reload at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus to refresh it.



## Select a Gradebook

From the **Gradebooks** menu, you can access all of the gradebooks that have been assigned to you. Each gradebook corresponds to a class or class section.

1. Click **Gradebooks** on the navigation bar to display the **Gradebooks** menu.



**Note:** Depending on the size of your screen, you may only be able to view a certain number of gradebooks in the **Gradebooks** menu. To select any additional gradebooks not visible in the **Gradebooks** menu, click **More**, located to the right of the last gradebook listed.



2. From the list of gradebook options, click a gradebook to load it.

**Note:** Your gradebook roster is determined by Administrator's Plus, your school's SIS (Student Information System). Even if there are some students you would like to delete, only the office can remove them.

3. To quickly find the number of students in a gradebook roster, locate the box at the upper-left corner of the TeacherPlus startup screen.

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# Gradebook



4. To include any students who have been withdrawn, select the **Include Withdrawn** check box at the upper-left corner of the screen.

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# Gradebook

Count in Average: 10 of 12 8 of 12 Shared: Hidden: 1 of 12 38 of 38 Students: ✓ Include Withdrawn (22)

**Note:** The withdrawn students appear in the roster in red. Also note that the office cannot delete or remove data from withdrawn students in your gradebook.

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2	Adams, Camille
3	Albrecht, Joe
4	Ameika, Andrew

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# CHAPTER 2

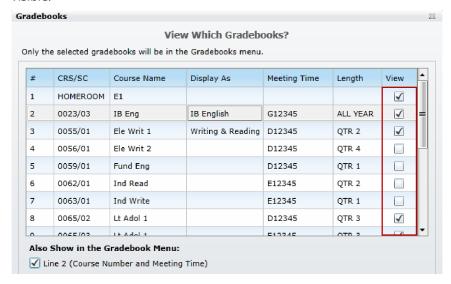
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## Choose which Gradebooks are Visible to You

The first step to customizing TeacherPlus to suit your classroom needs is setting which gradebooks are available from the **Gradebooks** menu. That is, depending on your school's current semester(s), quarter(s), or marking period(s), you may only want to make visible the gradebooks relevant to that period.

- 1. Click **View** on the navigation bar, and then click **Gradebooks**.
- 2. In the **Gradebooks** dialog box, select each check box that applies to the gradebook you wish to make visible.



To change the title of a gradebook, type the new name in the **Display As** column corresponding to the gradebook.

**Note:** The **Display As** name you enter appears anywhere the gradebook name is displayed, but the name won't be used for reports.

- 4. Click **OK** to save your changes.
- 5. To view a list of the gradebooks you've selected, click **Gradebooks** on the navigation bar.

**Tip:** When all of your gradebooks refer to all-year classes, selecting to view all gradebooks is convenient because you'll be dealing with the same classes throughout the entire year. However, when classes meet only for a certain quarter or semester, selecting to view only the classes that are relevant to that time period may be better.

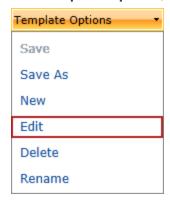
# Customize a Left Pane Column Template

With the template feature, you can easily customize left pane column templates for different situations, based on various Demographic, System, and Gradebook columns. For example, you could customize a template that only shows students' names and the Narrative and Comment columns. A template stores the left pane columns as well as their width (as customized by you). TeacherPlus comes preloaded with default templates that you can use or customize further as your own.

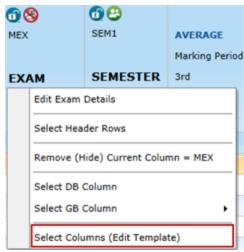
Note: Templates don't store any sort changes made to Score columns (the custom columns you've added for assignments, quizzes, projects, and other similar assessments).

#### Select Several Columns at a Time and Create a New Template

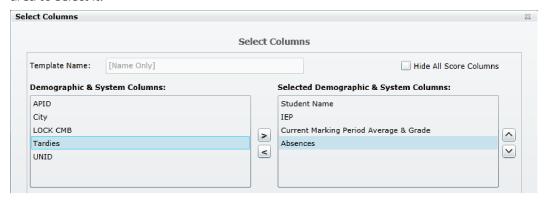
- 1. Do one of the following:
  - Click **View** on the navigation bar, and then click **Columns (Templates)**.
  - Click **Template Options**, and then click **Edit** or **New**.



• Right-click a demographic column, and then click **Select Columns (Edit Template)**.



2. In the Select Columns dialog box, double-click a column in the Demographic & System Columns area to select it.

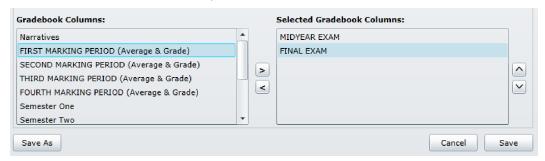


#### **Demographic & System** columns include the following columns:

- Student Name
- Current Marking Period Average & Grade
- Up to 20 AdminPlus demographic fields selected by your TeacherPlus manager
- IEP
- APID
- UNID

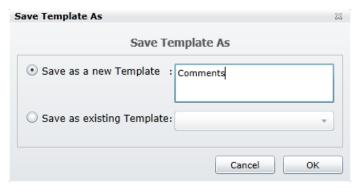
**Note:** When selecting **Demographic & System** columns, keep in mind that these columns are fixed and can't be scrolled. As a result, select only the number of columns optimal for your monitor size, screen resolution, and zoom settings.

3. In the **Gradebook Columns** area, double-click a column to select it.



**Gradebook** columns include the following columns:

- Exams
- Marking period averages
- Semester and final grades
- Narratives
- Comments
- Category averages
- Marking period points earned
- 4. To reorder the columns, use the up and down arrows in the **Selected** areas.
- 5. Click **Save As**.
- 6. In the Save Template As dialog box, click the Save as a new Template option, name the template, and click **OK**.



7. To access a list of all templates you've created as well as default templates preloaded with TeacherPlus, click the template drop-down list.

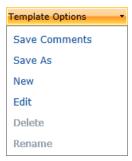


Note: Default TeacerPlus templates appear in brackets, whereas those created by you don't appear.

- 8. To save any new changes to a selected template, click **Template Options**, and then do one of the following:
  - Click **Save** to apply the changes to the selected template.

**Note:** This option is not available for default templates that come preloaded with TeacherPlus: [Name & Average], [Name Only], and [RC View]. Any column changes made while a default template is selected can't be saved to the template itself; instead, save the changes as a new template.

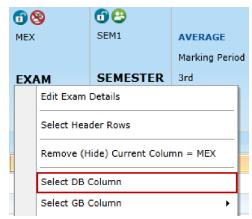
Click **Save As** to save the changes as a new template.



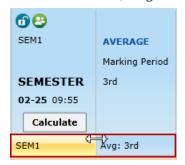
Note: Important: Whenever you make any new changes to a selected template (such as adding, removing, or resizing columns), the template changes to [Custom] in the template list. Any changes you make are automatically saved to [Custom] continuously until you choose to save the changes to the template you had selected or as a new template. Performing this manual save is only needed if you plan on switching between templates. Keep in mind that default templates cannot be altered, meaning that any changes made to a selected default template will need to be manually saved as a new template or automatically saved by TeacherPlus as [Custom].

#### Select, Remove, or Resize One Column at a Time

- 1. To select a column, right-click the top of any left pane column, and then do one of the following:
  - Click **Select DB Column** to select a demographic column.



- Click **Select GB Column** to select a **Gradebook** column, and then click one of the column options.
- 2. To remove a column, right-click the column, and then click **Remove (Hide)**.
- 3. To resize a column, drag and drop along the edges of the column label cell.



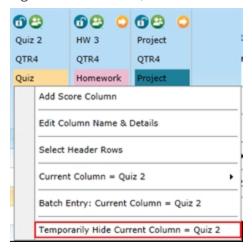
## Hide or Sort Score Columns

When it's that time of the semester or quarter at which you have created many homework and test assignments, hiding and organizing certain Score columns can save you time: You can not only focus solely on the assignment columns you need but also choose how you want to view them.

#### Temporarily Hide or Unhide a Score Column

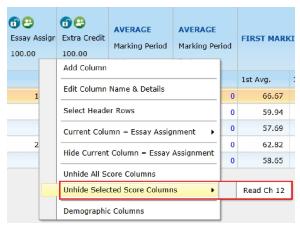
To hide a Score column:

Right-click the column, and then click Temporarily Hide Current Column = (the column name).



#### To unhide a Score column:

- 1. Right-click at the top of any **Score** column to display more options.
- 2. Click Unhide Selected Score Columns, and then click the Score column you wish to show.



3. To unhide all Score columns you have hidden, right-click any Score column, and then click Unhide All Score Columns.

#### Sort Score Columns

1. Click **View** on the navigation bar to display more **View** options.



2. Click **Sort Columns** to display the **Sort Columns** dialog box.



- 3. In the **Sort Columns** area, click the option by which you want to sort the columns.
- 4. In the **Sort Order** area, click **Ascending** or **Descending**, depending on how you want the columns to be sorted.
- 5. Click **Sort Now** to load your selections.

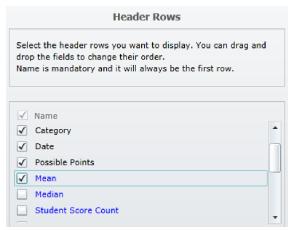
### Select Header Rows for Score Columns

When you've created **Score** columns for your class assignments, quizzes, or exams, you can choose which Header row labels to display for the Score columns (for example, Name, Category, or Possible Points). By selecting only the **Header** rows you need, you'll free up some space and be able to view more students at a time. In addition, you can also show 11 different statistics in the rows, such as Mean, Median, and Standard Deviation.

1. Click **View** on the navigation bar to display the **View** menu.



- Click Header Rows.
- 3. In the **Header Rows** dialog box, select the check box for each **Header** row you want displayed.



Note: The Name row is the only row that must be selected. If you choose to display statistical information, click Tools > Maintenance > Recalculate Statistics upon entering new scores to ensure your statistical data is always up to date.

4. Click **OK** to load your changes.

Tip: You can temporarily hide or unhide all Header rows and only have the Name row displayed. Click

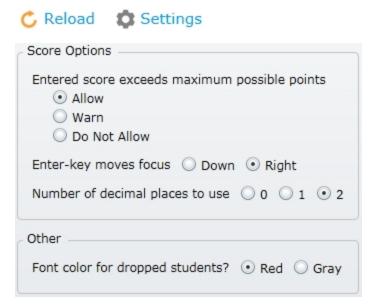
the arrow button beside the **Name** row. This feature can be especially useful when you need to view more students on the screen without zooming. For example, if you're grading and only need to know the name of the assignment, viewing only the **Name** row allows you to identify the assignment while simultaneously displaying more students on the screen to expedite grading.

# Configure Additional View Settings

You can further customize view options for scores, columns, dropped students, and the TeacherPlus startup screen by accessing the **Settings** dialog box. This topic gives you a brief overview of each of the **Settings** areas.

