## Getting Started with

 GradeBook forTeachersA+
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## At LearningObjectives

© Set up grading scales
© Set up assignment types
© Set up calculation methods

- Organize class list
- Provide access to your grade book
© Set up classes on ParentAccess


## At Access \& Navigation

1. You should have received a URL and login information for GradeBook—navigate to this URL.
2. On the Sign In screen, in the Domain drop-down list, select your remote service center (e.g., SWOCA, NOECA).
3. Enter your User Name and Password.
4. Click Sign In.


If you have access to other ProgressBook applications, such as
DataMap or SpecialServices, you may see them on the Home screen.
5. Click GradeBook.


## A+ Access \& Navigation

Your main landing pages in GradeBook are the Teacher Home Page, which is the screen you see when you first log in, and the Class Dashboard, which is the screen that displays after you have clicked the name of a class in the Classes list.

The Teacher Home Page has many of the same options as the Class Dashboard, but it is not class-specific. The Class Dashboard displays a Students list on the top left, where you can also change the order of your students and enter daily comments.


## At <br> GradingScales

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Average Calc Setup section, click Set Up Grading Scales.


The Grading Scale Setup screen displays.
2. Select the Class for which you want to set up grading scales.


## At Grading Scales

3. On the Mapping tab, select one of the three options:

- Default - You do not have to complete any further setup, and all assignments calculate to the mark assessment on the report card.
- Custom Setup 1 - This is a secondary/traditional style setup and assignments are mapped to the mark assessment on the report card.
- Custom Setup 2 - This is a standards-based/elementary style setup. You must map assignments to different assessments on the report card.


## In Custom Setup 1 and Custom Setup 2, you can set grading scales for an entire class or for individual students.

## Mapping

> Select the way that you would like to map assignments to the report card:

ODefault (No further setup is required.)
All assignments will calculate to the mark assessment on the report card. The default grading scale for the report card will be used.
Warning: If grades do not calculate, you will need to choose another option.
OCustom Setup 1 (Recommended for secondary style report cards.) Map all assignments to the mark assessment on the report card. You may choose a grading scale for the class and for individual students.
OCustom Setup 2 (Recommended for standards based report cards.) Map assignments to different assessments on the report card. Marks for each assessment will be automatically calculated on the report card. Grading scales for each assessment can be chosen for the class and for individual students.
4. Click Save.

## At Grading Scales

## CustomSetup 1

If you have chosen Custom Setup 1, follow this procedure for the rest of the grading scale setup.

1. After selecting Custom Setup 1 on the Mapping tab and saving, click Grading Scale.

| Mapping \| Grading Scale | Student Override Copy |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Select the way that you would like to map assignments to the report card: |
|  | ODefault (No further setup is required.) <br> All assignments will calculate to the mark assessment on the report card. The default grading scale for the report card will be used. Warning: If grades do not calculate, you will need to choose another option. |
|  | OCustom Setup 1 (Recommended for secondary style report cards.) Map all assignments to the mark assessment on the report card. You may choose a grading scale for the class and for individual students. |
|  | OCustom Setup 2 (Recommended for standards based report cards.) Map assignments to different assessments on the report card. Marks for each assessment will be automatically calculated on the report card. Grading scales for each assessment can be chosen for the class and for individual students. |
|  | Save Save Next >> |

2. Choose the default grading scale you want to use for the selected class.
3. Click Save Next.

Mapping | Grading |
| :---: |
| Scale |$|$ Student Override $\mid$ Copy $\mid$

## At Grading Scales-CustomSetup1

5. (Optional) On the Student Override tab, select a different grading scale for different students as desired from the Scale drop-down list.
6. Click Save Next.

7. (Optional) On the Copy tab, select classes to which you want to copy the grading scale setup you just created and then click Copy.

## Mapping Grading Scale | Student Overide | Copy |

Copy this Custom Setup 1 setup to the following classes:
$\square$ Remedial English $\square$ Creative Writing
Select All
De-Select All

## Copy

## At Grading Scales

## CustomSetup 2

If you have chosen Custom Setup 2, follow this procedure for the rest of the grading scale setup.

1. After selecting Custom Setup 2 on the Mapping tab and saving, click Report Cards.

2. Choose all report cards and interims you want to use for the selected class by selecting the check boxes next to the desired report cards.

