

Training Guide

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Introduction

The parent portal application, ^{tx}Connect, provides parents and guardians Web access to schoolrelated information about their students including grades, attendance, and discipline. It works in conjunction with ^{tx}Gradebook. Parents can access ^{tx}Connect from anywhere with an Internet connection.

The ^{tx}Connect application consists of the following:

- Registration and Login
- Student Summary
- Attendance
- Grades
- Assignments
- Discipline
- Alerts Subscription
- My Account
- Student Online Registration
- Administrator Access

This training guide is for district and campus use. For more information about administrator access, see the ^{tx}Gradebook/^{tx}Connect Administrator Training Guide.

How to Display a Page in Another Language

The parent can change the language in which a page is displayed by clicking the language from the list of available languages at the bottom of the page. The list is available on all pages, so the language can be changed on any page.

- Some information may not be translated to other languages if the campus or district has not created a translated version.
- The parent's language setting is saved until he changes to another language.
- If the browser uses *persistent cookies*, and/or if the default language has been set for the browser to a preferred language, the language setting is saved so the parent does not need to change the language every time he visits ^{tx}Connect. Otherwise, the parent must change the language every time he visits ^{tx}Connect.

How to Display Help

On any page in ^{tx}Connect, the parent can display Help for a page by clicking **Help** in the upperright corner of the page. The information is displayed in a pop-up box with how-to links to more detailed information in the Help system.

To close the Help pop-up box, click **Hide Help**.

Velcome to txConnect for ORACLE TEST DISTRICT		Hide Help How do I log on to my account?
Login Please enter your user name and password. User Name: Password: Login	District Message Welcome to the Oracle Test District Parent Portal. We hope that you enjoy keeping up with what your students are doing in class.	How do I register as a new user? How do I access a calendar? How do I change the language? How do I set up my browser?
New User? If you need to create an account, click here		<u>I forgot my password</u> . How do I reset my password? Logon Tips To log on, enter your user ID and password and click Log In.
Forgot your User Name/Password? If you need help recovering your user name/password, click <u>here</u> New Student? Click <u>here</u> to find and download		Warning: If you have three unsuccessful attempts logging on (invalid user ID/password combinations), the system will lock out your account for 10 minutes. Try logging on again after 10 minutes.
enrollment forms for your student.		New users, please register by
reed valendars? To view calendars for the district click <u>here</u>	Version 2.4.2.2 Licensed Materials - Property of Texas Computer Cooperative. Copyright 2006 by Texas Computer Cooperative. All rights reserved.	If your account has expired, you mus register as a new user.
	Available languages: <u>English</u> <u>Español</u>	the pages, it may be necessary to update your browser settings. Click

How to Contact the Teacher

If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes in ^{tx}Gradebook, a yellow note icon is displayed beside the teacher's name anywhere the teacher's name appears (e.g. the Summary, Attendance, and Grades pages). The parent can click the icon to see the information.

If the teacher has provided an e-mail address via ^{tx}Gradebook, his name is displayed as a link to his e-mail address anywhere the teacher's name appears. If the parent clicks the name, the default e-mail client (as specified in his Internet Options settings) opens with the teacher's address in the **To** field.

Note: If the parent uses Web-based e-mail (e.g., Gmail or Yahoo! Mail), he can copy the e-mail address from the default e-mail client to a Web-based e-mail message.

How to Access a District or Campus Calendar

If the district or campus has provided one or more calendars, the parent can access the calendars without logging on to ^{tx}Connect. This link is not displayed unless the district or campus has provided at least one calendar.

On the Login page under **Need Calendars**, click the link to download a calendar. The Calendars page is displayed.

^{tz} Connect		-		
Calendars				Help
District Calendars				
1. District-Wide Calendar				
Campus Calendars Please select a campus from list below: MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL				
1. High School Volleyball Schedule				
2. High School Football Schedule				
Click <u>here</u> to return to the txConnect Login page.				
	Available languages:	English	Español	

- 1. District calendars are listed first in a numbered list.
- 2. If there are campus-level calendars, a drop down field allows the parent to select the campus. In the **Campus Calendars** field, select the campus, and the campus-level calendars are displayed in a numbered list.
- 3. For each calendar, an icon indicates the type of file (e.g., Microsoft Word and PDF). If additional instructions for the specific calendar have been provided, they are displayed below the calendar name.
- 4. Click the calendar name to open the calendar. It will automatically open in the appropriate program.
- 5. The parent can print the calendars as needed.

Registration and Login

When a parent accesses ^{tx}Connect, the following Login page is displayed. The parent must register as a new user.

elcome to txConnect for ORACI	LE TEST DISTRICT	Нер
Login Please enter your user name and password. User Name: Password:	District Message Welcome to the Oracle Test District Parent Portal. We hope that you enjoy keeping up with what your students are doing in class.	
New User? If you need to create an account, click here Forgot your User Name/Password? If you need help recovering your user		
name/password, click <u>here</u> New Student? Click <u>here</u> to find and download enrollment forms for your student.		
Need Calendars? To view calendars for the district click <u>here</u>	Version 2.4.2.2 Licensed Materials - Property of Texas Computer Cooperative. Copyright © 2006 by Texas Computer Cooperative.	

How to Enroll a New Student in the District

It is not necessary for the parent to be a registered user or logged on to access the enrollment forms.

If a student has not previously enrolled in the district, the parent can download enrollment forms that he can print out, complete by hand, and take to the district or campus office in order to enroll the student.

This link is not displayed unless the district has provided online enrollment forms.

On the Login page, under **New Student**, the parent clicks the link to download enrollment forms. The Enrollment Forms page is displayed.



- 1. Any forms provided by the district are displayed in a numbered list. Instructions for enrollment are also displayed if provided.
- 2. For each form, an icon indicates the type of file (e.g., Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF). If additional instructions for the specific form have been provided by the district, they are displayed below the form name.
- 3. The parent clicks the form name to open the form. It will automatically open in the appropriate program.
- 4. The parent can print the forms, complete them by hand, and take them to the district or campus office to enroll the student.

How to Register as a New User

The registration process is self-administered, which means that the parent chooses his user name and password. If he forgets or loses his password or wants to change it, he will go through an automated process to reset his password.

The parent must have at least one valid student portal ID, which the campus provides. The parent must have a valid student portal ID for every student he wants to add to his account.

From the Login page, click the link under **New User** to go to the Registration page. The Registration User Info - Step 1 of 3 page is displayed.

Connect	
Registratio	n Help
User Info - S	tep 1 of 3
Please provide a	user name, password, and e-mail.
User Name:	Must be between 6 and 9 alpha-numeric characters. (example: ABC5555)
Password:	Must be between 6 and 9 characters; must contain at least 3 of the following character types: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, punctuation.
Confirm Passwor	d: Password must match entry in password field exactly. (case sensitive)
E-mail:	(optional) Must be a valid e-mail address format. (example: name@name.com)
	Next
	Available languages: <u>English</u> <u>español</u>

Step 1:

- 1. In the **User Name** field, the parent types a user name that will identify him when he logs on to ^{tx}Connect, such as a combination of letters from his first and last names.
 - The user name must be six to nine characters and must be unique (i.e., not used by anyone else in the district).
 - The user name is not case-sensitive (i.e., it does not matter if it is uppercase or lowercase letters).
 - If the parent types a user name that is already taken, the system notifies him that the user name is taken. Another user name must be entered.
- 2. In the **Password** field, the parent enters a password that he will use when he logs on to ^{tx}Connect.
 - The password must be six to nine alphanumeric characters.
 - It must be a combination of the following: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, and/or punctuation (e.g., aBc1234).
 - The password is case-sensitive (i.e., it must always be typed exactly as it is entered here, including uppercase and lowercase letters).
- 3. In the **Confirm Password** field, the parent retypes his password exactly as it was typed above. This step confirms that the parent typed his password as intended.
- 4. The **E-mail** field is used to send the parent attendance, grade average, and assignment alerts. It is an optional field; however, it is required if the parent wants to register his e-mail address to the student.

5. Click Next.

- If all required data was not entered, a red message is displayed to the right of each field that is missing data. That information must be provided before he can continue.
- If the data was entered correctly, the Hint Question Step 2 of 3 page is displayed.

Registration		Help
Hint Question - Step 2 of 3		
Select a question and enter an answer t	o help you retrieve your password if it is lost.	
Question: Choose a question	×	
Answer:		
	Previous Next	

Step 2:

- 1. In the **Question** field, the parent selects a question to which he will provide an answer. The question is asked in the event that the parent loses his password.
- 2. In the **Answer** field, the parent types the answer to the question. He will be required to answer the question correctly in order to recover his password. The parent should select a question for which he will easily remember the answer. The answer is case-sensitive (i.e., it must always be typed exactly as it is entered here, including uppercase and lowercase letters).
- 3. Click Next.
 - If the data was entered incorrectly, a red message is displayed to the right of each field that has incorrect data. That information must be provided before he can continue.
 - If the data was entered correctly, the Add Students Step 3 of 3 page is displayed.

Registration	Help
Add Students - Step 3 of 3	
Please provide a Student Portal ID and birth date for each student you wish to add.	
Student Portal ID:	Added Students
Student Birth Date:	(none)
Add	
	Previous Finish
Available languages: English	<u>español</u>

Step 3:

1. In the **Student Portal ID** field, the parent types his student's portal ID provided by the campus. If he does not have this ID, he must contact the campus to get the ID. He cannot continue without entering a valid student portal ID.

Note: The student portal ID must be typed exactly as it is printed (i.e., uppercase and lowercase letters).