To access the Settings dialog box:

• Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.

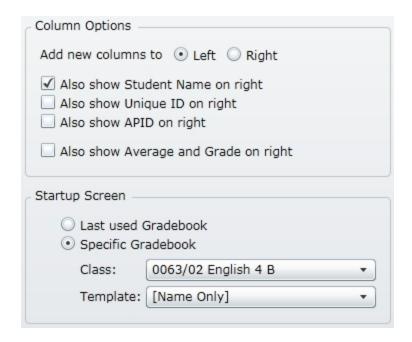


#### **Score Options**: Choose to:

- Allow, do not allow, or warn when an entered score exceeds maximum possible points. For example, if you have a quiz or exam in which bonus points are allowed beyond the maximum points for the exam, you may want to make it possible for you to enter a score such as 105.
- Move cell focus to the right or down when you press Enter on your keyboard. For instance, when you're entering student scores, you can choose whether pressing Enter on your keyboard moves focus to the cell to the right or down. If you need to grade several assignments per student, choosing to move focus to the right is recommended because it selects the next assignment cell. In contrast, if you need to grade several students for just one assignment, moving cell focus down expedites editing by selecting the next student.

**Other**: Change the color for dropped students to red or gray.

Number of decimal places to use: If you use decimals for your scores, click 1 or 2, or click 0 if you do not use decimals at all.



Column Options: Choose whether to add new Score columns to the right or left. For example, at the end of a semester or quarter, you may have several assignments. Choosing to add new **Score** columns to the left will keep you from having to scroll to view your most recent column. You can also choose to show the **Student** Name column and certain Pane columns on the right, in addition to displaying them on the left by default, for your convenience.

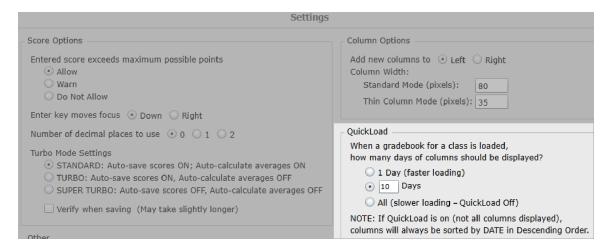
Startup Screen: Select whether TeacherPlus opens in the gradebook you used last or a specific gradebook. If you have a specific template you like, you may want to open TeacherPlus using that template.

## Display the Most Recent Assessment Columns with QuickLoad

When you have several assessment columns, QuickLoad can help you display only the most recent, relevant columns. QuickLoad maximizes visual workspace by hiding the columns you don't immediately need to see at a given time, and it improves load times by reducing the system resources that would otherwise be used to load multiple columns. You can choose to show columns either from the most recent day you added them or based on a number of previous days you specify.

- 1. Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.
- 2. In the QuickLoad area of the Settings dialog box, do one the following:
  - Click the option 1 Day (faster loading) to display only the columns from the most recent day since you added columns.
  - Click the **Days** option, and either leave the option at 10 days or enter the number of most recent days you would like to display assessment columns.

**Note:** The number of days set for this option is relative to the last day you added columns. For example, imagine you set the option to 10 days. If today is February 25, but the last day you added assessment columns was February 10, only assignments dating between February 1 and February 10 will be shown.

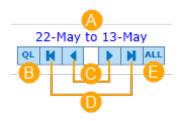


3. Click OK.

Note: When QuickLoad is enabled, columns are always sorted by date in ascending order.

4. Log in to TeacherPlus again to activate QuickLoad.

When QuickLoad is enabled, date control options appear on the far right side of the screen under the navigation menu. The date range appears with the most recent date on the left. This order corresponds to the order the columns are displayed. The following diagram and table explain the main control options of the QuickLoad navigation.



### **QuickLoad Control Features (See Diagram Above)** Click the blue date link to change the date range: In the **Specifications: Load Columns** dialog box, configure a desirable date range, and then click **OK**. **Specifications: Load Columns** Specifications: Load Columns View columns from: Today 15 Selected Date 6/1/2015 Days to view: Number of Days: 10 Cancel OK Navigate to the next or previous date range relative to the rage you're currently viewing. В For example, if you specify a date range of 10 days, these buttons take you to the previous or next 10 days. Navigate either to the newest or oldest date range, regardless of which date rage is C currently displayed. Reset the QuickLoad navigation to how it was displayed when the gradebook was initially D loaded. Ē Load all columns in the marking period.

# CHAPTER 3

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## Take and Submit Attendance

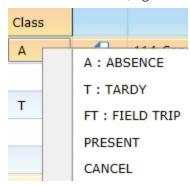
TeacherPlus offers three flexible ways to take attendance: the **Attendance** column, **Weekly View**, or **Seating Chart**. The **Attendance** column is a simple approach to taking and submitting daily attendance, whereas **Weekly View** enables you to review attendance for a given week. If you prefer taking attendance using a seating chart, the visual **Seating Chart** feature is a good choice.

#### Take Attendance Using the Attendance Column

1. Click the ATT button (off)/ (on) below the navigation bar to turn on the Attendance column.

**Note:** The **Attendance** column has two sub columns: the **Office** column, displaying attendance taken by the office, and the **Class** column, showing the attendance taken by you.

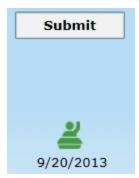
2. In the **Class** column, right-click a cell corresponding to a student to reveal more options.



3. Click one of the attendance options from the shortcut menu.

**Note:** Students are assumed to be present (indicated by a blank attendance cell) unless you enter a code in the **Class** column.

- 4. Repeat steps 2–3 to take attendance for all students.
- 5. Click **Submit** at the top of the column to indicate to the office that you have taken attendance.



Note: Once attendance is submitted, the gradebook icon for the class displays a green circle Homeroom around it (for example,

Tip: Instead of right-clicking to take attendance, you can also just click the cell to enter the next attendance option. For example, if you click the cell and it changes to "A" (for absent), clicking the cell again would change it to "T" (for tardy) or the next attendance option in your gradebook.

#### Take Attendance Using Weekly View

1. Click **Attendance** on the navigation bar.



- 2. In the Attendancemenu, click Weekly View.
- 3. In the Attendance Weekly View dialog box, right-click a cell corresponding to a student in the Class column.
- 4. Click one of the attendance options from the shortcut menu.

**Note:** By default, the **Attendance Weekly View** dialog box displays attendance for the current week. To view a different week, use the orange arrow buttons  $\bigcirc$  at the upper-left corner to browse weeks.

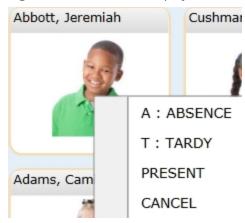
- 5. Repeat steps 2–3 to take attendance for all students.
- 6. Click **Submit** at the top of the column(s) to send the attendance to the office.

#### Take Attendance Using Seating Chart

1. Click **Attendance** on the navigation bar.



- 2. In the **Attendance** menu, click **Seating Chart**.
- 3. Right-click a student to display more attendance options.



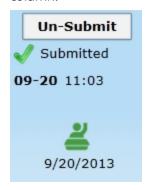
- 4. Click one of the attendance options.
- 5. Repeat steps 3–4 to take attendance for each student.
- 6. Click **Submit** at the upper-left corner.



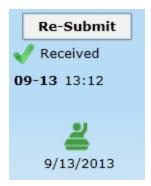
## Correct and Re-Submit Attendance

If you submit attendance accidentally or need to make changes to it, you can re-submit it to the office. If the office has yet to receive the attendance, the **Submit** button at the top of the **Attendance** column changes to **Un-Submit**. If the office has already received the attendance, the **Submit** button changes to **Re-Submit**.

- 1. Do one of the following, depending on whether or not the office has received your previous attendance submission:
  - If the office has not yet received the attendance, click **Un-Submit** at the top of the **Attendance** column.



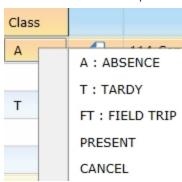
■ If the office has already received the attendance, click **Re-Submit** at the top of the **Attendance** column.



Note: If you're re-submitting attendance in Weekly View, click the corresponding Un-**Submit** or **Re-Submit** button for the **Attendance** column that needs to be changed.

2. In the **Class** column, right-click each attendance cell that needs to be corrected.

3. Click one of the attendance options from the shortcut menu. (The following figure is just an example of what the attendance options might be.)



4. Click **Submit** at the top of the **Attendance** column.

**Note:** Once you re-submit attendance, the new time of submission appears below the **Un-Submit** button.

## Create and Edit a Seating Chart

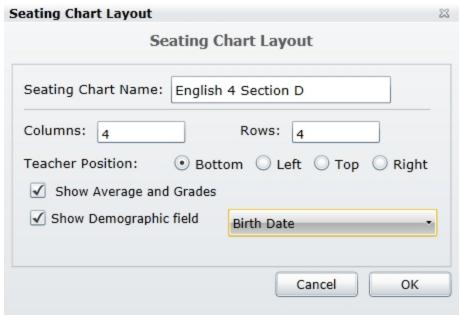
Regardless of how many seat rows and columns your classroom has, TeacherPlus makes it easy for you to create a visual seating chart for any of your classes and sections. From the chart, you can not only see each student's position but also a snapshot of their ID photo, current average, and a demographic field of your choice.

#### Create a Seating Chart

- **Seat** under the navigation bar. 1. Click the **Seat** button
- 2. In the upper-right corner of the **Seating Chart** dialog box, click **New**.



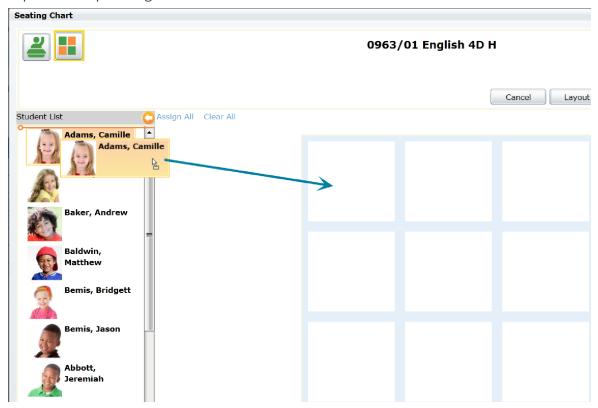
3. In the **Seating Chart Layout** dialog box, name the chart in the **Seating Chart Name** text field.



- 4. Enter the number of columns and rows.
- 5. Click one of the **Teacher Position** options.

Note: Teacher Position refers to your position relative to students. For example, if your desk is located in front of the class, from your perspective, the **Teacher Position** would be **Bottom**.

- 6. Do any or none of the following:
  - Select the **Show Average and Grades** check box to display students' averages under their photos in the seating chart.
  - Select the Show Demographic field check box, and choose a field to display from the list to the right of it.
- 7. Click OK.
- 8. In the **Student List** column, drag a student to his or her respective position on the seating chart. Repeat this step to assign seats to other students.