## 3. Click Save Next.

| Mapping | Report Cards | Grading Scale | Student Override | Copy |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Which report cards and interims do you plan to use? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Available Report Cards: <br> Available Interims: -KG Report Card 1st Grade Report Card 2nd Grade Report Card 2nd Grade Science Report Card 3rd Grade Report Card 4th Grade Report Card <br> If your report card is not listed, you must go badk to the Mapping tab and change your assignment mapping choice. You may not unched report cards or interims that have assignments mapped to them. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## At Grading Scales-CustomSetup2

4. On the Grading Scale tab, choose the default assessment, which is used to calculate the reporting period average.
5. Assign the grading scales for each assessment on the report card using the Grading Scale drop-down list.
6. Select a calculation method for each assessment on the report card using the Calculation drop-down list. (See Appendix A for an explanation of each calculation method.)


## At Grading Scales -CustomSetup 2

8. (Optional) On the Student Override tab, if you want to assign a particular student a different grading scale, select that student from the drop-down list.
9. (Optional) Select the desired grading scales for each assessment for this student.
10. Click Save Next.

| Mapping | Report Cards | Grading Scale | Student Override | Copy |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Use the section below to assign individual students to different grading scales: <br> Select a <br> student: <br> Richardson, Blake |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2nd Grade Science Report Card |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assessment Grading Scale |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earth, Space Science |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Discusses observable long and short-term weather changes that occur due to changes in energy |  |  |  |  | Class Default |  |
| Understands that that atmosphere is made up of air and that water is present in the air |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Physical Science |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Explains that forces change the motion of an object |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Life Science |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Discusses how living things cause changes on Earth |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Explains that living things that once lived on Earth no longer exist; their basic needs were no longer met |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Science Inquiry and Application |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Engages in scientific inquiry and application |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Other assignments/assessments |  |  |  |  | Class Default | $\checkmark$ |
| Click here to view the grading scales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $10 \text { Save Next }$ |  |  |

11. (Optional) On the Copy tab, select classes to which you want to copy the grading scale setup you just created, and then click Copy.

## At AssignmentTypes

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Average Calc Setup section, click Set Up Assignment Types.

If you want to set up assignment types for a single class, you can select it from the AlL
Primary Classes drop-down list.


The Assignment Types screen displays with a grid.
2. Determine the assignment types you want to create, and then enter the Name and its associated Abbr (the abbreviation that displays in many places in GradeBook and in ParentAccess) for each assignment type.

| Name | Abbr | Mark Ty |  | All | English I: 4 | Del? | Abbr | $\wedge$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I Classwork | CW | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | cw |  |
| I Homework | HW | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | HW |  |
| I Projects | PJ | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | PJ |  |
| ¢ Quizzes | QZ | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | QZ |  |
| O Tests | TS | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | TS |  |
| * |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\checkmark$ |
| < $\square \square \square$ > $\square$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Save |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## A+ AssignmentTypes

3. Select the Mark Type from the drop-down list for each assignment type. These are predetermined by your school or district.
4. For each class, select the check box for the assignment types you want to use. If you plan to use the same assignment types for all of your classes, you can select the check boxes for each type in the All column before the class columns.
5. Click Save.

|  | Name | Abbr | Mark T |  | 4 All | English l: 4 | Del? | Abbr | $\wedge$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc$ | Classwork | CW | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | cw |  |
| $\bigcirc$ | Homework | HW | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | нw |  |
| $\bigcirc$ | Projects | PJ | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | PJ |  |
| $\bigcirc$ | Quizzes | QZ | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | QZ |  |
| $\bigcirc$ | Tests | TS | Points | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | TS |  |
| * |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |  |
| * |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  | $\checkmark$ |

To delete an assignment type, select the check box in the Del? column for that mark type. You cannot delete an assignment type that still has assignments tied to it. You must delete those assignments first.

## At CalculationMethods

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Average Calc Setup section, click Set Up Calc Methods \& Weights.


The Average Calculation Setup screen displays.
2. Select the Class for which you want to set up calculation methods.


## A+ Calculation Methods

3. In the Choose the calculation frequency area, select Automatically recalculate the GradeBook after each change or I will recalculate the GradeBook when needed. If you select the second option, on the Class Dashboard, in the Average Calc Setup area, you must click Calculate Averages when you want to recalculate your grade book.
4. In the Choose a calculation option area, you can choose to Use the same calculation for each grading period or Use different calculations for each grading period.