- 2. In the **Student Birth Date** field, the parent types his student's complete birth date in the MM/DD/YYYY format (e.g., 01/19/1998). The date entered here must match the birth date in his student's record at the campus. He cannot continue without entering the correct birth date.
- 3. Click **Add**. The student's name is displayed in the **Added Students** box on the right side of the page. The parent must successfully add at least one student in order to create an account.
- 4. The parent can repeat the previous steps to add another student or click **Finish**. The Summary page for the first student in the parent's alphabetical list is displayed.

How to Log On

Reminder: A new user must create a user ID and provide a unique student portal ID for each student to gain access to students' records. District or campus administrators distribute the student portal IDs.

- 1. From the Login page, in the **User Name** field, the parent types his user ID. The user ID is not case-sensitive.
- 2. In the **Password** field, the parent types his password. The typed text is hidden. The password is case-sensitive.
- 3. Click Log In. The student's Summary page is displayed.
 - If the parent has more than one student in his account, the Summary page for the first student in his alphabetical list is displayed.
 - If the parent entered an invalid user ID and/or password, an error message will prompt him to reenter the data.

Warning: If the parent has three unsuccessful attempts logging on (invalid user ID/password combinations), the system will lock out his account for 10 minutes. He should try logging on again after 10 minutes.

How to Reset a Password

If the parent has forgotten his password, he can reset it using an automated process. He will be required to provide the answer to his hint question. With the correct answer, he can reset his password to a new password. Or, the parent can reset his password by automated e-mail message.

From the Login page, click the link under **Forgot your User Name/Password** to go to the Forgot Password page. The Forgot Password page is displayed.

^{tx} Connect	
Forgot Password	Help
Reset by user name & hint question User Name:	
Next	
Reset by e-mail E-mail: Submit	
Forgot User Name	
Enter user e-mail E-mail:	
Submit	
Click <u>here</u> to go to Login Page.	Available languages: English Español

Using User Name and Hint Questions

- 1. Under **Reset by user name & hint question** in the **User Name** field, the parent types his user name.
- 2. Click **Next**. The Answer Hint Question page is displayed with his hint question.

Forgot Password	Help
Answer Hint Question	
Question: What was the name of your first pet?	
Next	
Nick have to so to Loois Dage	

- 3. In the **Answer** field, the parent types the answer exactly as he entered it when he registered in ^{tx}Connect.
- 4. Click **Next**. The Set New Password page is displayed.

^{te} Connect	
Forgot Password	Help
Set New Password Must be between 6 and 9 characters; must contain at least 3 of the following character types: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, punctuation. New Password:	
Finish	
Available languages: <u>English</u> español	

- 5. In the **New Password** field, the parent types a new password that he will use when he logs on to ^{tx}Connect.
 - The password must be six to nine alphanumeric characters.
 - It must be a combination of the following: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, and/or punctuation (e.g., aBc1234).
 - The password is case-sensitive (i.e., it must always be typed exactly as it is entered here, including uppercase and lowercase letters).
- 6. In the **Confirm Password** field, the parent retypes his password exactly as it was typed above. This step confirms that he typed his password as intended.
- 7. Click Finish. The Summary page for the first student in his alphabetical list is displayed.

Using E-mail Address:

- 1. Under **Reset by e-mail** in the **E-mail** field, the parent types his e-mail address.
- 2. Click **Submit**. When he clicks **Submit**, a message is sent to his e-mail address that contains a new password.
- 3. The parent returns to ^{tx}Connect, and logs on using his user name and new password. Once he is logged on, he can reset his password as described previously in this guide.

How to Retrieve a User Name

If the parent has forgotten his user name, he can retrieve it by using his e-mail address.

From the Login page, the parent clicks the link under **Forgot your User Name/Password** to go to the Forgot Password page. The Forgot Password page is displayed.

^{te} Connect	
Forgot Password	Нер
Reset by user name & hint question	
Next	
Reset by e-mail	
Submit	
Forgot User Name	
Enter user e-mail	
E-mail:	
Click <u>here</u> to go to Login Page.	
	Available languages: English Español

- 1. Under Forgot User name in the E-mail field, the parent types his e-mail address.
- 2. The parent clicks **Submit**. When he clicks **Submit**, a message is sent to his e-mail address that contains his user name and a new password.
- 3. The parent returns to ^{tx}Connect and logs on using his user name and new password. Once he is logged on, he can reset his password as described previously in this guide.

Summary

The Summary page displays an alphabetical list of students that the parent has added to his account either through registration as a new user or through his My Account page.

(Available August 2012 for TxEIS) From any other page in ^{tx}Connect, the parent/guardian can click the ∠ icon in the student list on the left side of the page to go directly to the My Account page. The icon is only displayed if the parent/guardian has registered his e-mail address to the student.

*Connect	Summary	Attendance	Grades Assignments	Discipline	Alerts My Accou	nt Links	Logout
Students / = Update Student Info	Summa	ary					Help
ELIZABETH A. ALBA	TOP: ELIZAB	ETH A. ALBA at TEST	CAMPUS HS				
3 new alerts	Campus	Notes					
	Welcome to	o txConnect!					
JOSHUA K. ANGELES	We look for	nuard to worldng with	you another year				
	We look for	ward to working with	i you allouler year.				
ALFIGH L. BAILEY							
	Class Sc	hedule					
DION T. BUENTELLO	Period	Course	Instructor	Last Updated	Current Average	Today's Attendance	
	4			4/25/2011	as of 10:13AM 7/17/12	as of 3:45PM 7/17/12	
VON S. CALDERON				7/27/2011	086		
	2		WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL	//2//2011	000		
	3	ENVIRO SCI AP	MARY B. SCHRUEDER		0/1		
AMELIA R. CHILDERS	3	CALCULUS AB AP	WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL		secondary meeting time		
	4	OFF CAMPUS P4	CYNTHIA A. CANNON 🎦		non-graded class		
	5	ECONOMICS	PAUL DELAROSA				
KRISTINA J. COMDS	6	STUDENT AIDE	MICHAEL L. BEARDEN				
	7	PALS 2	MARIA H. SOTO				
CHANDLER CONNER	8	OFF CAMPUS P8	CYNTHIA A. CANNON 🗋		non-graded class		
	9	FUNDING	ATTENDANCE		non-graded class		
	10	ADVISORY 12	KATIE L. NEAL		non-graded class		
DANIEL C. CONTRERAS							

- The summary for the first student in the list is displayed including the following:
 - If the student attended multiple campuses, a tab is displayed for each campus.
 - If campus notes have been entered in the Student system, they are displayed under **Campus Notes**.
 - The student's class schedule is displayed, including period, course title, instructor name, current grade average for each class, and attendance for the current date.
 - If attendance has not been posted for the course, the attendance for the course under **Today's Attendance** is blank.
 - Any failing grades under Current Average are highlighted.

- If the course is set up to post letter grades, letter grades are displayed under **Current Average**.
- If the student is enrolled in an elementary campus which has only one period, one attendance status is displayed for the entire day.
- If the teacher has provided a note about the course, a yellow note icon appears beside the course name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Course Note dialog box.

Class Sc	hedul	e				
Period		Course	Instructor	Curre as of 4:	ent Average 30AM 10/24/11	Today's Attendance as of 9:45AM 10/24/11
1	ALG 2	<u>D</u>	ANTONY L. WESSELS		86	
2	CALCU	Course Note: /	ALG 2 AM W. CAMPBELL		86	
3	CALCU	Students will ha	ave an important test on <mark>0</mark> 4	/28/2009.	y meeting time	
3	ENVIR		MARY E(close)OEDER		071	
4	OFF C	MPUS P4	CYNTHIA & CANNON	000-6	raded class	

If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes, a yellow note icon appears beside the teacher's name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click **close** to close the Teacher Note dialog box.

Class Sc	hedule			
Period	Course	Instructor	Current Average as of 4:30AM 10/24/11	Today's Attendance as of 9:45AM 10/24/11
1	ALG 2 🎦	ANTONY L. WESSELS	86	
2	CALCULUS AB AP 🎦	WILLIAM W. CAMPBEI Te	acher Note: ANTONY L. WES	SSELS
3	CALCULUS AB AP 🛅	WILLIAM W. CAMPBEI Ph	one: (210) 370-5555 eting time	
3	ENVIRO SCI AP	MARY B. SCHROEDER	071 (close)	
4	OFF CAMPUS P4		non-graded class	

(iTCCS only) If the parent/guardian has registered his e-mail address to the student and selected **Request electronic report card and IPR** on the Edit Settings For My Students page in ^{tx}Connect, a **View Report Card** icon and/or **View IPR** icon is displayed when the electronic version of the report card or IPR is available for the parent/guardian to view. This is not available for all districts.

See the "How to Receive Electronic Report Cards and IPRs" section in the Grades chapter for more information.

Class Sc	hedule		View Report Car	d: 🙆 View IPR: 🖏
Period	Course	Instructor	Current Average as of 5:00AM 2/24/12	Today's Attendance as of 11:03AM 2/24/12
1	SWIMMING 9 1B	TIMOTHY E. SEVERINSON		

To display the student's attendance, click **Attendance** on the menu at the top of the page. When the parent views the Attendance page, the Detailed Attendance tab is displayed by default.

How to View Detailed Attendance

To access the Attendance page, click Attendance on the menu at the top of any page.