**Note:** To assign all students to the seating chart at once alphabetically, click **Assign All** to the right of **Student List**. Similarly, to clear all students from the chart at once, click **Clear All** (also to the right of **Student List**).

- 9. Click **Save** at the upper-right corner of the **Seating Chart** dialog box to save your changes.
- 10. Click **Back to Gradebook** to return to the TeacherPlus startup screen.

**Note:** In order to avoid closing TeacherPlus, remember to use the **Back to Gradebook** button instead of your browser's Close button to return to the TeacherPlus startup screen.

#### Edit an Existing Seating Chart

- **Seat** 1. Click the **Seat** button
- 2. In the **Seating Chart** dialog box, click the seating chart you want to edit from the **Seating Chart** list.
- 3. Click **Edit**.
- 4. Make the necessary changes to the chart by doing any of the following:
  - To reset and remove a student's position on the chart, click the Close button icon located to the right of the student's name.
  - To change the layout of the chart, click **Layout**.
  - To rename the chart, click **Rename**.
  - To save chart changes as a new template, click **Save As**.
- 5. Click Save.

## Print a Seating Chart

You can quickly print a seating chart you've created by accessing the seating chart screen.

- 1. On the home screen of your selected gradebook, click Seat
- 2. Click a seating chart from the **Seating Chart** drop-down list.



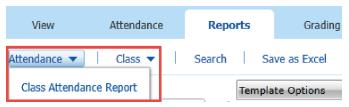
- 3. Click at the upper-left corner.
- 4. Click **Print** at the upper-right corner.
- 5. Follow the printing prompts, and set the layout to **Portrait** or **Landscape**.

**Note:** The maximum number of columns and rows for a standard 8.5" x 11" paper are 8 columns by 9 rows in **Portrait** layout and 9 columns by 6 rows in **Landscape** layout.

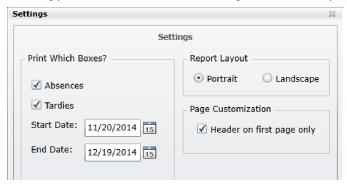
## Generate an Attendance Report

You can easily generate and print an attendance report that includes absences and/or tardies for a time frame specified by you.

1. On the Reports tab, click Attendance, and then click Class Attendance Report.



2. In the **Print Which Boxes** area, select the check box for **Absences and/or Tardies**, depending on which type of attendance information you want to display on the report.



- 3. Select the start and end dates to be included in the report.
- 4. In the **Report Layout** area, select a page orientation option.
- 5. Optional: In the Page Customization area, select whether to display a header only on the first page of the report.
- 6. Click OK.
- 7. To print the report, click the print icon 🔚 at the upper-left corner of the report window.
- 8. To return to the report settings, click **Settings** at the upper-left corner of the report window. After customizing the settings, click **OK**, and then click **Generate** at the upper-left corner of the report window to generate a new report.

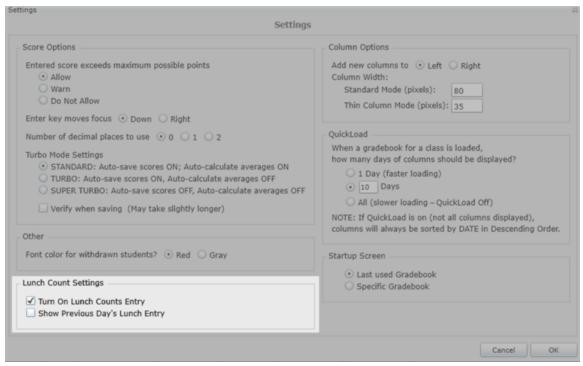
**Tip:** At the upper-left corner of the report window, you will also find buttons to browse the report, print the report, or save the report to your computer in common formats (for example, PDF). Zooming for the report can be adjusted at the bottom-right of the report window.

## Enter and Submit Lunch Counts

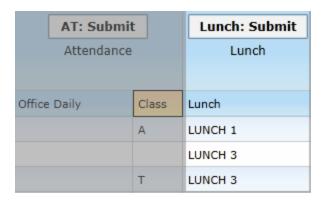
Using the Lunch Count feature, you can enter students' lunch preferences right from TeacherPlus, and submit them to the main office. The process involves enabling the Lunch Count feature, entering predefined lunch codes for each student, and submitting the information to the office. By helping track students' lunch selections, you help the cafeteria prepare only the necessary number of each dish, which helps save resources.

Note: For lunch counts to work in TeacherPlus, your TeacherPlus administrator must configure the feature in AdminPlus.

- 1. Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.
- 2. In the Lunch Count Settings area (at the bottom of the Settings dialog box), select Turn On Lunch **Count Entries**, and click **OK**.



Upon enabling the lunch counts, the **Lunch** column appears beside the attendance (AT) column.



- 3. In the **Lunch** column, enter lunch preferences for a student in either of two ways:
  - Click a lunch cell corresponding to a student to cycle through lunch codes.
  - Right-click a lunch cell corresponding to a student, and select a lunch code.

**Note:** Lunch codes are predetermined by your school.

4. To submit the lunch counts to the main office, click **Lunch: Submit**.

When lunch counts have been successfully submitted the **Lunch** column displays



5. To make any changes to lunch counts after you've submitted them, click **Unsubmit** at the top of the **Lunch** column, make the necessary change, and then click **Submit** again.

#### To get a quick glimpse of all lunch count totals for the gradebook that's currently open, click **Lunch Counts** at the top of the **Lunch** column. **Lunch Counts** 23



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## Add or Remove an Assignment Score Column

When adding an assignment or test, there are a variety of options you can specify, such as assignment type, maximum possible points, and whether or not the assignment counts in averages.

#### Add an Assignment Score Column

1. Click **Column** below the navigation bar to show the **Add Column** dialog box.



- 2. Click one of the **Add To** options, depending on where you want the assignment to be added. You can the assingment to the current section gradebook, all section gradebooks of a course, all gradebooks, or selected gradebooks only.
- 3. Name the assignment and add a description.
- 4. In the **Category** drop-down list, click an assignment category.
- 5. Enter the maximum possible points for the assignment.

- 6. Do any or all of the following (depending on which options your TeacherPlus administrator has enabled):
  - Select the Lock Column check box to prevent any editing to the column, including entering grades.
  - Select the **Count in Averages** check box if you want the assignment to be included in the overall average of all assignments.
  - Select the **Shared (Public) Column** check box to share the assignment and its score with parents. Clearing this check box makes the column private.

**Note:** It's important to select this check box in order for the assignment to count in averages. Only public columns count in averages. **Example**: Imagine that a student has a public score of 90 percent and a private score of 70 percent. In PlusPortals, the parent would see a public score of 90 percent and an average of 90 percent. However, if the private score of 70 percent counted in the average, the parent would see an average of 80 percent and only the public score of 90 percent. Because the parent doesn't know that the private score of 70 is counted in the average, it could lead to problems.

 Select the Add to PlusPortalsas Homework check box to post the assignment in the Homework panel in PlusPortals.

Note: Adding homework to PlusPortals can only be done when creating the column. However, you can edit the other check box selections by double-clicking at the top of the Score column.

 Click Link Skills/Standards as Homework to link skills to the assignment, and select the skill check boxes you want.

Skills/Standards	Common Core
R1: Progress	sing toward reading 25 grade appropriate books
R2: Shows e	vidence of understanding his/her reading in writing/discussion
W1: Writes a	well organized piece, using relevant facts and details
W2: Shows	evidence of planning, drafting, revising, editing
W3: Applies	standard conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation)

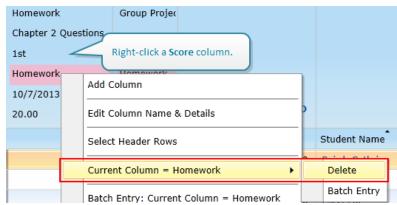
- 7. Optional: To add a homework assignment you had created in the previous school year, click **Add Columns From Previous Year** at the bottom of the **Add Column** dialog box.
- 8. Click **OK** to create the assignment.

**Tip:** To edit an existing assignment, double-click at the top of the assignment's **Score** column.

#### Remove a Specific Assignment Score Column

#### Method 1

- 1. Right-click the assignment **Score** column to display a shortcut menu.
- 2. Click Current Column, and then click Delete.

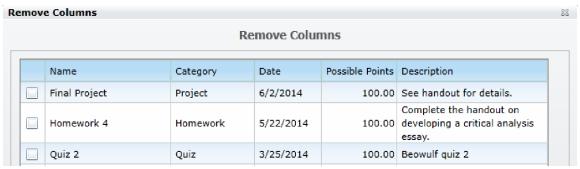


3. Click Yes to confirm the warning.

**Note:** Only unlocked **Score** columns can be deleted. If a column is locked, double-click at the top of the column to display the Edit Column Name & Details dialog box, and clear the Lock **Column** check box.

#### Method 2

- 1. Click **Tools** on the navigation bar.
- 2. In the **Tools** menu, click **Remove Column**.
- 3. In the **Remove Columns** dialog box, select each check box corresponding to the assignment column you want to delete.



Note: Remember: The columns you select to delete refer to individual assignments and not to assignment categories.

## Make a Score Column Public or Private

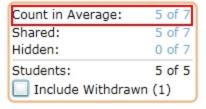
You can choose to make a **Score** column public or private when or after you create it. **Public** columns, and their scores, will be visible to students and parents on PlusPortals (if your school has it). In contrast, **Private** columns will be visible to you only.

Before making a column public or private, consider the following:

- Public or Private Score column settings are only relevant if your school uses PlusPortals to share classroom information with parents and students.
- **Private** columns don't count in averages. You can check how many columns are counting in the averages at the upper-left corner of TeacherPlus.

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- Your TeacherPlus administrator determines whether new columns are made private or public by default.
- It's strongly recommended that you keep Score columns private until after you have entered and verified scores for all of the students in the class. If you share the column before entering scores, parents can see them, including any errors you may make, as you are typing them.
- Students can only see their own public scores on PlusPortals. Authorized contacts of the students can only see what the students see.

To make a column public or private after you create it, do the following:

- 1. If the column is public (indicated by the public icon ), click the icon to make the column private.
- 2. If the column is private (indicated by the private icon 8), click the icon 8 to make the column public.

Tip: To make a column public or private while you're creating it, see the topic Add or Remove Assignment Categories.

## Create and Color-Code an Assignment Category

If enabled by your TeacherPlus administrator, you can create new assignment categories and change their color code. This feature provides you the opportunity to have any additional assignment categories (for example, "Extra Credit") that may not be available by default from your TeacherPlus administrator.

1. Click **Grading** on the navigation bar.

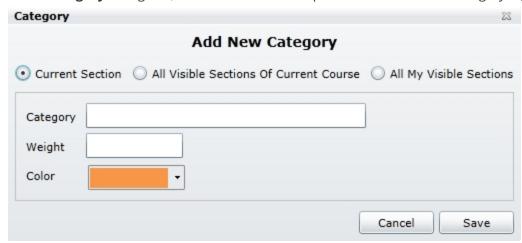


- 2. In the **Grading**menu, click **Add/Weight Categories**.
- 3. In the Add/Weight Categories dialog box, click Add New Category.