If you want to use a calculation method for multiple or all of your classes, you can select the check boxes next to the appropriate classes in the Copy this setup to the FOLLOWING CLASSES area at the bottom of the screen.

## A+ Calculation Methods

5. (Optional) If you want to weight assignment types for the average calculation, in the Select the Calculation Method drop-down list, select Weighted Average. Then, in the grid below, enter a weights for each assignment type in the Weight column. You can enter these as simple numbers or as numbers that represent a percent of the student's average (e.g., if homework $=1$, quizzes $=1$, and tests $=$ 2 , then you can also enter the weights as 25 for homework, 25 for quizzes, and 50 for tests).


Extra credit assignments cannot be weighted because GradeBook cannot divide by zero. Set up extra credit assignments by creating assignments worth zero points or by giving students more points on an assignment than the assignment is worth.

## A+ Calculation Methods

6. (Optional) If you want to weight assignment types differently for each reporting period, in the Choose a calculation option area, select Use different calculations for each grading period. Sections for each reporting period display below. Then, follow step 5 for each section for any reporting periods with weighted averages.


Note that you can also weight individual assignments as necessary.

For more information, refer to the
GradeBook Teacher Guide.

## At Class List

1. At the left of the Teacher Home Page, in the Classes area, click Edit List.


The Class Setup screen displays.

## At Class List

2. Complete any of the following optional items:

- In the Class Alias field, you can rename the class so it shows up as something meaningful to you on your Teacher Home Page and Class Dashboard. These names do not display on report cards.
- In the Order column, you can indicate the order in which you'd like your classes displayed in the Class List by typing numbers.
- In the Hide? column, select the check box in the row of any classes you do not want to display in your class list at this time. This is particularly useful in cases where you do not have a class in every reporting period.

3. Click Save.


The Classes area now reflects the changes you made.

| Classes | Edit List |
| :--- | :--- |
| Freshman English |  |
| Remedial English |  |
| Creative Writing |  |

## At GrantingAccess

## To Your GradeBook

You may need to set up access to your grade book if you are co-teaching or plan on having a long-term substitute teacher.

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Administration area, click Set Up GradeBook Access.

| Reports |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Select a Report |  |
| Student Search |  |
| Student Name | Search |
| Average Calc Setup |  |
| Set Up Assignment Types |  |
| Set Up Calc Methods \& Weights |  |
| Set Up Grading Scales |  |
| Administration |  |
| Set Up GradeBook Access |  |
| Set Up Lesson Plan Sharing |  |
| Set Up Groups Within Classes |  |
| Set Up Teacher Preferences |  |
| Set Up Classes for ParentAccess |  |
| Group Classes Together |  |
| Transfer Student Marks |  |
| Exclude Lowest Mark |  |
| Update Email Address |  |
| Bank Maintenance |  |
| Change Your Password |  |

The GradeBook Access screen displays.
2. Select the Class for which you want to set up grade book access.


## A+ Granting Access

3. Click Add Teachers to my GradeBook.


The Staff Search window opens.
4. Search for the teacher(s) you want to add to your grade book.
5. In the row of the teacher(s) that you want to add, select the check box.

## 6. Click Update.



## At Granting Access

6. In the Role drop-down list, select whether you want the teacher to be an Additional teacher or a Substitute teacher. An Additional teacher can perform the same functions as you, whereas a Substitute teacher cannot create recurring assignments, set up grade book access, or update class rosters.
7. In the From and To fields, enter or select dates to signify the timeframe the teacher has access.
8. Click Update.


## If you want to stop letting another teacher

 have access to your grade book, in the Del? column of the appropriate teacher, select the check box, and then click Update.
## At Granting Access

## To ParentAccess

You can set up your classes so that some of the information in your grade book can be viewed by your students and their parents or guardians.

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Administration area, click Set Up Classes for ParentAccess.

| Reports |
| :--- | :--- |
| Select a Report |
| Student Search |
| Student Name |
| Average Calc Setup |
| Set Up Assignment Types |
| Set Up Calc Methods \& Weights |
| Set Up Grading Scales |
| Administration |
| Set Up GradeBook Access |
| Set Up Lesson Plan Sharing |
| Set Up Groups Within Classes |
| Set Up Teacher Preferences |
| Set Up Classes for ParentAccess |
| Group Classes Together |
| Transfer Student Marks |
| Exclude Lowest Mark |
| Update Email Address |
| Bank Maintenance |
| Change Your Password |

The ParentAccess Preferences screen displays.