™Connect	Summary	Attendance G	rades Assignments	Disci	pline	Alerts	Му Асс	count	Logout
Students AUSTIN R. ADAMS	Attenda for: SEAN P.	I NCE BLANCHARD at Lakeview	High School on 2/2/2011	11:26:36 A	w				Help
		Detailed Attendance		Calenda	ar View			Totals View	
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Semester	: 1 ▼							Printer-friendly version
SNOOPY BROWN	Key A: PAR	ENT NOTE ILL U: UNI	excused until note						
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY	Period	Class	Teacher	8/25	9/16	12/1			
	1	BUSINFOR MANAGE	JERRY I. BOLIN	U		A			
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS	1	SPAN 1	CHERRYL G. BAZALDUA	U		A			
	2	ENG 1 🛅	BETHANY A. OLSON	U	U				
AARON D. CHAPMAN	3	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	DEBORAH L. BALLARD	U					
	4	BOYS ATHLE-1AB		U					
	5	9TH ADVISORY	BETHANY A. OLSON	U					
ALEAANDRA E. COVARRUBIAS	6	ALG 1 (withdrawn)	MARY E. PLOESSL						
	6	SPAN 1	JOYCE C. DAVIS	U		A			
Robin Longstride	7	BUSINFOR MANAGE	ANDREW T. PITTMAN	U					
	8	BIOL	NICOLE L. SHERMAN	U					
AMELIA F. PUGH					Availabl	e languag	es: English	Español	

- In the **Semester** field, select the semester for which you want to view attendance data.
- The date is displayed in the column heading if the student was marked absent or tardy for any period during the day.
- If the student was not present for the entire class, a code is displayed for the period and date. A description of each code is displayed in the Key section of the page (e.g., excused, unexcused until a note is received, etc.).
- If the student was present and on time for the entire day, the date is not displayed.
- If the teacher has provided a note about the course, a yellow note icon appears beside the course name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Course Note dialog box.
- If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes, a yellow note icon appears beside the teacher's name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Teacher Note dialog box.

How to View the Calendar View

The parent can click the **Calendar View** tab to see the attendance details in a calendar view instead of a table view. All months for the current school year are displayed as the parent scrolls down.

Connect	Summar	ry	A	tenda	ince		Grad	es	As	ignme	ints		Discip	oline		Alerts	My A	ccour	nt													Logout
Students	Atte	nda	ince	•																											(Help
AUSTIN R. ADAMS	for: SEA	AN P. I	BLAN	CHARE) at L	akevie	ew Hi	gh Scl	nool or	2/2/3	2011 1	1:26:	36 AN	۸																		
			De	tailed	Atte	ndanc	e					Cal	enda	r View					1	otals	View											
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Sen	nester	r: 1	•																												
SNOOPY BROWN				Aug	gust 2	.010						Sept	embe	r 2010					Octo	ber 2	010					No	ovem	ber	2010			
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	l Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	S	un N	lon T	iue V	Ved	Thu	Fri	Sat	
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY		1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	3	4						1	2			1	2	3	4	5	6	
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		12	13	14	15	16	alenc		10	11	12	13	14	15	16		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS		22	23	24	<u>25</u>	26	27	28		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	1/	18	19	20	21	22	23		21 .	22 .	23	24	25	26	27	
		27	50	51						20	21	20	27	30			31	٤J	20	21	20	27	30		20		50					
AARON D. CHAPMAN																																
				Dece	mber	2010						Jan	uary	2011																		
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	l Thu	Fri	Sat																
ALEXANDRA E. COVARRUBIAS					1	2	3	4								1																
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11		2	3	4	5	6	7	8																
Robin Longstride		12	13	14	15	16	17	18		9	10	11	12	13	14	15																
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25		16	17	18	19	20	21	22																
		26	27	28	29	30	31			23	24	25	26	27	28	29																
AMELIA F. PUGH										20	21																					

- In the **Semester** field, select the semester for which you want to view attendance data.
- If the student was not present for the entire class for any period of the day, the day is highlighted on the calendar.
- The parent can click the date to open the attendance details for the highlighted day. For each period, the student's attendance is displayed. The period is only listed if the student was marked absent or tardy for that period. Otherwise, the period is not listed in the Attendance details dialog box.

		Aug	ust 2	007					Sept	ember	2007						Oct	ober 2	2007		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4							1			1	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		7	8	9	<u>10</u>	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	<u>20</u>	21	22		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	<u>28</u>	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	28	29		28	29	30	31			
							30														
							Atter	ndanc	e de	tails fo	or 9/4	/07.									
		Nove	mber	2007						mber							Jan	uary 2	800		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	iod		Clas	S		Sat	Attendar	nce		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3		2	CAL	CULU	s ab		1.0	UNVERIFI	ED-		1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		3	AP				8	UNEXCUS	SED		8	9	10	11	12
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10					15 j	UNVERIFI	ED-		15	16	17	18	19
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		17	18	19			22	UNEXCUS	SED		22	23	24	25	26
25	26	27	28	29	30						27	28					29	30	31		
												030									

• Click **Close** to close the Attendance details dialog box for the highlighted day.

How to View the Totals View

The parent can click the **Totals View** tab to see attendance and tardies totals for the semester. The student's classes are listed by period, and the total number of excused absences, unexcused absences, school-related absences (e.g., UIL events or field trips), and tardies are listed.

^{ts} Connect	Summary	Attendance Gr	ades Assignments	Discipline	Alerts My Acco	unt			Logout
Students	Attenda for: SEAN P.	INCE BLANCHARD at Lakeview	High School on 2/2/2011 11	:26:36 AM					Help
AUSTIN K. ADAMS		Detailed Attendance		Calondar View		Totals View			
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Semester	r: 1 •		Cateridal View		Totals view			
	Period	Class	Teacher	Total Absences	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences	School Related	Tardies	
SNOOPY BROWN	1	BUSINFOR MANAGE	JERRY I. BOLIN	2	1	1	0	0	
	1	SPAN 1	CHERRYL G. BAZALDUA	2	1	1	0	0	
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY	2	ENG 1 🗋	BETHANY A. OLSON	2	0	2	0	0	
	3	WORLD GEOGRAPHY	DEBORAH L. BALLARD	1	0	1	0	0	
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS	4	BOYS ATHLE-1AB		1	0	1	0	0	
	5	9TH ADVISORY	BETHANY A. OLSON	1	0	1	0	0	
AARON D. CHAPMAN	6	SPAN 1 Alg 11	JOYCE C. DAVIS MARY E. PLOESSL MARY E. PLOESSL	2	1	1	0	0	
ALEXANDRA E. COVARRUBIAS	7	BUSINFOR MANAGE	ANDREW T. PITTMAN	1	0	1	0	0	
	8	BIOL	NICOLE L. SHERMAN	1	0	1	0	0	
Robin Longstride	* indicat	tes a withdrawn course							
				Available la	nguages: English	Freedol			

- In the **Semester** field, select the semester for which you want to view attendance data.
- If the student withdrew from a course, the withdrawn course and teacher's name are displayed in small print below the current course information. An asterisk is displayed next to the withdrawn course.
- If the teacher has provided a note about the course, a yellow note icon appears beside the course name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Course Note dialog box.
- If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes, a yellow note icon appears beside the teacher's name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Teacher Note dialog box.

Grades

The parent can view his student's grades by clicking **Grades** on the menu at the top of the page. When the Grades page opens, the Cycle Grades tab is displayed by default.

Connect	Summary	Attendance G	rades Assignments	Discipline	Ale	erts My Ac	count	Links	Logout
Students / = Update Student Info	Grades	HA. ALBA at TEST CAM	PUS HS on 7/18/2012 5:00:00 /	AM					Help
ELIZABETH A. ALBA		Cuela Cuela	-		C	the Carden			
3 new alerts		Cycle Grade	5		Seme	ster Grades			
	Semester:	2 🗸							
JOSHUA K. ANGELES	Show All	Hide All		🔲 s	how Blar	nk Grades			
ALEIGH L. BAILEY	Pariod	Clarr	Teacher	Previous	Cycles	Current Cycle			
	Period	Class	reacher	1	2	3			
	1	ENGLISH 1 🎦	ANTONY L. WESSELS			<u>066</u>			
DION T. BUENTELLO	2	CALCULUS AB AP 🎦	WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL 🎦	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>086</u>			
	3	ENVIRO SCI AP	MARY B. SCHROEDER	<u>071</u>	<u>071</u>	<u>071</u>			
	3	CALCULUS AB AP 🎦	WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL 🎦	seco	ndary me	eting time			
YON S. CAEDENON	4	OFF CAMPUS P4	CYNTHIA A. CANNON 🗋	n	ion-grade	d class			
	5	ECONOMICS	PAUL DELAROSA						
AMELIA R. CHILDERS	6	STUDENT AIDE	MICHAEL L. BEARDEN						
	7	PALS 2	MARIA H. SOTO						
	8	OFF CAMPUS P8	CYNTHIA A. CANNON 🎦	n	on-grade	d class			
KRISTINA J. COMBS	9	FUNDING	ATTENDANCE	п	on-grade	d class			
	10	ADVISORY 12	KATIE L. NEAL	n	on-grade	d class			
CHANDLER CONNER									

How to View Assignment Grades for a Class

The Cycle Grades tab displays current grade averages for the current cycle and posted grade averages for previous cycles. For the current semester, the assignment grades for each class can be viewed. For previous semesters, only the posted average is available.