**Note:** From the **Add/Weight Categories** dialog box, you can also delete categories that are not currently in use. Click in the **Delete** column for the category you want to delete.

4. In the **Category** dialog box, click one of the three options to set where the category is going to appear.



- 5. Name the category in the **Category** text field.
- 6. Enter the category's weight value in the **Weight** text field.
- 7. Select a color for the category from the **Color** list.

**Note:** Any future assignment associated with this category will inherit this color.

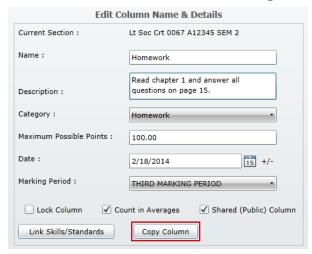
- 8. Click Save.
- 9. Click **OK**.

**Tip:** If you need a category (for example, "Homework") to have a different weight in a new quarter, create a similar secondary category, and give it a different weight. For example, you could create a category titled "Term 1 Homework" with a weight of 15, and name the other category "Term 2 Homework" with a weight of 10. You can also hide the old category in the Add/Weight Categories dialog box by selecting the **Hide** check box beside the column. To learn more about setting grade weights, see the topic Set a Grade Weight.

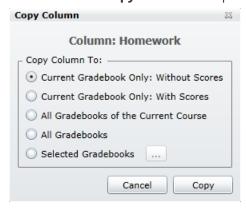
## Copy an Assignment Column to Other Gradebooks

If you teach several sections of the same course, it's very likely all sections share many of the same assignments. TeacherPlus Gradebook enables you to easily copy an assignment to all of your other gradebooks or just a selected few, saving you time and the monotony of having to create the same assignment over and over again. In addition, you can choose to copy an assignment with or without any of the scores it currently has.

- 1. Double-click the heading of the assignment **Score** column to be copied.
- 2. In the Edit Column Name & Details dialog box, click Copy Column.



3. Click one of the **Copy Column To** options, depending upon how you want to copy the assignment.



- 4. If you want to copy the assignment to specific gradebooks, click the **Selected Gradebooks** option, and then click ........
- 5. Select the check box for each gradebook where the assignment will be copied to, and click **OK**.
- 6. Click **Copy**, and then click **OK**.

# CHAPTER 5

## Grade Assignments

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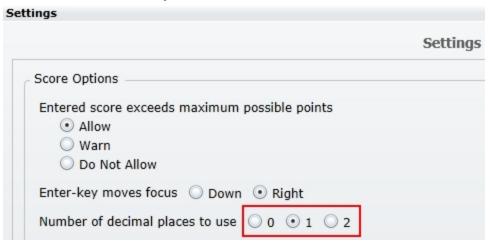
## Add Decimal Places to Grades

TeacherPlus enables you to add up to two decimal places to **Score** column grades. The grades for the **Score** columns counting in averages, including their decimal values, are averaged and shown in the Average column.

1. Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus to show the **Settings** dialog box.



- 2. In the **Score Options** area, do one of the following:
  - Click 1 for Number of decimal places to use to set decimal places to one (for example, 89.4).
  - Click 2 for Number of decimal places to use to set decimal places to two (for instance, 89.45).
  - Click **0** not to use any decimals.

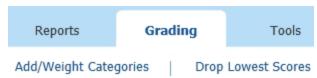


Warning: Setting decimal places to scores and changing your settings back to no decimals may negatively impact students' averages. For example, imagine that you set the decimal places to 1 and assigned a grade of 89.3 to one student and a grade of 89.9 to another student. If you were to change the decimal places to 0 again, both scores of 89.3 and 89.9 would lose their decimal values, and the grades would be converted to an 89. As a result, the student who should have received a grade of 89.9 (or 90) would have his overall average negatively affected.

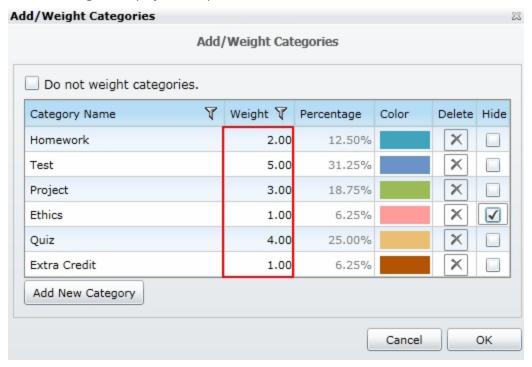
## Set a Grade Weight

By default, assignment category weights are set by the school's TeacherPlus administrator. If enabled by the administrator, teachers can also change the score weight of assignment categories. Score weights give you the flexibility to set the ratio of each assignment type. The ratios are then automatically converted to their respective percentages.

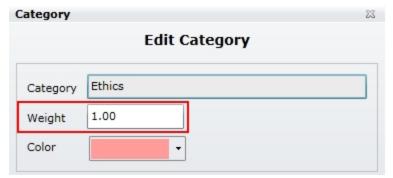
1. Click **Grading** on the navigation bar.



- 2. In the **Grading** menu, click **Add/Weight Categories**.
- 3. In the Add/Weight Categories dialog box, double-click the weight of the assignment category you want to change to display more options.



4. In the **Category** dialog box, type the weight of the category in the **Weight** text field.



Note: Because grade weights are ratios that are automatically converted to appropriate percentages, there are many approaches you can take to the weight values.

- 5. Click Save.
- 6. Click **OK**.

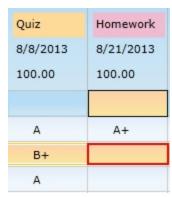
**Tip:** From the **Category** dialog box, you can also change the color of the assignment category from the **Color** drop-down list.

## Grade an Assignment

When it comes time to grade assignments, TeacherPlus offers different approaches to expedite the grading process based on your particular situation.

#### Grade an Assignment Using the Conventional Approach

1. Double-click the **Score** column cell that corresponds to a specific student.



2. Type the grade value using your keyboard, and press Enter.

**Note:** If the assignment you're grading doesn't count in the overall average, its score values appear in red. Also note that if the column is locked (indicated by the locked padlock top of the column), you won't be able to enter any scores. If that's the case, click the locked padlock icon so that it displays an open padlock

3. Repeat steps 1–2 to enter the grades for the remaining students.

Note: The Average and Subtotal column values are automatically calculated when you enter a grade for an assignment. These column values only include grades you've assigned, excluding assignments you have yet to grade.

#### Grade an Assignment Using Quick Entry

When you have many students in your class and need to grade a specific student on various assignments, using Quick Entry to find and grade the student can really expedite the grading process.

1. Click the **OE** button below the navigation bar to turn on **Quick Entry**.

Note: When turned off, the Quick Entry button is colored orange. When turned on, the button turns green, and the **Searching** function appears below the button (see the figure in the next step).

2. In **Searching**, type the first letters of the student's last name to automatically locate the student.



3. When focus changes to the student, type the score value, and then press Enter.

**Tip:** You can change whether TeacherPlus shifts focus to the next cell to the right or down when entering grades for an assignment. Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus. In the **Settings** dialog box, click one of the two **Enter-key moves focus** options. If you're grading many students on just one assignment, moving focus down is recommended. If you're grading one student on many assignments, shifting focus to the right is a more efficient alternative.

## **Undo Grading Edits**

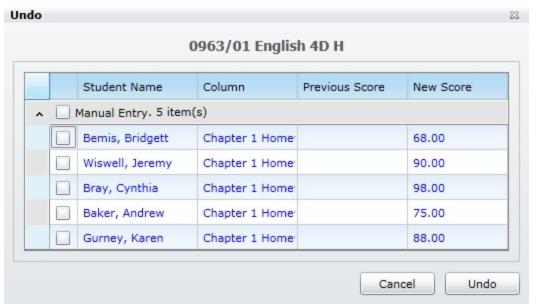
You can take advantage of the **Undo** feature to correct any grades you've assigned. **Undo** provides you with a list of your most recent grade edits during the current login, giving you the option to select the ones you want to undo.

1. Click the **Undo** arrow icon located under the left side of the navigation bar.



**Note:** You can only click the **Undo** arrow if you've made recent grade edits during your current login. If you haven't made any recent edits, the arrow turns gray and cannot be clicked.

2. In the **Undo** dialog box, select each check box for the corresponding edit you want to undo.



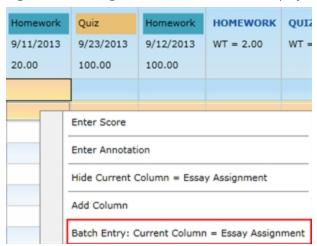
3. Click Undo.

**Note:** The list of your recent grade edits disappears when you change gradebooks or log out.

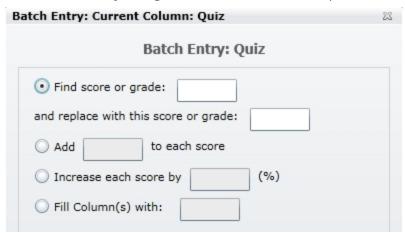
## Correct or Grade Several Scores at Once

The **Batch Entry** feature of TeacherPlus simplifies the process of editing all the grades for a given assignment at once. With Batch Entry, you can find a specific grade and replace it with another, add a certain amount of points to all scores, increase grades by a certain percentage, or give all students a specific grade.

1. Right-click an assignment **Score** column to display more options.



2. In the **Batch Entry** dialog box, click one of the score options, and enter the grade.



3. Click OK.

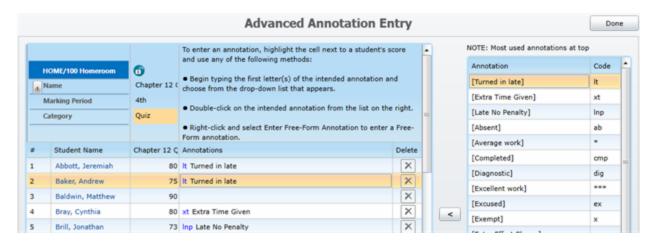
**Note:** Keep in mind that grades can only be entered in unlocked columns.

## Add an Annotation to a Grade

Adding an annotation to a grade is a quick way to note any special circumstances regarding the score, such as an assignment turned in late. You can either add annotations from a predefined list (such as "Great Work," "Incomplete Work," or "Turned in Late") or add custom annotations of your own. Score annotations are visible to parents and students on PlusPortals.

#### Select an Annotation from a Predefined List

- 1. Right-click any score cell, and then click **Advanced Annotation Entry**.
- 2. On the **Advanced Annotation Entry** dialog box, do one of the following:
  - Double-click an Annotations cell corresponding to a student, and then double-click a predefined annotation on the right side.
  - Click an Annotations cell for a student, click an annotation, and then click



- 3. Repeat step 2 to add more annotations to scores.
- 4. Use the **Delete** column to remove unwanted annotations you've applied. You can also delete an annotation by right-clicking it, and then clicking **Remove Annotation**. The delete feature doesn't permanently delete the annotation, but it simply removes the annotation from the grade.
- 5. Click **Done** at the upper-right corner when finished.