## At Granting Access

3. For the class you want to set up for ParentAccess, you have the following options:

- To upload a Class Logo, click Upload Image. This image should be no larger than 2 in. $\times 2$ in. It displays on the Class Information screen in ParentAccess.
- Select the Don't show student averages check box to hide the students' averages on ParentAccess.
- Select the Don't show letter grades check box to hide the students' letter grades on ParentAccess.
- Select the Don't show assignment comments check box to hide assignment comments on ParentAccess.


4. Click Save.

# A+ Appendix A: 

## Calculation Method Descriptions

For Custom Setup 2 classes, you can select from among several different calculation methods. These are described in this appendix.

| Method | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| None | The mark is not calculated by the grade book, so teachers <br> must enter the mark manually. |
| Average | Averages are calculated using points or percentages for <br> assignments in the current reporting period. For letter grades, <br> averages are determined based on the point value associated <br> with a letter grade (A = 4, B =3, etc.). |
| Power Law | Assignment marks given earlier in the reporting period are <br> given less weight than assignment marks later in the reporting <br> period. This method can be used with numeric and <br> alphabetical mark types, but the assessment must meet the <br> following conditions: <br> -Three or more assignments must be associated with the <br> assessment <br> - All the assignments associated with the assessment must <br> have the same point value |
| - All the assignments associated with the assessment must |  |
| have a weight of 1 |  |
| - It does not include missing assignments |  |


| Method | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Highest Achieved | The mark is determined by the highest grade the student <br> received for that assessment in the current reporting period. <br> Missing assignments are not included in this calculation. |
| Last Achieved | The mark is determined by the last grade achieved on an <br> assignment in the current reporting period. Missing <br> assignments are not included in this calculation. |
| YTD Average | The mark is determined by the average of the student's <br> marks up until that point including all previous reporting <br> periods. |
| YTD Power Law | Assignment marks given earlier in the year (including <br> previous reporting periods) are given less weight than <br> assignment marks later in the current reporting period. |
| YTD Highest Achieved | The mark is determined by the student's highest mark for <br> the entire year (including previous reporting periods). |
| YTD Last Achieved | The mark is determined by the last grade achieved on an <br> assignment for the entire year (including previous reporting <br> periods). Missing assignments are not included in this <br> calculation. |

If you'd like your students or their parents/guardians to have a little more information about your class, you can add content to a home page accessed from ParentAccess.

1. On the Teacher Home Page, in the Class Administration area, click Post Class Information.

Class Administration
Seating Chart
Daily Attendance (HR)
Lunch Counts
Period Attendance
Post Homework
Post Class Information
Lesson Plans
Enter Lesson Plans
Search Lesson Plans
5 Day Planner
Import Lesson Plan Schedules
Online Learning
Dashboard
Assignments \& Marks
Assignment Details / Assignment Marks
Add a Recurring Assignment /
Assignment Maintenance
GradeBook Grid / 5 Day View
Standards Based Grid / Progress By Student
Enter Report Cards / Enter Interims
Students
Student Information

## A+ Appendix B

2. In the Page Name field, enter a name for the page for your own reference.
3. In the Enter the text for your page area, enter the text you want displayed on the screen. You can format your text using the editor at the top of the text box. You can change colors, fonts, alignment, formatting, and even enter math equations.
4. (Optional) You can upload an image to the home page by clicking Click here to upload a picture.
5. In the Select the classes that will use this page area, select the check boxes next to the names of the classes for which you want to use this information page.
6. Click Save.


## At Appendix B

7. (Optional) You can add links to resources for your students:
a. Once you have saved the Main tab, click the Links tab.
b. In the Seq No. field, enter a number indicating the order in which you want the link to display if you plan to post multiple links.
c. In the Name column, enter a name for the website.
d. In the URL column, enter the entire web address, including http://.
e. (Optional) In the Description column, enter a description for the website.
f. (Optional) Click Check Spelling to run the spell check feature.
g. Click Save, and then repeat the process for other links.


## At Appendix B

8. (Optional) You can add attachments to the page for your students:
a. Click the Attachments tab.
b. In the Seq No. field, enter a number indicating the order in which you want the attachment to display if you plan to post multiple attachments.
c. In the Name column, enter the name of the attachment.
d. In the Description column, enter a description of the attachment.
e. Click Save.
f. In the File column, click Upload Attachment.
g. On the File Upload Utility window, click Browse, and then select the file you want to attach.