*Connect	Summary	Attendance	Grades	Assignments	Discipline	Alerts	Му Асс	ount Links	-
Students / = Update Student Info	Grades	H A. ALBA at TEST CA	WPUS HS o	n 7/18/2012 5:00:00 /	٩M				
ELIZABETH A. ALBA		Cycle Gr	ader			Comortor	Grader		
<u>3 new alerts</u>	- · ·	Cycle on	aues			Semester	orades		
JOSHUA K. ANGELES	Semester:	Hide All			🗐 Sho	ow Blank G	rades		
ALEIGH L. BAILEY	Period	Class		Teacher	Previous Cy 1	cles Cu 2	rrent Cycle 3		
	1	ENGLISH 1 🗋	ANTO	NY L. WESSELS			<u>066</u>		
DION T. BUENTELLO	2	CALCULUS AB AP	MILLI	AM W. CAMPBELL 🛅	<u>50</u>	<u>60</u>	086		
		Assignment		Due Date	Grade	La	ate Redo		
VON S. CALDERON	Categ	ory 24 (Weight 0%)							
				Category 24 average	ge				
	Home	work (Weight 20%)							
AMIELIA R. CHIEDERS	hw1				85				
	HOMEW	ORK 1			100				
KRISTINA J. COMBS	Assignm	ent 1			85				
				Homework avera	ge 90				
CHANDLER CONNER	Labs (Weight 20%)							
CHARDEEN COMMEN				Labs averag	ge				
	Partic	ipation (Weight 20	0%)						
DANIEL C. CONTRERAS				Participation average	ge				
	Ouizz	es (Weight 20%)							
BRIAN D'ABREGO	QUIZ 1	()			98				
				Quizzes averag	ge 98				
	Tests	(Weight 20%)							
TYLER D. DAILEY	TEST 1	(95				
				Tests averag	ge 95				
BRIANNA N. DEERE						Citi	zenship E		
						Posted A	Average 60		
				<u>(close details)</u>					
AAKON C. DICKERSON	3	ENVIRO SCI AP	MARY	B. SCHROEDER	<u>071</u>	071	<u>071</u>		
	3	CALCULUS AB AP	h WILLI	W. CAMPBELL	second	lary meetir	ng time		

- 1. The parent clicks the grade average for the class and cycle he wants to view. The grade average is expanded below the period row to display all grade data that has been entered. In addition to the assignment grades, the calculated average and posted average are displayed.
 - (Available August 2012 for TxEIS) The parent can select Show Blank Grades to include any blank assignment grades. All assignments are displayed, including assignments with blank grades. If Show Blank Grades is not selected, blank assignment grades are not displayed. This is not applicable for courses that use standards-based/skills-referenced grading.
 - If the student transferred into the class and has a transfer average from a prior course, the **Transfer Average** and **Weight** are displayed above the categories. For more information on calculating the average using a transfer grade, see Appendix A Calculating Averages at the end of this guide.
 - The **Calculated Average** is the average calculated using the student's grades and the teacher's method for calculating the average. The calculated average is not displayed for closed cycles.
 - The **Posted Average** is the actual grade that was posted for the student for the class. In some circumstances, the posted grade is different than the calculated average. The posted average is the official grade that appears on the report card. For previous cycles, only the posted average is displayed.

- If a cycle override grade exists for the student (i.e., an average assigned by the teacher), and there is no posted average, the **Override Average** is displayed.
- Assignments are displayed by category. For each category, the category weight is displayed, and the average for each category is displayed.
- The calculated average, posted average, and category average are displayed as letter grades if the course is set up to post letter grades.
- If the possible points for an assignment is not 100, the teacher is using the percentage weighting type, and the grade is numeric, the possible points is displayed. For example, 90/95 is displayed if the student earned 90 points and the assignment was worth 95 points. In this case, the grade does not calculate as 90.
- If the teacher is using the points-based weighting type, the points earned and possible points are displayed. For example, 7/10 is displayed if the student earned 7 points and the assignment was worth 10 points.
- For each assignment, the due date and grade are displayed. The **Late** and **Redo** columns indicate if the assignment was turned in late or redone.
- If an assignment grade has been dropped, the message "dropped" is displayed next to the grade.
- If an assignment grade has been excluded, the message "excluded" is displayed in place of the grade.
- If an assignment is missing, an M is displayed in place of the grade.
- If an assignment is incomplete, an I is displayed in place of the grade.
- If the teacher entered any notes related to the student's assignment grade, the notes are displayed below the grade.
- If the course uses the standards-based or skills-referenced type of assessment, assignments are associated with specific standards or skills. The standards/skills are grouped together into standard sets/skillsets. For these courses, the assignment grades are sorted by standards/skills, and the standards/skills are displayed under the standards set/skillset heading. Note that an assignment may be associated with more than one standard/skill, so you may see the same assignment under multiple standard set/skillset headings.

	7	CHEM 1	ALICE M. BOEHM		
	8	ENG 2	SHIRLEY S. VIROST		93
3 new alerts		Assignment	Due Date	Grade	Late Redo
	English 3 st	andard set 1			
ARIELLE L. SMITH	Literary terms				
45 new alerts	Book Report 1			4	
	test assignment 2			2.3	
			Literary terms Final Score	3.2	
	Poetry design				
	Book Report 1			2	
	test assignment 2			1.9	
			Poetry design Final Score	2	
	Theme				
	Book Report 1			5	
	test assignment 2			1.6	
			Theme Final Score	3.3	
			English 3 standard set 1 Final Score	2.8	
	English 2 st	andard set 1			
	Basic Sentance Pa	rts			
	Book Report 1			4	
	test assignment 2			1.6	
			Basic Sentance Parts Final Score	4	
	Characterization				
	Book Report 1			3	
	test assignment 2			1.5	
			Characterization Final Score	2.3	

- For each standard/skill, a final score is displayed. This is the student's current average for the standard/skill, which is calculated by adding all scores for all assignments associated with the standard/skill throughout the semester, and dividing by the number of assignments. The final standard/skill score reflects skill scores for all cycles in the semester, even though only one cycle is displayed at a time.
- For each standard set/skillset, a final score is displayed. This is the average of all final scores for each standard set/skillset. The final standard set/skillset score reflects standard set/skillset scores for all cycles in the semester, even though only one cycle is displayed at a time. The average does not include scores of zero, unless zero is a valid grade for the campus. The final standard set/skillset score is rounded to one decimal place.
- The Calculated Average field at the bottom displays the average of the standard set/skillset final scores, which takes into account all cycles in the semester. This grade will be converted to a standard 100%-based grade using a conversion chart established by the district.

The overall score displayed is the highest score between the score average and the power law average. If an override score exists, the override score is always displayed.

If you click a standard/skill, the Assignment Skill Grades Trend dialog box opens. This displays a line chart depicting the student's progress for the standard/skill. The vertical line represents the scores as established by the district, and the horizontal line represents the assignments that are associated with the selected standard/skill.



Click **Close** to close the dialog box.

- 2. To return to the unexpanded grade average view, click **close details** for the grade average that was expanded.
- 3. To show assignment grades for the current cycle for all courses, click Show All.
- 4. To hide the assignment grades for all courses, click Hide All.
- 5. If the teacher has provided a note about the course, a yellow note icon appears beside the course name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click **close** to close the Course Note dialog box.
- 6. If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes, a yellow note icon appears beside the teacher's name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click **close** to close the Teacher Note dialog box.

How to View Semester and Final Averages

From the Grades page, the parent clicks the **Semester Grades** tab to see the student's posted semester and final averages. The data is only available for closed semesters. For the current semester, no data is displayed.

Note: Grades displayed on the Semester Grades tab are preliminary until final grades are computed and credits are awarded.

Connect	Summary	Attendance	Grades Assignments	Discip	oline Alerts	My Account	
Students	Grade	5					
Gage D. Aamodt 20 new alerts	for: Gage	D. Aamodt at Lakeviev	w High School on 4/9/2011 12:	32:01 AM			
		Cycle C	Grades		Semester Grade	85	
RACHEL E. BROWNING 4 new alerts	Semes	ter: 2 🔻					
	Peri	od Class	Teacher	Exam	Semester Average	Final Grade	Credits
	1	ENG 2	AMANDA M. OELKE	070	076	086	1.0
STEVEN A. DARROW	2	CHEM 1	GUY S. SHEA-SMITH	068	060	063	0.0
	3	ART 1	CAROLE A. CAZARES		100	100	0.5
	4	BOYS ATHLE2AE	B PETER J. BADGER		100	100	0.5
AMANDA M. DIXON	5	10TH ADVISORY	MARGARET C. CONNOLLY		non-grade	d class	
	6	GEOM	LILLIBETH J. RYZSKNOWS	(I 085)	084	067	0.5
FLIZARETH & PARKER	7	DIG GRAPH/ANI	PETER J. BADGER		095	095	0.5
4 new alerts	8	U S HIST	ROGER A. COBLE				
JESSICA S. VIALE				Availabl	e languages: <u>Englis</u>	ih <u>Español</u>	

For each period, the exam grade, semester average, final grade, and credits are displayed.

- **Exam** is the student's semester exam grade for the course.
- Semester Average is the student's posted semester average for the course.
- Final Grade is the student's posted final grade for the course. For one-semester courses, this grade is posted after the semester is closed. For year-long courses, this grade is only posted after the final semester of the year is closed.
- Credits is the number of credits received for the course that count toward graduation requirements.
- If the teacher has provided a note about the course, a yellow note icon appears beside the course name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Course Note dialog box.
- If the teacher has provided contact information, office hours, and/or other notes, a yellow note icon appears beside the teacher's name. The parent can click to see the information, and then click close to close the Teacher Note dialog box.

How to Receive Electronic Report Cards and IPRs (iTCCS Only)

iTCCS districts can allow parents/guardians to view electronic versions of their student's report cards and IPRs in PDF format. In order to view a student's report card or IPR in PDF format via ^{tx}Connect, the parent must do the following:

- The parent must be a registered parent/guardian for the student. See the "How to Register an E-mail Address to a Student" section in the My Account chapter for more information on this process.
- The parent must select Request electronic report card and IPR on the Edit Settings For My Students page in ^{tx}Connect.