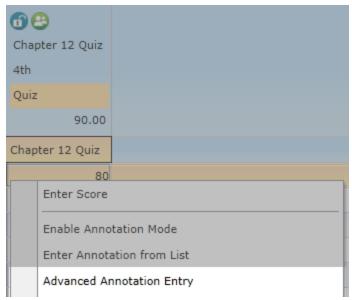
Note: Although only the annotation code appears beside the score, the full annotation is visible on progress reports as well as to parents and students on PlusPortals (if your school has the Portal).



#### Add Your Own Predefined Annotation

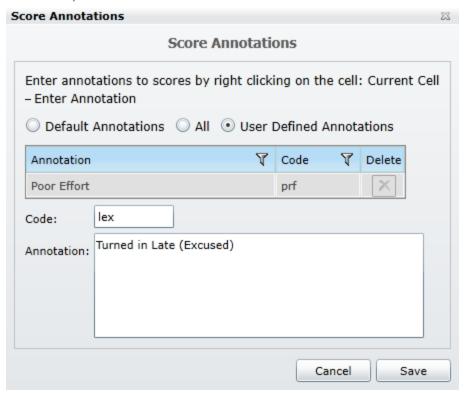
If enabled by your TeacherPlus administrator, you can add annotation codes of your own, which only you can use.

1. Right-click a score cell, and then click **Advanced Annotation Entry**.



- 2. On the right side of the **Advanced Annotation Entry** dialog box, review the list of all annotations to make sure the annotation you want to create doesn't already exist.
- 3. Click **Add Annotation to the List** at the bottom.

4. In the Score Annotations dialog box, type a code for the annotation, type the details of the annotation, and then click **Save**.



- 5. To add more annotations, click **Add Annotation**, and repeat step 4.
- 6. You can delete any unwanted annotations in the **Delete** column.
- 7. Click **OK** when you're done adding annotations.

You custom annotation is added to the list of predefined annotations on the Advanced Annotation **Entry** dialog box.

#### Quickly Enter a Predefined Annotation Using the Keyboard

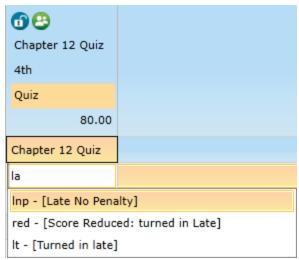
- 1. Enable Annotation Mode in either of two ways:
  - Annotation Mode ■ Under the **Gradebooks** menu, click
  - Right-click a score cell, and then click **Enable Annotation Mode**.

**Note:** The **Annotation Mode** button turns green when the mode is on, and the button turns orange when the mode is off. Hovering over the **Annotation Mode** button also display its status.

- 2. Double-click a score cell corresponding to a student to place the cursor in the cell.
- 3. Begin typing the keyword associated with the annotation to match existing predefined annotations,

which you can then choose from.

As you begin typing, a search filter automatically appears and begins matching the letters you've typed with the record of predefined annotations. The more letters you enter, the further the list of annotations is filtered. For example, if you type the letter "I," the filter presents you with all annotations that begin with that letter, but if you type the word "late," only annotations matching that word appear.



Note: If the text you've entered doesn't match any annotations, and you press the Enter key, the annotation will not be saved. A warning message appears subsequently.

4. Click the desired annotation from the list, and press Enter.

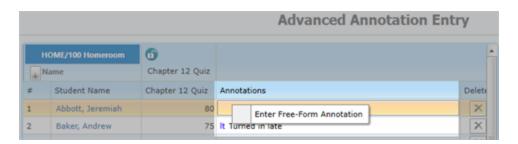
When you press Enter and complete adding the annotation, Annotation Mode skips to the next score

Scores can only be entered or modified when **Annotation Mode** is disabled. When you're done entering annotations, disable Annotation Mode by clicking **Annotation Mode**.

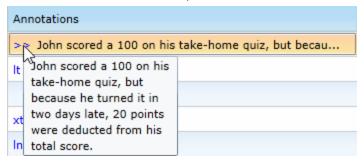
#### Enter a Custom Annotation Using Free-Form

The Free-Form Annotation feature enables you to type an annotation of up to 200 characters. This mode must be enabled by your TeacherPlus administrator.

- 1. Right-click any score cell, and then click **Advanced Annotation Entry**.
- 2. In the Advanced Annotation Entry dialog box, right-click an Annotations cell corresponding to a student, and then click **Enter Free-Form Annotation**.



- 3. Type the desired annotation, and then click **OK**.
- 4. Hover over the annotation to preview its full details.



**Tip:** The Advanced Annotation Entry dialog box can also be used to enter predefined annotations and to add predefined annotations of your own.

#### Add an Annotation of Your Own (If Enabled by Your TeacherPlus Administrator)

- 1. Click **Grading** on the navigation bar.
- 2. In the **Grading** menu, click **Score Annotations**.
- 3. In the **Score Annotations** dialog box, click **Add Annotation**.
- 4. Enter the annotation code in the **Code** text field.
- 5. Enter the annotation in the **Annotation** text field, and click **Save** to create the annotation.

**Note:** The **Score Annotations** dialog box lists existing annotations you've created. You can delete any of them by clicking under the **Delete** column for the corresponding annotation. Annotations already in use cannot be deleted.

6. Click **OK**.

## Increase Speed with Turbo Mode

When entering grades, you can increase the performance of TeacherPlus by enabling **Turbo Mode**. Using **Turbo Mode** is recommended only if keystrokes are being lost when typing.

To enable Turbo Mode, do the following:

- 1. Click **Settings** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus to display the **Settings** dialog box.
- 2. In the **Score Options** area, click one of the following options:
  - TURBO: In this mode, scores are saved as you type them, but averages are not calculated until you click **Save and Recalculate** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.

Tip: Turbo Mode is automatically used when you enter scores for a Score column that's not counting in averages. (When you share the column, averages are automatically calculated.) If you set new **Score** columns not to count in averages when you create them, it will be really fast to enter scores without having to manually turn on **Turbo Mode**.

■ SUPER TURBO: This mode provides greater performance than the TURBO option, but scores are not saved as you type them nor are averages calculated. To save the scores and calculate the averages, click **Save and Recalculate** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.

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Note: Considering that student scores are not automatically saved in Super Turbo Mode, use this mode only if necessary. If using this mode, remember to click **Save** at the upperright corner of TeacherPlus to save students' scores.

#### 3. Click OK.

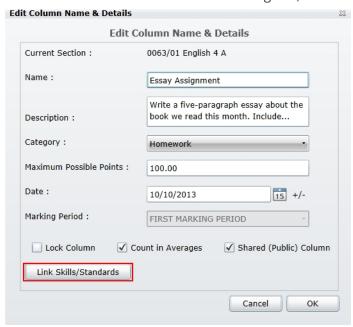
Regardless of which **Turbo Mode** is turned on, marking period and semester and final averages are not automatically recalculated when new scores are entered (only possible in **Standard Mode**). Remember that in order to recalculate averages, you must click **Save and Recalculate** at the upper-right corner of TeacherPlus.

## Link and Assess Skills

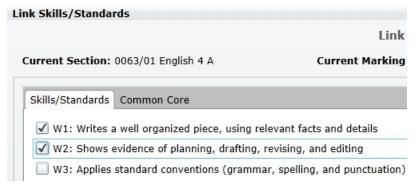
When it comes to assessing students on skills set by your school, there are two approaches you can take: Either automatically assign a skill grade for each skill you have linked to **Score** columns, or directly enter the skill grade via the **Skills/Standards** dialog box.

#### Link Specific Skills to a Score Column and Assess the Skills Automatically

- 1. Double-click at the top of the assignment **Score** column to display more options.
- 2. In the Edit Column Name & Details dialog box, click Link Skills/Standards.



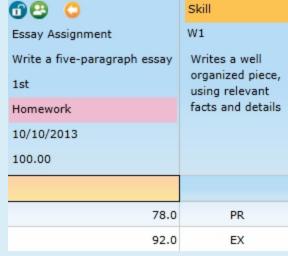
3. In the **Link Skills/Standards** dialog box, select each check box corresponding to the skill you wish to link to the assignment.



**Note:** The list of skills is determined by your school.

- 4. Click OK.
- 5. To view the skills you have linked to a specific assignment, click the orange arrow icon March at the top of the assignment **Score** column.

**Note:** When skills are linked to **Score** columns, the skill grades are automatically calculated based on the percentage score the student receives for the assignment or exam. For example, in the following figure, we have two students graded on a homework assignment that has been linked to a skill. One student earned a grade of 92 percent (converted to a skill grade of "EX" for Exceeding), whereas the other student scored a 68 percent (converted to a skill grade of "PR" for Progressing). The skill grade cut-off values are set by the TeacherPlus administrator. **6** 23 Skill W1 Essay Assignment Write a five-paragraph essay Writes a well



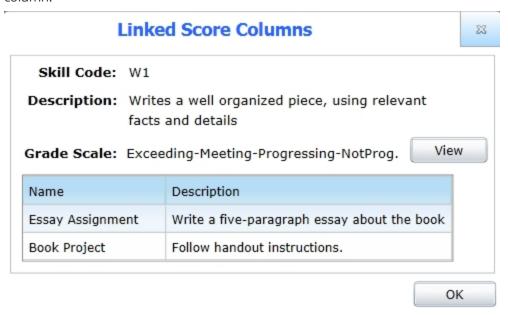
#### Assess Skills via Direct Entry

- SK/ST 1. Click the **SK/ST** button below the navigation bar.
- 2. In the **Skills/Standards** dialog box, do one of the following:
  - Right-click a **Score** cell, and click a skill grade from the displayed list of available linked skill grades.
  - Type the skill grade directly into a **Score** cell, and press Enter.
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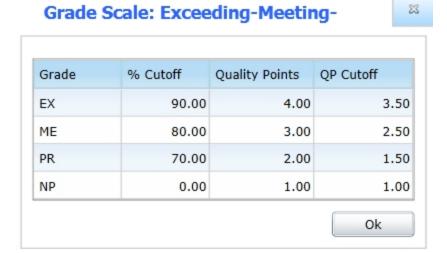
**Note:** Repeat step 2 to change or override any skill grade. Overridden grades appear in green.

Whenever you open the **Skills/Standards** dialog box, click **Secalculate** at the upper-right corner to recalculate all skill grades. Because skill grades do not automatically recalculate when you open the dialog box, it's important to use this when new skill scores have been entered recently to ensure the most up-to-date skill grades.

3. To view which **Score** columns have been linked to a skill, click the green icon at the top of the skill column



4. In the **Linked Score Columns** dialog box, click **View** to see how all skill grades for a given skill column will be averaged into the final skill grade for the marking period.

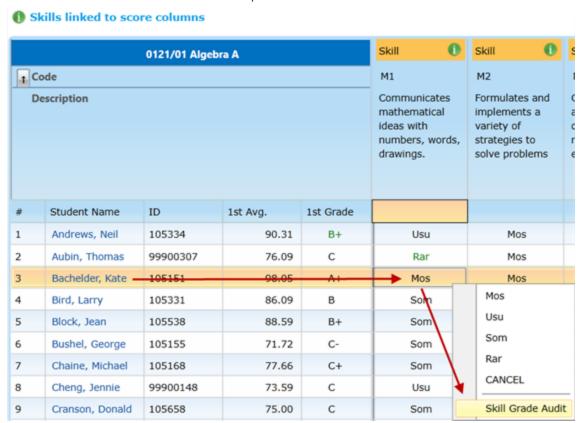


**Note:** Skills linked to specific **Score** columns display the green icon , whereas skills not linked to any columns display the blue icon .

## Audit a Skill Grade

You can see exactly how the average for a skill grade has been calculated by auditing it.

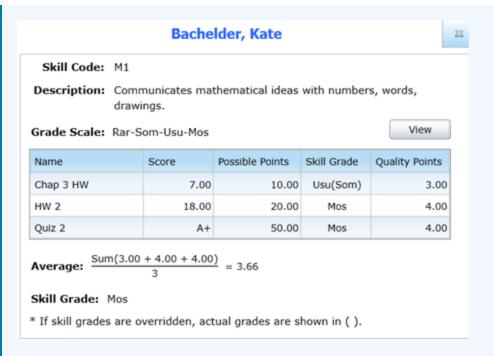
- SK/ST 1. Click the **SK/ST** button below the navigation bar.
- 2. In the **Skills/Standards** dialog box, right-click the skill grade to be audited.
- 3. Click **Skill Grade Audit** from the list of options.



Note: The Skill Grade Audit dialog box displays the skill grade for every linked Score column as well as how the average was calculated.

#### Example

The following figure of the **Skill Grade Audit** dialog box illustrates a skill grade audit for the student Kate Bachelder.



Chap 3 HW (Row 1): Kate scored 7 out of 10 (70 percent), which was automatically converted to a skill grade of "Som" ("Sometimes") based on the percentage cut-off values that her teacher's TeacherPlus administrator set. However, her teacher overrode it to a "Usu" ("Usually"). The original grade of "Som" is shown in parentheses.

HW 2 (Row 2): Kate scored 18 out of 20 (90 percent), resulting in the skill grade "Mos" ("Mostly").

Quiz 2 (Row 3): Kate received an A+, which counts as 98.5 percent according to the score table. Kate gets a "Mos."

In summary, Kate has two grades of "Mostly" and one grade of "Usually." The Quality Points entered for each grade are used to determine that Kate has an average of 3.66. By clicking **View** in the **Skill Grade Audit** dialog box, we can see the table used to award Kate a grade of "Mostly." Note that the cut-off values are automatically determined to be half-way points between two grades.

## Drop Lowest Score in a Marking Period

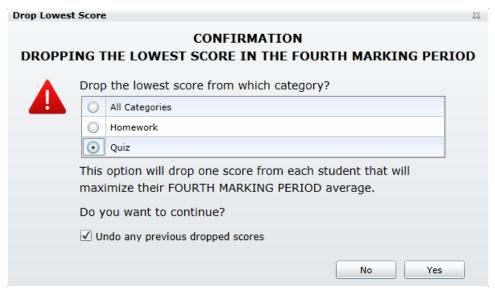
The Drop Scores feature enables you to drop one or more of students' overall lowest score(s) in a marking period. You can either have TeacherPlus automatically determine what a student's lowest score is, or you can manually drop whichever score you prefer. Because TeacherPlus determines what the lowest score should be only at the time you run the feature, it's recommended you use it only at the end of the marking period (since grades are subject to change before then). Dropped scores can be undone if needed.

#### Automatically Drop the Lowest Score for All Students

1. Click **Grading** on the navigation bar, click **Drop Scores**, and then click **Drop Lowest Score**.



2. In the **Drop Lowest Score** warning box, click the assignment category for which you want to drop the lowest score.



**Note:** The order in which the categories are selected makes a difference in how the lowest scores are dropped, depending on the category weight. For example, if you were to drop the lowest test first and then the lowest quiz, it could result in completely different scores being dropped than if you were to have dropped the lowest guiz followed by the lowest test.

3. Select the **Undo any previous dropped scores** check box, and click **Yes**. Selecting this check box resets any previously dropped scores, allowing TeacherPlus to consider all scores when determining the lowest one to drop.

**Note:** The dropped score appears in red, and it no longer counts in averages.

4. To drop a second lowest score, repeat steps 1 and 2, but clear the Undo any previous dropped scores check box. TeacherPlus determines what the next lowest score should be dropped, excluding the previously dropped lowest score.

Warning: If dropping more than one lowest score, remember that TeacherPlus does not consider any previously dropped lowest scores at the time the feature is run again. For example, imagine that a student has scores A, B, and C. When the feature is run the first time, TeacherPlus looks at all three scores and determines that score A should be dropped to improve the average. Upon running the feature again, TeacherPlus only looks at scores B and C, and it decides that score C is the lowest. In the end, scores A and C are dropped; however, if everything was undone and all scores were considered, it is possible that dropping scores A and B might improve the average better than dropping scores A and C (depending on the weight of the category to which the score belongs).

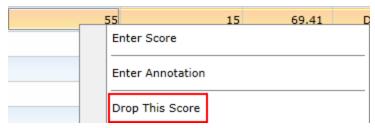
5. To have TeacherPlus automatically drop the lowest score of an individual student, right-click any of the student's scores, and then click **Drop Lowest Score for (the student's name)**.



6. To undo all dropped scores, click **Grading**, click **Drop Scores**, and then click **Undo Dropped Scores**.

#### Drop a Student's Lowest Score Manually

- 1. Locate and right-click the lowest score to display a shortcut menu.
- 2. Click **Drop This Score**.



3. To undo the dropped score, right-click it, and then click **Undo Dropped Score (Include in Average)**.

#### Submit Grades

Depending on your school's policy, you may be required to submit your gradebooks to the main office for each marking period. There are many benefits to submitting grades using the Submit feature, including:

- Indicating to the main office that you have finalized grades for a marking period.
- Enabling TeacherPlus to inform you of any assignment columns currently not counting in the average (in case you intended all assignments to count in the average).
- Ensuring that all marking period grades, as well as the semester and/or final grade column(s), are up to date by recalculating the grades.

**Note:** Submitting grades may be optional depending on your school's policy, so be sure you check if this process is required from you.

To submit grades for a given marking period, do the following:

1. Click **Submit** on the navigation menu.



2. In the **Submit** menu, click the marking period for which you want to submit grades.

**Note:** If you've submitted grades and the office has yet to see the grades, the submit link changes to **Ready**. If the office has already received the grades, the link changes to **Received**.

You can also re-submit grades in case you need to make any corrections.

To re-submit grades, do the following:

- 1. In the **Submit** menu, click the submit link for the marking period you submitted previously so that it changes from Ready or Received to Not Ready.
- 2. Make the appropriate grade changes.
- 3. Click the same marking period submit link from step 1 to re-submit grades.

## Change Weights for Semester and Final Averages

If enabled by your TeacherPlus manager, you can change how term averages are weighted for quarter, semester, and all-year courses. Before changing the weight of a term average, consult your TeacherPlus manager regarding your school's grade average policy.

1. Click **Grading** on the navigation bar, and then click **Averages** to display the **Averages** dialog box.

**Note:** The **Averages** dialog box lists semester(s) or final grade average tables. The number of tables and their names vary from school to school and depend on what your TeacherPlus manager has set.

- 2. In a term table, double-click the **Weights** cell corresponding to a marking period or exam.
- 3. Type the average value, and press Enter. The weight values are based on ratios. As a result, they don't need to add up to 100, but you can choose to do so to make the process easier.

**Note:** Keep in mind that although each table lists the same rows, only certain rows are relevant to a term table. For example, a semester one and a semester two tables may both list the same four quarters, but the averages for the first two quarters would be entered in the semester one table. Likewise, the average values for the last two quarters would be entered in the semester two table.

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SECOND MARKING PERIOD		4	45.00
MIDYEAR EXAM		1	10.00
THIRD MARKING PERIOD			
FOURTH MARKING PERIOD			
FINAL EXAM			
Semester Two			
FINAL GRADE			

4. Click OK.

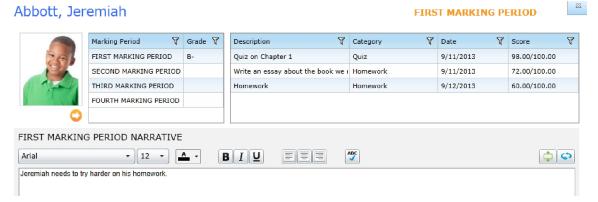
#### Add a Narrative to a Student

In the Narrative column, you have the flexibility to add any commentary to any student for a given marking period. Unlike comments, narratives are not limited to a list of pre-populated comments prepared by your school. (For more information about comments, see the topic Add a Comment to a Student.) You may choose to make the narrative appear on students' progress reports, and the narratives will be available to parents in PlusPortals.

1. In the **Narrative** column, click the **Narrative** icon corresponding to a student to display a dialog box.

Note: If the Narrative column is hidden, right-click a Pane column (for example, the Student Name column). From the list of options, click **Unhide Narrative**.

2. Type your narrative commentary in the first text field.



**Note:** Use the mini toolbar above the text field to format your narrative.

3. Click Done.

**Note:** After the narrative has been created, the **Narrative** icon changes from to in the Narrative column.

**Tip:** When adding a narrative for a student, you can also select from a list of pre-populated comments in the **FIRST MARKING PERIOD COMMENTS** area. Type 1 in any of the **COMMENT** text fields to choose from a list of comments.

**Tip:** When creating reports, you can select to include narratives. For more information on generating student reports, see the topic "Generate a Student Progress Report" in chapter 6.

#### Add a Comment to a Student

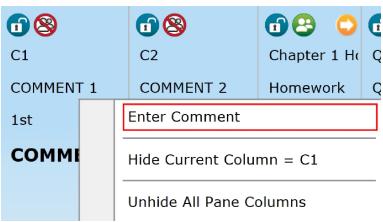
If enabled by your school, you can add a comment to any student from a pre-populated list of comments. These comments are predefined by the school and provide you a way to add extra insights about how well students are doing. If you're looking to write specific comments about a student's progress for a given marking period, see the topic Add a Narrative to a Student.

#### Add a Comment for a Student in a Comment Column

1. Right-click the cell of the **Comment** column corresponding to a student.

#	Student Name	Abs	1st Avg.	1st Grade	
1	Adams, Kirsten	4	0.00	0	
2	Adams, Heather	2	0.00	0	

2. From the list of options in the shortcut menu, click **Enter Comment**.



- 3. From the list of comments in the **Comments** dialog box, click a comment, and then click **Select**.
- 4. Repeat steps 1–3 to change an existing comment.