When the student's report card or IPR is available, an e-mail message will be sent to the parent/guardian's registered e-mail address indicating that the report card or IPR is available to view in ^{tx}Connect. A link to the district's ^{tx}Connect login page is displayed as well.

The parent must log in to ^{tx}Connect to view the report card or IPR. If the electronic report card or IPR is available for the parent to view, an icon is displayed on the student's Summary page providing a link to the .pdf file. Click the icon to open the file.

If the parent has <u>not</u> indicated that he wants to receive electronic report cards and IPRs, the student's report card or IPR will be delivered in paper format as usual.

Assignments

The Assignments page allows the parent to view all of the student's assignments for all courses or for a specific course. He can view all assignments, only assignments that have been graded, or only pending assignments (assigned but not yet graded).

How to View Assignments

Click **Assignments** on the menu at the top of any page. The Assignments page is displayed for the student currently selected.

^{te} Connect	Summary Attendance G	irades Assignments	Discipline Alerts	My Account	Logout
Students	Assignments				Help
AUSTIN R. ADAMS	for: AUSTIN R. ADAMS at Lakeview H	igh School on 2/2/2011 11:26:36	AM		
	Course:	All 👻			
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Cycle:	All 👻			
		All Assignments			
SNOOPY BROWN	View:	Only Graded Assignments			
		Only Pending Assignments			
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY	View only assignments due before:				
		Find Assignments			
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS	Course Assignment Category	u Duo Dato Crado			
	No Selected Assig	nments			
AARON D. CHAPMAN					

- 1. In the **Course** field, the parent selects a specific course. He can select All to view assignments for all courses.
- 2. In the **Cycle** field, the parent selects the cycle. He can select All to view assignments for all cycles.
- 3. For **View**, the parent selects the assignments he wants to view.
 - All Assignments displays all assignments.
 - Only Graded Assignments displays only assignments that have been graded.
 - **Only Pending Assignments** displays only assignments that have been assigned but not yet graded.
- 4. In the **View only assignments due before** field, the parent enters a date if he wants to view only assignments that were due before that date. For example, he can enter today's date to see all assignments that were due up to today. He can also click it to select a date from the calendar. This field is optional. If a date is not entered, all assignments are included in the search.

Note: If a date is entered in the field and the teacher has not entered a due date for an assignment, the assignment is not displayed in the search results.

- 5. Click **Find Assignments**. All assignments that match the criteria entered are displayed in the table at the bottom of the page.
 - If an assignment grade has been dropped, the message "dropped" is displayed next to the grade.
 - If an assignment grade has been excluded, the message "excluded" is displayed in place of the grade.
 - If an assignment is missing, the message "missing" is displayed in place of the grade.
 - If an assignment is incomplete, the message "incomplete" is displayed in place of the grade.
 - For a standards-based/skills-referenced course, the **Standard/Skill Scores** heading is displayed instead of the **Category** heading. For each assignment, all standards/skills and their scores are listed.

MULLY K. LAMANTIA				
	Course	Assignment	Standard Scores	Due Date
CONRAD A. MILLS			Basic Sentance Parts: 4	
<u>3 new alerts</u>			Ection Analysis: 4	
			Interjections: 5	
	ENG 2	Book Report 1	Literary terms: 4	1/25/12
45 new alerts			Parts of Speech: 1	
<u></u>			Poetry design: 2	
			Prepositions: 5	
			Theme: 5	

6. In the Assignments table, click **Course** to sort the assignments by course, or click **Due Date** to sort the assignments by due date.

Connect	Summary	Attendance (Grades Assi	gnments [Discipline	Alerts	My Account	
Students	Assignme	ents						
AUSTIN R. ADAMS	for: AUSTIN R.	. ADAMS at Lakeview H	ligh School on 2/	2/2011 11:26:36 /	AM			
	Course:		All	-				
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Cycle:		All 🔻					
			All Assignment	nts				
SNOOPY BROWN	View:		Only Graded	Assignments				
			Only Pending	g Assignments				
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY	View only ass	ignments due before:						
			Find Assign	ments				
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS	Course 👁	Assign	ment	Category	Due Date	Grade		
	ENG 3 (AP)	"to build a Fir	e" questions	Classwork	1/20/11			
ARON D. CHAPMAN	ENG 3 (AP)	Bench	ımark	Tests	1/20/11			
	ENG 3 (AP)	"To Build a Fi	re" Lit terms	Classwork	1/21/11			
	ENG 3 (AP)	Read "To Bu	uild a Fire"	Homework	1/25/11			
XANDRA E. COVARRUBIAS	ENG 3 (AP)	Combinine sentence	es grammar reviev	w Classwork	1/25/11			
	ENG 3 (AP)	Short a	nswer	Essays	1/26/11			
	ENIC 2 (AD)	Combining conton	and such and	Classwork	1/20/11			

Discipline

The Discipline page allows the parent to view all of the student's discipline records for one cycle or for the semester.

How to View Discipline Records

Click **Discipline** on the menu at the top of any page. The Discipline page is displayed for the student currently selected.

Connect	Summary Attendance	e Grades Assignments	Discipline Ale	rts My Acco	unt	Logout
Students	Discipline					Help
GAGE D. AAMODT	for: GAGE D. AAMODT at L	akeview High School on 2/8/2011 8:00	6:13 AM			
STEVEN A. DARROW	Semester: 2 Cycle: All Find Discip	line				
ELIZABETH A. PARKER	Date	Infraction	Disciplinary Action	Referred by	Administrator	
	2/2/2011 12:00:00 AM	Failure to follow instructions	In-School Suspension	BADGER, PETER	TRUMP, DONALD	
JESSICA S. VIALE		this is a comment entered of	on a discipline entry reco	rd.		
	2/2/2011 12:00:00 AM	Possession of tobacco products	In-School Suspension	BADGER, PETER	TRUMP, DONALD	
		this is a comment entered of	on a discipline entry reco	rd.		
TYLER J. WIELAND	2/2/2011 12:00:00 AM	Leaving class without authorization	In-School Suspension	BADGER, PETER	TRUMP, DONALD	
		this is a comment entered of	on a discipline entry reco	rd.		
			Available langu	ages: English	Español	

- 1. In the **Semester** field, the parent selects the semester for which he wants to view discipline records.
- 2. In the **Cycle** field, the parent selects the cycle. He can select All to view records for all cycles.
- 3. Click **Find Discipline**. All discipline records that match the criteria entered are displayed in the table at the bottom of the page.
 - The **Date** field displays the date and time of the discipline incident.
 - The Infraction field displays the specific violation.
 - The **Disciplinary Action** field displays a description of the action taken by campus officials in response to the discipline incident.
 - The **Referred by** field displays the name of the staff member who reported the incident.
 - The **Administrator** field displays the name of the campus administrator who is handling the incident and taking action.
 - Additional comments about the discipline incident may be displayed in italic font below the fields, if allowed by the district.

Alerts

Alerts are messages notifying a parent that his student has grades or attendance information of which he should be aware, such as an absence or a low grade. If the student has alerts, the number of alerts is displayed below the student's name on the left side of the page.

When a parent creates a ^{tx}Connect account, he is automatically subscribed to two alerts:

- Unexcused absence alerts, first occurrence of the day
- Failing grade alerts

An alerts subscription can be changed at any time.

How to Read Alerts

To go directly to the Alerts page to read the message(s), the parent clicks the alerts notification below the student's name. He can also click **Alerts** in the main menu at the top of the page and select the student for whom he wants to see alerts.

^{tx} Connect	Summary	Attendance	Grades	Assignments	Discipline	Alerts	My Account	Links	Logout
Students	Alerts	A. ALBA at TEST	CAMPUS HS or	n 7/17/2012 3:45:00) PM				Help
ELIZABETH A. ALBA									
3 new alerts		View Alert	ts		Subscribe to Al	erts			
JOSHUA K. ANGELES	Alert Dat	ead Alerts? te	1	Description		Read?			
	7/4/12	Student red	eived a 60 on	Test Chapter 1 in	CALCULUS AB AR	P. 🔳			
ALEIGH L. BAILEY	7/4/12	Student red	eived a 61 on	Quiz 1 in CALCUL	US AB AP.				
	7/4/12	Student red	eived a 61 on	Quiz 1 in CALCUL	US AB AP.				
DION T. BUENTELLO									
				Available l	anguages: <u>Eng</u>	<u>lish Españ</u>	<u>ol</u>		

The complete alert message is displayed on the Alerts page under **Description**. If the student has more than one alert, the alerts are displayed in the order received, with the most recent alert at the top of the list.

- New alerts that have not been read are bolded.
- Once the parent has read an alert, he can select the **Read** check box to indicate that he has read the alert. The alert will be shaded gray.
- If the parent selects the **Read** check box accidentally, he can clear it to change the alert back to unread.
- The parent can adjust the page to display or hide the alerts he has already read.
 - To see only new, unread alerts, the View Read Alerts check box should be blank.

• To see all alerts, the View Read Alerts check box should be selected.

How to Change an Alerts Subscription

From the Alerts page, the parent can change his alerts subscription by clicking the **Subscribe to Alerts** tab.