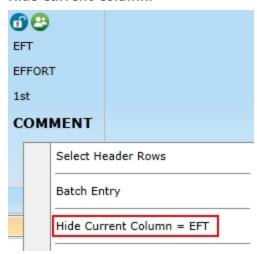
Note: Each marking period has its own set of Comment columns. As a result, the comments you enter for one marking period will not apply to other marking periods.

**Tip:** You can apply filters to the comments in the **Comments** dialog box by clicking the **Filter** icon  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ .



#### Hide or Unhide a Comment Column

1. To hide a **Comment** column, right-click the top of the column to display more options, and then click Hide Current Column.



- 2. To unhide the column, click **View** on the navigation bar, and then click **Unhide Selected Pane Columns** from the **Unhide** drop-down list.
- 3. Select the check box corresponding to the **Comment** column you wish to unhide, and then click **OK**.

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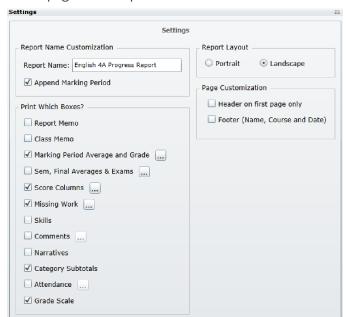
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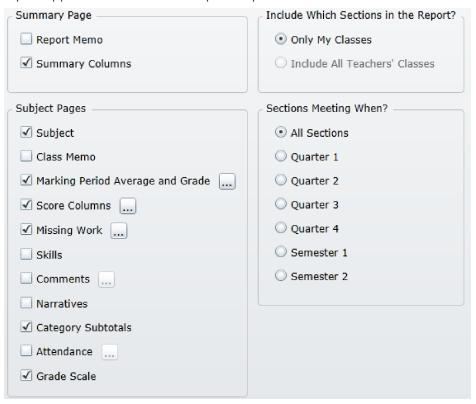
## Generate a Student Progress Report

You can create progress reports for any number of students in any of the sections you teach as well as include classes taught by all other teachers. The reports can then be printed or saved in a variety of standard formats such as PDF, CSV, Excel, Rich Text Format, TIFF, or Web Archive.

- 1. Click **Reports** on the navigation bar to display the **Reports** menu.
- 2. Click Student Reports, and then click one of the following:
  - **Progress Report**: This option enables you create a progress report for the gradebook currently in use.
  - **Combined Progress Report**: With this option, you can generate a progress report for all of your classes or other teachers' classes.
- 3. Click Settings at the top.
- In the Settings dialog box, name the report in the Report Name Customization area.
- 5. If you clicked **Progress Report** in step 2, do any of the following:
  - In the **Print Which Boxes** area, select the check box for each type of information you want displayed on the report.
  - In the **Page Customization** area, choose whether you want to display a header on the first page of the report or/and a footer with the student's name, course, and date.



6. If you clicked **Combined Progress Report** in step 2, select what information you want to display on the report, whether you want to generate a report for your classes or all teachers' classes, and if the report applies to all sections or a specific quarter or semester section.



- 7. To change the orientation of the report, click one of the options in the **Report Layout** area.
- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Click a marking period from the **Select Marking Period** drop-down list.



10. In the **Select Students** column on the left, select the check box corresponding to a student for whom you want to generate a progress report.



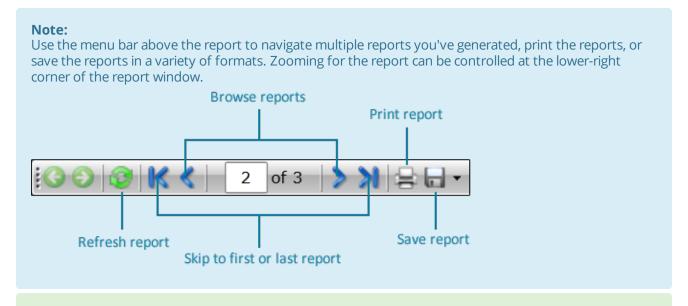
**Note:** If you're generating reports for all students, select the **Select All** check box.

11. Click **Generate Report**.

12. To send a report to Edline or PlusPortals, click **Send To Edline/PlusPortals** above the report. This options is only available if you clicked the **Progress Report** option in step 2.

**Note:** Clicking **Send To Edline** doesn't send the reports directly to Edline. The reports are sent to the Administrator's Plus Edline Holding Bin and then sent to Edline.

13. To add a memo to the report, click **Report Memo**.



**Tip:** You can also generate a report for a specific student from the TeacherPlus startup screen. Right-click a student name to display more options, and then click **Progress Report**.

## Generate a Class Report

With the **Class Reports** feature, you can generate specific class reports, including missing work, failing work, assignment scores for a given marking period, and class summary. In addition, you can generate a gradebook spreadsheet or even a blank spreadsheet with only students' names.

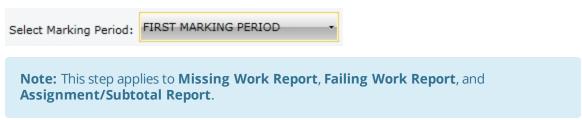
1. Click **Reports** on the navigation bar to display the **Reports** menu.



2. In the Class Reports list, click a class report type.



- 3. Do one or more of the following only if applicable to the report you're generating:
  - In the upper-left side of the report's dialog box, click a marking period from the **Select Marking**Period list.



• If generating a **Failing Work** report, enter the **Failing Cut-off** percentage.

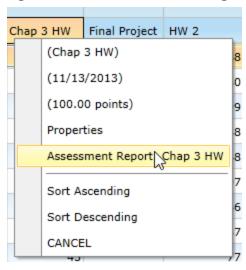


- 4. Click **Generate** to create the report.
- 5. To refine what information is displayed on the report, click **Settings** at the upper-left corner, and select the check boxes for the information you want displayed.

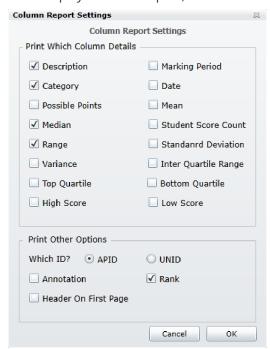
## Create an Assessment Report for an Assignment

Creating an assessment report for an assignment can be really useful for when you need to print an in-depth report of how well students have done on a particular assignment. You can customize the report to display analytical information for the assignment, such as ranking, median, range, and other similar information.

1. Right-click the header cell of the assignment column.

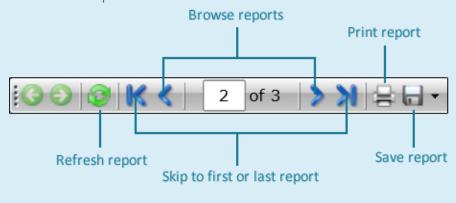


- 2. After the report is generated, customize what information to include in the report by clicking **Settings** at the upper-left corner.
- 3. In the **Column Report Settings** dialog box, select the check box for each type of information column to be displayed on the report, and click **OK**.



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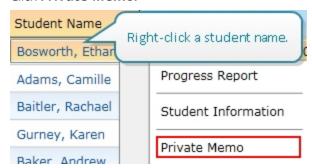
Use the menu bar above the report to navigate multiple reports you've generated, print the reports, or save the reports in a variety of formats. Zooming for the report can be controlled at the lower-right corner of the report window.



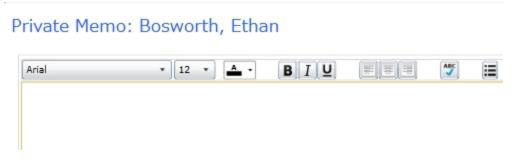
## Add a Private Memo to a Student

The **Private Memo** feature provides you a way to add notes about a specific student, which only you, the teacher, can see. For example, you could add a memo about a student's progress or special reminders regarding the student that you want to keep for your own reference.

- 1. In the **Student Name** column, right-click the student's name to display more options.
- 2. Click Private Memo.



3. In the **Private Memo** dialog box, type the memo, and use the mini toolbar above the memo text to format it.



4. Click Save.

**Note:** Once a memo has been added, the icon appears beside the student's name.

## Add a Class Memo

By adding a class memo to a specific class section, you can describe what was covered by the class for a given marking period, or you may add any other significant remarks. When generating progress reports, you can choose to include the memo in the report.

1. Click **Reports** on the navigation bar.



- 2. In the **Reports** menu, click **Class Memo**.
- 3. In the Class Memo dialog box, type the memo, and use the mini toolbar above the memo text to format it.



4. Click Save.

## View IEP (Individualized Education Program)

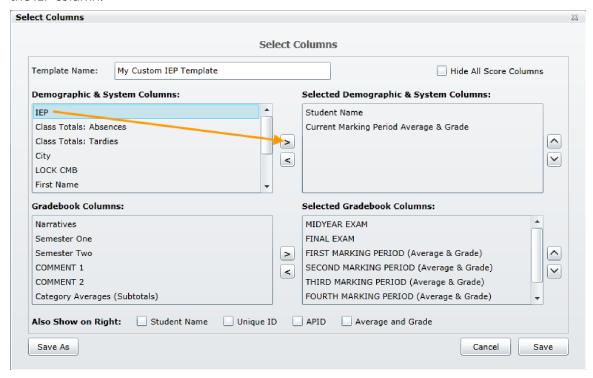
You can view a student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) from the IEP column. In order for the IEP feature to work, the following must take place:

- If using AdminPlus to store students' IEP files, the students' IEP must be added via AdminPlus.
- If using IEP Direct, your TeacherPlus manager must have configured the IEP Direct integration in AdminPlus and in the TeacherPlus Management Site.
- You must select to display the IEP column in TeacherPlus when creating a template. For more information on creating template views, see the topic Save Column View Settings as a Template.

**Note:** TeacherPlus only displays students' IEP files. To edit the files, one must edit them locally and add them in AdminPlus (if the school doesn't use IEP Direct).

#### Select or Unhide the IEP Column

- 1. On the navigation bar, click **View**, and then click **Columns (Templates)**.
- 2. In **Demographic & System Columns**, click IEP, and then click the arrow pointing to the right to select the IEP column.



- 3. Do one of the following:
  - Click **Save** if you're working with a template you had already created.
  - Click Save As to create a new template in case you're working with default templates (the ones with brackets around their names) or in case you want to save your changes as a new template for other reasons.

**Note:** If you're working with a default template, when selecting the IEP column, the **Save** option is not available. As a result, you must click **Save As**, and create a new template to save your changes. Saving your changes as a templates enables you to save your column changes for future use.

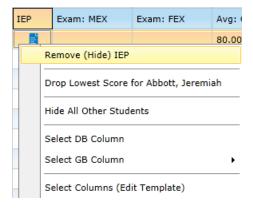
#### Download a Student's IEP File

■ In the IEP column, click the IEP icon corresponding to a student.

**Note:** If the student does not have an **IEP** file, the icon does not display in the **IEP** column. Also note that after clicking the file, your browser may automatically store it in your downloads folder.

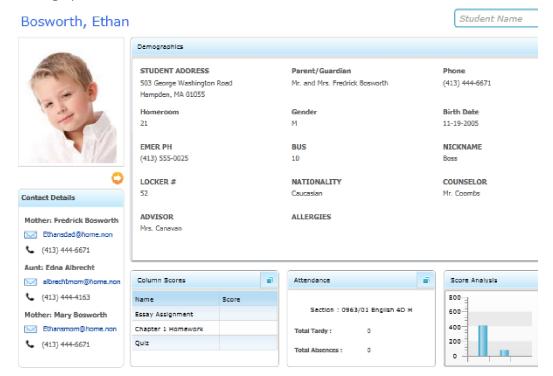
#### Hide the IEP Column

- 1. Right-click any IEP icon in the **IEP** column.
- 2. Click Remove (Hide) IEP.



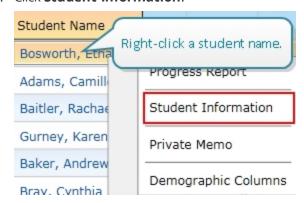
## View Individual Student Information

From the TeacherPlus startup screen, you can quickly launch the Student Information window. The window is divided into panels, each containing different types of information about the student, such as demographics, contacts, scores, and attendance.



To open the **Student Information** window, do the following:

- 1. In the **Student Name** column, right-click the student's name to show more options.
- 2. Click Student Information.



Note: By default, the **Demographics** panel occupies most of the space in the **Student** Information window. To maximize another information panel, click the Maximize button at the upper-right corner of the panel.



3. To view the next or previous student, click the arrow buttons below the student photo.



- 4. To close the **Student Information** window, click the Close button at the upper-right corner of the window.
- 5. To search for a specific student, type the student's name in the search box at the upper-right corner.



#### View Archived Gradebooks

Even after a new school year has started, you can still access the gradebooks from the previous school year, which become archived in read-only mode. Although not all functionality is available in archived gradebooks, you have the flexibility to:

- Print various reports, including progress and attendance reports.
- See narratives by right-clicking on any score.
- See the student snapshot by clicking a student's name.
- Save the gradebook as an Excel spreadsheet.
- See and print audit reports for averages and skills.

To view archived gradebooks, do the following:

 Click View on the navigation menu, and then select an archived year from the Archived Gradebooks drop-down list.



When you switch to archived gradebooks, the navigation menu changes to gray, and the school name at the top changes to **Viewing** followed by the school year (for example, **Viewing 2013-14**). Columns also become locked.

#### VIEWING 2013-14

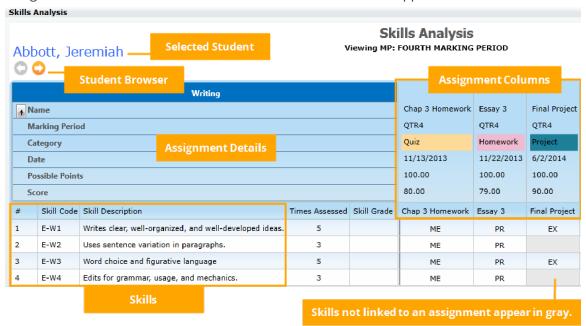


## Analyze Skill Assessment

Using the Skills Analysis feature, you can analyze how you've assessed skills for several assignment columns over time for individual students—all from one easy-to-use interface.

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - Right-click a student's name, and then click Skills Analysis for (the student's name).
  - Click the SK/ST button below the main navigation menu to open the Skill/Standards dialog box, then click **Skill Analysis** at the upper-left corner.
- 2. While viewing the Skills/Standards dialog box, right-click a student's name, and then click Skills **Analysis for** (the student's name).

The **Skills Analysis** dialog box lists all skills linked to the course as rows and all assignments linked to the skills as columns. The skill grades you've assigned appear in the cells corresponding to a skill and assignment. Skill grades are displayed per student at a time only. You can switch between students by using the arrow buttons located below the student's name at the upper-left corner.



3. To search for a specific student, type the student's name in the search box at the upper-right corner, and then select the student. Typing either the first or last name of the student reveals possible matches as soon as you type the name.

4. To edit/override a skill grade for an assignment or marking period, double-click the skill grade cell.

**Note:** In order to edit a skill grade, the skill must be linked to the assignment. If the skill is not linked, the skill grade cell for the assignment will be gray and unavailable for editing. Also, if you override an individual assignment skill grade on the **Skills Analysis** dialog box, the marking period skill grade will be automatically recalculated (only if the skill grade setting section of the TeacherPlus Management Site is set to **Skill Grades**).

Tip: To display how a skill grade was calculated, right-click a grade in the Skill Grade column, and click **Skill Grade Audit**. Due to the complexity of the **Power Law** method, the values associated with each formula symbol don't show in the audit report.

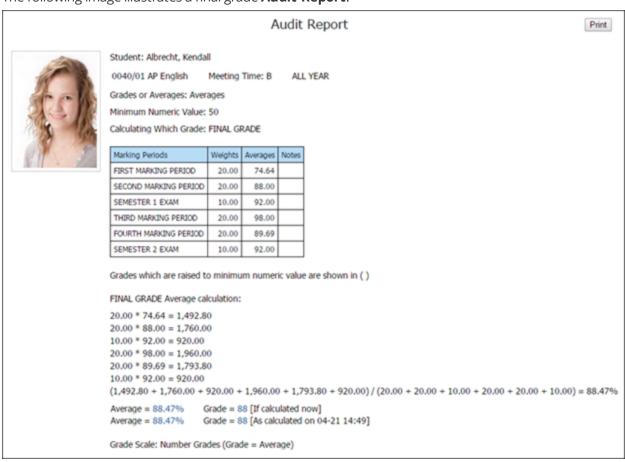
## Generate a Marking Period Audit Report

Before submitting grades at the end of each marking period, it's a good idea to generate a quick marking period **Audit Report** for at least one student for an overview of grades. An **Audit Report** can help you catch any inconsistencies in grading, such as errors in category weighting, possible points for an assignment, or final grade percentages.

- Do one of the following:
  - Right-click a student's semester or final grade, and then click **Audit Report**.
  - Right-click a student's current marking period's average, and then click **Audit Report**.

Audit reports appear in a new browser window, and they display a detailed overview of grades and how they were calculated.

The following image illustrates a final grade Audit Report.



**Tip:** To print an **Audit Report**, click **Print** at the upper-right corner of the **Audit Report** window.

## Run a Search Query Report

You can perform search queries across all of your gradebooks to search for specific grade, average, and progress information. This feature enables you to stay on top of your students' progress and quickly identify how well they're doing across any subjects and sections you teach. You can perform search queries on grades, skill grades, averages, assignment scores, and even comments.

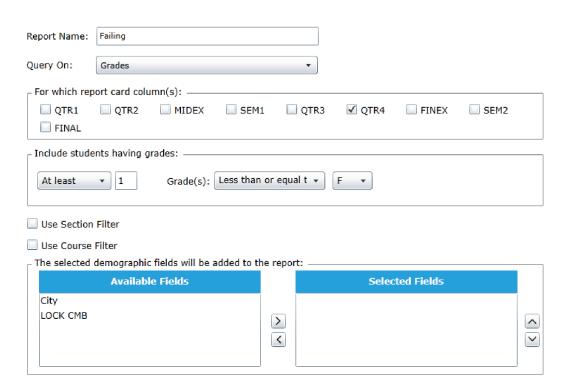
The following are a few examples of the many types of queries you can perform:

- Find all students failing a particular course or section you teach for any marking period.
- Find any students meeting a specific average criteria for any marking period or gradebook.
- Search for all students with missing work for a particular marking period.
- Search for all students with a specific conduct comment for any marking period.

To generate a search query report, do the following:

- On the Reports tab, click Search.
   The Custom Report Library browser window appears. If the window doesn't appear, you may need to enable pop-ups in your browser for TeacherPlus.
- 2. Enter a **Report Name**, and then click a query type from the **Query On** list (**Grades**, **Averages**, or **Skill Grades**).

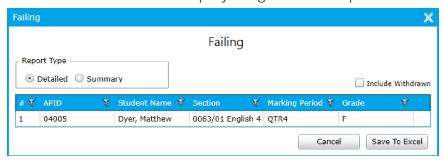
#### Edit Search Report



- 3. Select the check box corresponding to each marking period(s) or semester(s) to be included in the search.
- 4. If your search query is based on comments, select the check box for the desired comment column.
- 5. In the **Include student having grades/comments** area, specify the grade or comment requirement for the search as well as the minimum or maximum number of students who meet the criteria.

Note: If you're searching for students with missing work or no scores, select **Equal to** from the **Score(s)** drop-down list, and leave the value blank.

- 6. Do any of the following:
  - Narrow down the query by class section by selecting the check box Use Section Filter and specifying the section(s).
  - Narrow the scope of the query by selecting the check box **Use Course Filter** and specifying the course(s).
  - If you selected to query on **Scores** in step 2, select the **Column: Category Filter** check box, and specify the assignment score column types to be included. You can also select the **Column**: **Data Range** check box, and specify a data range for the score columns.
- 7. Optional: Select the demographic fields to be included in the report by clicking the field(s) in the Available Fields area and clicking the right arrow to transfer the fields(s) to the Selected Fields area.
- 8. Click **Save and Run** to run the query and generate the report.



Tip: When the report is generated, you can include students who have withdrawn from courses by selecting the **Include Withdrawn** check box.

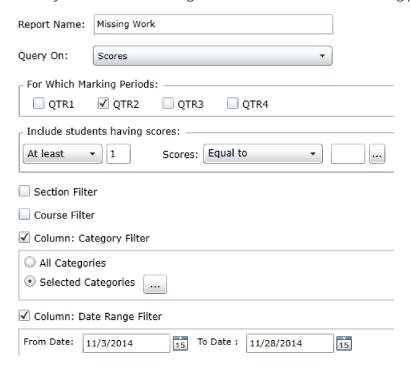
#### Note:

After you save a search query report, it's stored in the Custom Report Library. Next time you click Reports > Search, you can see a list of all the reports you've created and saved. Use the icons beside a report to edit, delete, or run the report.

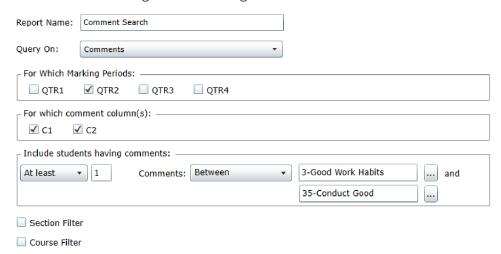


The following figures illustrate query settings based on the specified report goal:

• Find any students with missing homework for the second marking period in November.



• Find all students with good effort and good conduct comments.



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