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Students	Alerts		Help
AUSTIN R. ADAMS	for: AUSTIN R. ADAMS at Lakeview High School on 2/2/2011 11	:26:36 AM	
	View Alerts	Subscribe to Alerts	
SEAN P. BLANCHARD	Attendance Alerts		
SNOODY BROWN	Unexcused Absences	Excused Absences	Tardies
	On't send me alerts.	 Don't send me alerts. 	 Don't send me alerts.
DEMARCUS S. BUSSEY	$^{\mbox{\footnotesize O}}$ Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day.	$\ensuremath{\bigcirc}$ Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day.	Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day.
	\bigcirc Send me an alert for every occurrence.	Send me an alert for every occurrence.	○ Send me an alert for every occurrence.
BRANDON K. CAVAZOS	Average Alerts		
	Send me an alert when my student's average in any class	falls below the following criteria.	
AARON D. CHAPMAN			
	Assignment Alerts		
ALEXANDRA E. COVARRUBIAS	Send me an alert when my student receives any assignme Ealing Custom 70	ent grade in any class below the following criteria.	
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Robin Longstride	Also send me alerts for the following kinds of assignment	grades:	
	Missing Assignments		
AMELIA E PLIGH			
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An alerts subscription must be set for each student on the parent's account.

There are three categories of alerts: attendance, grade average, and assignment grades.

Attendance Alerts

The attendance alerts allow the parent to indicate if he wants to receive alerts for absences and tardies.

- 1. Under **Unexcused Absences**, the parent selects one of the following:
 - If he does not want to be notified of his student's unexcused absences, he selects **Don't** send me alerts.
 - If he only wants to be notified of an unexcused absence for the first occurrence of the day, he selects **Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day**.
 - If he wants to be notified of every unexcused absence throughout the day, he selects **Send me an alert for every occurrence**.
- 2. Under Excused Absences, the parent selects one of the following:
 - If he does not want to be notified of his student's excused absences, he selects **Don't** send me alerts.

- If he only wants to be notified of an excused absence for the first occurrence of the day, he selects **Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day**.
- If he wants to be notified of every excused absence throughout the day, he selects **Send me an alert for every occurrence**.
- 3. Under Tardies, the parent selects one of the following:
 - If he does not want to be notified of his student's tardies, he selects **Don't send me** alerts.
 - If he only wants to be notified of a tardy for the first occurrence of the day, he selects **Send me an alert for the first occurrence of the day**.
 - If he wants to be notified of every tardy throughout the day, he selects **Send me an alert** for every occurrence.

Average Alerts

The average alert allows the parent to be notified that the student's grade average in a class falls below a specified grade. By default, the parent will receive an alert any time the student's grade average in a class falls below failing. The parent may change the alert by specifying another grade.

To specify another grade, select **Custom**. In the custom field, type a numeric grade (0-100). Any time the student's average falls below this grade, the parent will receive an alert.

Assignment Alerts

The assignment alert allows the parent to be notified if the student receives an assignment grade below a specified grade in any class. By default, the parent will receive an alert any time the student receives a failing assignment grade in any class. The parent can change the alert by specifying another grade.

To specify another grade, select **Custom**. In the custom field, type a numeric grade (0-100). Any time the student receives an assignment grade below this grade in any class, the parent will receive an alert.

The parent may also choose to be notified if the student has an assignment marked as missing or incomplete. Select **Incomplete Assignments** to be notified of incomplete assignments. Select **Missing Assignments** to be notified of missing assignments.

How to Receive Alert Notices by E-Mail

If the parent wants to have alert notices sent to his e-mail address, he must select **Send me an email when an alert is generated** at the bottom of the page. Also, he needs to have entered his e-mail address on the My Account page. The **Send me an email when an alert is generated** check box is not displayed if the district has not set up e-mail notification.

Note: E-mail alert notices do not contain the information specific to the alert. The notice simply informs the parent that he has one or more unread alerts in his account.

The parent must click **Save Subscriptions** before leaving the page. Otherwise, the changes will not be saved.

My Account

The parent can change his account settings through the My Account page. To access the My Account page, click **My Account** on the menu at the top of any page.

(Available August 2012 for TxEIS) From any other page in ^{tx}Connect, the parent/guardian can click the \checkmark icon in the student list on the left side of the page to go directly to this page. The icon is only displayed if the parent/guardian has registered his e-mail address to the student.

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How to Add or Update an E-Mail Address

If the parent wants to receive alert notices by e-mail or register his e-mail address to a student, he must provide a valid e-mail address. His current e-mail address is displayed under **Email Address** if he previously entered it. The parent can add or update his e-mail address at any time.

1. Next to Email Address, click Change. The Email Address field is displayed.



2. In the Email Address field, the parent types a current e-mail address and clicks Save.

- If the data was entered incorrectly, a red message is displayed to the right of the field. The e-mail address must be in a valid format (e.g., *someone@example.net*) to continue.
- If the data was entered correctly, the new e-mail address is displayed under **Email** Address.
- 3. The parent can click **Cancel** not to change the e-mail address.

How to Change a Password

The parent can change his password any time. For security purposes, it is recommended that the password be changed periodically.

1. Next to **Password**, click **Change**. The **Old Password**, **New Password**, and **Confirm Password** fields are displayed.

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L	Password
L	The new password must be between 6 and 9 characters and must contain at least 3 of the following character types: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, punctuation.
I	
L	Old Password:
L	New Password:
L	Confirm Password:
l	Save Cancel
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- 2. In the **Old Password** field, the parent enters his current password.
- 3. In the **New Password** field, the parent enters a new password.
- 4. In the **Confirm Password** field, the parent retypes his new password exactly as it was typed above.
- 5. Click Save.
 - If the data was entered incorrectly, a red message is displayed to the right of each field that has incorrect data. The information must be provided to change the password.
 - If the data was entered correctly, the new password is saved. The next time the parent logs on to ^{tx}Connect, he must use the new password.
- 6. The parent can click **Cancel** not to change the password.

How to Change a Hint Question/Answer

The hint question/answer is used to verify the parent's identity if he forgets his password. The parent's current hint question and answer are displayed under **Hint Question**. He can change the question, the answer, or both.

1. Next to Hint Question, click Change. The Question and Answer fields are displayed.

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Hint Que	estion	
Question:	What was the name of your first pet?	•
Answer:	Sandy	
Save	Cancel	

- 2. The parent makes changes to the question and/or answer and clicks Save.
 - If the data was entered incorrectly, a red message is displayed to the right of each field that has incorrect data. The information must be provided to change the hint question/answer.
 - If the data was entered correctly, the new hint question is displayed under **Hint Question**.
- 3. The parent can click **Cancel** not to change the question and answer.

How to Add or Delete a Student

If the parent wants to add another student to his ^{tx}Connect account, he must have a valid student portal ID issued by the student's campus.

1. Next to **Students**, click **Change**. The **Add New Student** - **Student Portal ID** and **Birth Date** fields are displayed.

Delete	Student Name	Associated Users	Last Login			
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×	STEVEN A. DARROW	Mshelton	2/8/11 8:20 AM	Student Portal ID		1
×	ELIZABETH A. PARKER	Mshelton Dshelton	2/8/11 8:20 AM 2/2/11 3:40 PM	Birth Date:	_// (Example: 0)/11/1994)	
×	JESSICA S. VIALE	Mshelton	2/8/11 8:20 AM			
×	TYLER J. WIELAND	Mshelton	2/8/11 8:20 AM			

- 2. Under Add New Student in the Student Portal ID field, the parent types his student's portal ID.
- In the Birth Date field, the parent types the student's complete birth date in the MM/DD/YYYY format (e.g., 01/19/1998). The date entered here must match the birth date in the student's record at the campus.
- 4. Click Add. The student's name is displayed in the Students grid.
- 5. Click **Save** to save the changes.

If the student was successfully added to the account, his name appears in the **Students** list on the left side of every page. The students are listed in alphabetical order.

6. To delete a student from an account, click in next to the student to delete. Click **Save** to save the changes.

If the student was successfully deleted from the account, his name no longer appears in the **Students** list on the left side of every page.

7. Click Cancel not to add or delete a student.

How to Register an E-mail Address to a Student

The Edit Settings For My Students page, which can only be accessed by clicking **Edit Settings** on the My Account page, allows the parent to register his e-mail address for the students associated with his ^{tx}Connect account. He must register his e-mail address for each student. It is a one-time procedure, and he can unregister his e-mail address if necessary.

For TxEIS districts, the parent/guardian must be designated as a guardian in the TxEIS Student system. The **Guardian** field must be selected for the parent/guardian in TxEIS Registration on the Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Contact tab.



- When the parent/guardian clicks Edit Settings on the My Account page, the Edit Settings For My Students page is displayed. The program compares the e-mail address entered for his account (in the Email Address section on the My Account page) to the e-mail address that is on file at the campus. His students are listed as follows:
 - If the parent's e-mail address matches the e-mail address for one of the student's parents/guardians, he will have access to manage the student's settings and register him at the campus via online registration. In iTCCS districts, the parent can also sign up to receive electronic IPRs and report cards. If the parent has not previously registered the student to his account, the **Register** button is displayed under the student's name.

AMELIA R. CHILDERS
Your email address matches a parent email address associated with this student.
You may:
Register Register this email account to AMELIA R. CHILDERS

• If the parent's e-mail address does not match an e-mail address for any parents/guardians, he will not have access to manage the student's settings and register him at the campus via online registration. The **Register** button is not displayed for the student.

My Students
ELIZABETH A. ALBA
Your email address does not match an email address associated with this student.

If an incorrect e-mail address is entered for the parent's ^{tx}Connect account, the parent can change it on the My Account page under **Email Address**.

- 2. On the Edit Settings For My Students page, the parent can do the following:
 - If the **Register** button is displayed for a student, the parent can click **Register** to register his e-mail address for the student.
 - When he clicks **Register**, a message is automatically sent to his e-mail address that contains a 24-character alphanumeric registration code. A link to the district's ^{tx}Connect login page may also be included.

An email has been	ent to annette.beard@esc20.net	
with registration	ormation ^{ne} Primary Parent email a d r ess associated with this student.	
You may:	Close	
Complete the	istration process by entering the registration key exactly as it appears in the email:	
	Submit	
	Concel Decision	
Or, click Canc	Auton to cancel the registration process. Cancel Registration	
From: txConnect@esc20.n	mailto:txConnect@esc20.net]	
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 20	5:40 AM	
Subject: Registration Instr	ions	
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To register this email add	ss to BRIANNA please log in to txConnect, go to 'My Account' screen. Click on the 'Edit Settings' link next to the 'Students' category and e	ter the
following registration ke	zzXg&rZtPyYPpZXr&pCXZqAX.	
You may simply copy th	ode from this email and paste it into the appropriate box in txConnect. Click 'Submit' after entering the key to complete the registration proce	S.
To log into txConnect, c	s on the link below:	
https://txconnpa_esc20_n	DAPV/Login aspx	

Once the registration code is sent, the **Register** button is replaced with a field for the registration code. The parent must enter the exact registration code in the field in order to complete the registration process. The easiest way to enter the code accurately is to copy it from the e-mail message and paste it into the field.

JOSHUA K. ANGELES
Your email address matches a parent email address associated with this student.
You may:
Complete the registration process by entering the registration key exactly as it appears in the email:
Submit
Or, click Cancel button to cancel the registration process. Cancel Registration

Note: The parent must be logged on to ^{tx}Connect in order to complete the e-mail registration process.

The parent clicks Submit. If the correct code was entered, a message is displayed indicating that his e-mail address is registered to the student, and the Unregister button is displayed.



 The Unregister button is displayed if the parent's e-mail address is registered to the student. If necessary, he can click Unregister to unregister his e-mail address for the student.



• (iTCCS only) Select **Request electronic report card and IPR** to receive your student's report cards and interim progress reports (IPRs) in PDF format instead of a printed copy.



When the report card or IPR becomes available, a message will be sent to the parent's e-mail address notifying him that the document is available. The parent can log in to ^{tx}Connect and access the link to the .pdf file from the Summary page for the student.

This option is not available for all districts.

3. Once the parent's e-mail address is registered for a student, the 🖌 icon is displayed next to the student on the My Account page. The parent can click 🖌 to view online registration information for the student.



How to View and Update Online Registration Information for a Student

The Student Information for *Student Name* page (where *Student Name* is the student's name) allows parents to access forms for student online registration. A parent can only access the page if he is one of the student's parents/guardians and has successfully registered his e-mail address to the student.

The displayed information is provided by the district. It may consist of static forms and dynamic forms.

- Static forms cannot be updated online; they can be viewed, printed, completed by hand, and returned to the campus. Static forms will vary by campus and district, such as a home language survey.
- Dynamic forms are presented online and can be completed and submitted online. These forms may include student online registration and demographic updates.

To view or update information:

1. On the My Account page, the parent clicks // for the student for whom he wants to view or update registration information. The icon is only displayed if he is the one of the student's parents/guardians and his e-mail address is registered for the student. The Student Information for *Student Name* page is displayed.

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Registration										
Enrollment										
Contacts										
Random										
Calendars										
			Ava	ailable languages:	English	Español				

- 2. The forms for the student's online registration may be grouped under headings such as Medical, Transportation, and Other, depending on how the district has set them up. The parent clicks the heading to view the list of associated forms. The associated forms are displayed below the heading.
- 3. The parent locates the form he wants to view, and then he clicks **Select** for the form. The form data is displayed on the right side of the page.
 - For static forms, if the district provided any special instructions for the form, the instructions are displayed. An icon also indicates the format of the document, such as Microsoft Word or PDF. The parent clicks the form name to open the form. The form opens in the associated program.

^{tx} Connect	Summary	Attendance	Grades	Assignments	Discipline	Alerts	My Account	Links	Logout
Student Information for JOSHUA K. ANGELES Help Click on any form group listed below to see the list of associated forms. Help									
Registration Enrollment Select District-Wide	e Calendar		Health In	ventory					
Select Health Inver	itory		Please save f	requently to avoi	d losing data.				
Select Photo Relea	se								
Contacts									

• For dynamic forms, the form will open on the right side of the page in a grid format with column headings and rows of data.

Student Informa	ation for JOS	HUA K. ANG	GELES				Help
cack on any form group a							
Registration			Dynamic Emerge	acy Contacts			
Enrollment			Update your emergenc	y contact information	here please.		
Contacts			*Indicates a pending ch	ange.			
Here you can edit y	our contacts and se	e ours!		ANYTOWN			
Select Dynamic E	mergency Contacts		Birth Place City	ANTIOWN		(I am informational only.)	
			Parent 3 Work Phone Area Code		Edit	(Business Area Code)	
Random Calendars			Emergency Contact 2 Home Phone Number	<u> </u>	Cancel		
			Emergency Contact 2 Work Phone Number		Edit		
			Emergency Contact 2 Cell Phone Number		Edit		
			Emergency Contact 2 Drivers License Number				
			Emergency Contact 2 Can Pick Up/Transport		Edit	(Y - Yes, N- No)	

- □ The left column displays all the information fields, such as **Grade**, **SSN**, and **Birth Date**.
- □ The next column displays the current data for the field, if it exists.
- If the district or campus provided specific instructions for the field, the instructions are displayed in the right column.
- □ Some data can be updated, and some data cannot be updated. If the data can be updated, the **Edit** button is displayed.
 - When you click **Edit**, an input field appears below the existing data allowing you to type the new information. A **Cancel** button is also displayed for the field.

Email Address		Edit	
Contact Home Phone Area Code	(210)	Edit	
Contact Home Phone Number	987-8594 987-8594	Cancel	
Contact Work Phone		Edit	(Entor the

- The input field will display the existing data. Type over the existing data with the new information. Otherwise, click **Cancel**.
- If a field is limited to a specific format or type of data, and you type invalid data, a message is displayed instructing you to correct the data. You must correct the data to continue.

 If you have submitted a change in the field, but the change is still pending (i.e., not yet approved by an administrator), the original data is displayed with an asterisk next to it. You can click **Edit** to see the change you requested.

Once the change is approved by an administrator, the new data will be displayed in the grid.

- 4. Click **Save Changes** to save any changes. Otherwise, click **Cancel** to clear any changes on the page.
 - The campus staff will be notified of the parent's changes and will need to approve them before they are updated in the student's official records. If the parent has submitted a change that has not yet been approved, an asterisk is displayed next to the field to indicate that the change is pending.
 - If the parent edits a pending field, his most recent change will overwrite the former pending change. The campus staff will approve the most recent change.
 - Once the campus staff has approved the change, the new data is displayed.

External Links

The External Links page displays links for up to three external Web sites. The page can only be accessed from the menu if the district has provided at least one external link.

To access the External Links page, click Links on the menu at the top of any page.



How to Access External Links

Click the link to open the Web site. If a graphic is provided, you can click the graphic or the link. The Web site opens in a new browser window.

Error Handling

In many cases, application errors that cause error messages are corrected quickly. Often if the parent waits for a while and then returns to ^{tx}Connect, the system will work properly.

If an error is caused by invalid data that he has entered, a message on the page prompts him to correct the entry. Once he corrects the error, he can continue.

The following types of errors may be generated in the ^{tx}Connect application:

- Unexpected error: This error is due to some exception that has been generated by the application. If the parent loses his session, he is returned to the Login page or the current page. The application logs the exception information.
- Database communication error: This error occurs if the application is unable to communicate with the ^{tx}Connect database. Usually, this is a very brief issue. Wait a few minutes, and then try the action again. The error is logged in the event log.
- Session loss error: This error occurs if the session has been cleared because the application was reset. If the parent loses his session, he is returned to the Login page. If this occurs, the parent should wait a few minutes and then log on again. The error is logged in the event log.
- **Configuration error:** This error occurs if there is an error in the web.config file or service environment. The error is logged in the event log when starting the application.

If an error persists, contact the system administrator at the e-mail address displayed on the error page. Be sure to provide the following:

- The error message, including the code that is displayed below the error message
- The action that the parent attempted when the error occurred

Appendix A - Calculating Averages

To calculate a student's cycle average for a course, the parent must know the weighting type used for the course (percentage, point, or multiplier). The weighting type is displayed on the Cycle Grades page. Click the cycle average to see the detail view for the course.

- If the weighting type is percent-based, the category weights show % (e.g., 90%).
- If the weighting type is point-based, each assignment grade displays the earned points and total points (e.g., 9/10).
- If the weighting type is multiplier-based, the category weights show X (e.g., 2x).

The parent should perform the calculations for the appropriate weighting type for the course.

Percent-based

If the course uses percent-based weighting, the teacher assigns a percentage to each assignment category. Examples of assignment categories are homework, tests, labs, quizzes, etc. The percentages for all categories must total 100%.

Formula for percent-based:

1. For each category, take the sum of all points earned for all assignments.

Points Earned 1 + Points Earned 2 + Points Earned 3 = Total Points Earned

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments. The student earned a 70/100, 80/100, and 90/95 for those assignments.

(70 + 80 + 90) = 240

The Test category has two tests. The student earned a 45/50 and 100/100 for those tests.

(45 + 100) = 145

The Cycle Exam category has no grades yet.

Extra credit:

If the student has extra credit points, include the extra credit (EC) points in the Total Points Earned.

(Points Earned 1 + Points Earned 2 + Points Earned 3 + EC) = Total Points Earned

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments. The student earned a 70/100, 80/100, and 90/95 for those assignments. He also has 10 points of extra credit.

(70 + 80 + 90 + 10) = 250

2. For each category, take the sum of all possible points for all assignments.

Possible Points 1 + Possible Points 2 + Possible Points 3 = Total Possible Points

Note: Some teachers may have total possible points for an assignment that are not 100 (e.g., 90/95).

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments. The student earned a 70/100, 80/100, and 90/95 for those assignments.

(100 + 100 + 95) = 295

The student's Total Possible Points for the Homework category is 295.

The Test category has two tests. The student earned a 45/50 and 100/100 for those tests.

(50 + 100) = 150

The student's Total Possible Points for the Test category is 150.

3. For each category, divide the Total Points Earned by the Total Possible Points.

Total Points Earned / Total Possible Points = Category Average

For example:

The student's Total Points Earned for the Homework category is 240. The student's Total Possible Points for homework is 295.

240 / 295 = 81.4

The student's Homework Category Average is 81.4.

The student's Total Points Earned for the Test category is 145. The student's Total Possible Points for the Test category is 150.

145 / 150 = 96.7

The student's Test Category Average is 96.7.

4. For each category, multiply the Category Average by the Category Weight.

Category Average x Category Weight = Category Value

For example:

The weight for the Homework category is 50%.

81.4 x 50% = 40.7

The weight for the Test category is 40%.

96.7 x 40% = 38.7

The weight for the Cycle Exam category is 10%, but there is no category average.

5. Take the sum of all Category Values.

Category Value 1 + Category Value 2 + Category Value 3 = Total

For example:

Add the category values for the Homework and Test categories. There is no category value for the Cycle Exam category.

40.7 + 38.7 = 79.4

6. Divide the Total by the sum of the weights for the categories that have grades, and then multiply by 100.

(Total / 100) x 100 = Average (if all categories have grades)

(Total / Cat Sum) x 100 = Average (if some categories do not yet have grades)

For example:

The sum of the weights of the Homework category and Test category is 90. The Cycle Exam category is omitted from the sum because it does not have grades.

The student's Total is 79.4.

(79.4 / 90) x 100 = 88.2

The student's average is 88.

Point-based

If the course uses point-based weighting, the teacher assigns point values for each assignment category. Examples of assignment categories are homework, tests, labs, quizzes, etc. The point values must equal the total number of points for the cycle. The calculation is based on the total points, not weighting.

Formula for point-based:

1. For each category, take the sum of points earned on all assignments.

Points 1 + Points 2 + Points 3 = Category Points

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments, each worth 50 points. The student earned a 40, 45, and 50 for those assignments.

40 + 45 + 50 = 135

The Test category has two tests, each worth 50 points. The student earned a 40 and 50 for those tests.

40 + 50 = 90

Extra credit:

If the student has an extra credit assignment, add the points for the extra credit (EC) assignment to the Category Points.

Category Points + EC = new Category Points

For example:

The student's Homework Category Points is 135. The student was awarded 5 points for a homework extra credit assignment.

135 + 5 = 140

2. Take the sum of the points earned in all categories.

Category 1 Points + Category 2 Points + Category 3 Points = Total Points

For example:

Add the points for the Homework category and the Test category.

135 + 90 = 225

3. Divide the Total Points by the Total Possible Points, and multiply by 100.

(Total Points / Total Possible Points) x 100 = Average

For example:

The student's total points is 225. The total possible points is 250.

(225 / 250) x 100 = 90

The student's average is 90.

Multiplier-based

If the course uses multiplier-based weighting, the teacher assigns a multiplier number (between 1-9) for each category. For multipliers greater than one, the individual assignment grades are counted multiple times. Multiplier-based weighting is often used in elementary schools.

Formula for multiplier-based:

- 1. Calculate the category actual value:
 - For each category, add the sum of the points earned for each assignment:

Points Assignment 1 + Points Assignment 2 + Points Assignment 3 = Actual Category Points

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments, each worth 100 points. The student earned a 70, 80, and 90 for those assignments.

70 + 80 + 90 = 240

The Test category has two tests, each worth 100 points. The student earned a 90 and 100 for those tests.

90 + 100 = 190

Extra credit:

If the student has an extra credit assignment, add the points for the extra credit (EC) assignment to the Actual Category Points.

Actual Category Points + EC = new Actual Category Points

For example:

The student's Homework Actual Category Points is 240. The student was awarded 5 points for a homework extra credit assignment.

240 + 5 = 245

• For each category, multiply the Actual Category Points by the multiplier value.

Actual Category Points x M = Actual Category Value, where M is the multiplier value

For example:

The multiplier for the Homework category is 2.

240 x 2 = 480

The multiplier for the Test category is 1.

190 x 1 = 190

• Add the sum of the actual category values for all categories.

Actual Category Value + Actual Category Value = Actual Value Total

For example:

Add the actual values for the Homework category and the Test category.

480 + 190 = 670

- 2. Calculate the category possible value:
 - For each category, add the sum of the possible points for each assignment:

Possible Points Assignment 1 + Possible Points Assignment 2 + Possible Points Assignment 3 = Possible Category Points

For example:

The Homework category has three assignments, each worth 100 points.

100 + 100 + 100 = 300

The Test category has two assignments, each worth 100 points.

100 + 100 = 200

• For each category, multiply the Possible Category Points by the multiplier value:

Possible Category Points x M = Possible Category Value, where M is the multiplier value

For example:

The multiplier for the Homework category is 2.

300 x 2 = 600

The multiplier for the Test category is 1.

200 x 1 = 200

• Add the sum of the possible category values for all categories.

Possible Category Value + Possible Category Value = Actual Value Total

For example:

Add the possible values for the Homework category and the Test category.

600 + 200 = 800

3. Calculate the average.

Divide the actual category value by the possible category value, and then multiply by 100.

(Actual Value Total / Possible Value) x 100 = Average

For example:

The student's value for actual points earned is 670. The value for possible points is 800.

(670 / 800) x 100 = 83.7

The student's average is 84.

Transfer Students

If a student transfers into the course during a cycle, the following calculations are used to determine his working cycle average:

1. For the transfer grade, multiply the Transfer Average by the Transfer Weight.

Transfer Average x Transfer Weight = Transfer Value

For example:

The student's Transfer Average is 74.

The student's Transfer Weight is 55%.

74 x 55% = 40.7

The student's Transfer Value is 40.7.

2. Calculate the average of the student's assignment grades (for the remainder of the cycle) using the steps described above under Percent-based, Point-based, or Multiplier-based.

For example:

The percent-based example above shows a Working Cycle Average of 87.

3. Calculate the weight for the Working Cycle Average.

100% - Transfer Weight = Working Cycle Average Weight

For example:

The student's Transfer Weight is 55%.

100% - 55% = 45%

The student's Working Cycle Average Weight is 45%.

4. Calculate the Working Cycle Average Value.

Working Cycle Average x Working Cycle Average Weight = Working Cycle Average Value

For example:

The student's Working Cycle Average is 87.

The student's Working Cycle Average Weight is 45%.

87 x 45% = 39.15

The student's Working Cycle Average Value is 39.15.

5. Take the sum of the Transfer Value and the Working Cycle Average Value.

Transfer Value + Working Cycle Average Value = Actual Working Cycle Average

For example:

The student's Transfer Value is 40.7.

The student's Working Cycle Average Value is 39.5.

40.7 + 39.5 = 80.2

The student's Actual Working Cycle Average is 80.

If a student transferred from a course that posts letter grades to a course that posts numeric grades and a letter grade is entered for his transfer average, the grade conversion table is used to determine the numeric value.

Dropped Assignments

For all weighting types, the teacher can specify a number of grades to drop for each category (e.g., drop the lowest two grades). If the teacher specified a number of grades to drop, the dropped grades are figured in when calculating the total points earned.

Notes:

- If the number of grades entered is greater than the number of grades to drop, the lowest X grades are dropped, where X is the specified number to drop for that category.
- If the number of grades to drop is greater than or equal to the number of grades entered, no grades are dropped.

Warning: If all assignments in a category do not have the same total points value, the calculations for dropping a specified number of assignments for the category may result in an average that is different than expected. If the total points value varies, the grade with the lowest number of points may not necessarily be the lowest grade.

Rounding Numbers

When calculating a student's cycle average, the parent should be aware of the following details:

- Assignment grades are always whole numbers (i.e., no decimals).
- When a category average is displayed on a student's Cycle Grades page or IPR, it is rounded to the nearest whole number. If the number to the right of the decimal is 5 or greater, the displayed grade is rounded up. If the number to the right of the decimal is less than 5, the displayed grade is rounded down.

For example, if the student's category average is 89.5, the IPR and Cycle Grades page will display 90 for the category average. If the student's category average is 90.49, the IPR and Cycle Grades page will display 90 for the category average.

When calculating a student's cycle average, the category average is *not* rounded. The program uses the entire unrounded number (i.e., 32-bit precision) to calculate the cycle average.

Warning: If you use the rounded category average to calculate a student's cycle average, you may get a different average than the average produced by the program, since the program does *not* use the rounded category average.

- Once the cycle average is calculated, it is rounded to the nearest whole number. The cycle average is always displayed as a whole number.
- When the semester average is calculated, the rounded cycle averages are used. The semester average is rounded to the nearest whole number. The semester average is always displayed as a whole number.

Missing and Incomplete Grades

When calculating a student's average, the parent should be aware of the following details:

If a student has an assignment grade of M (missing), the grade is calculated as a zero. A missing grade can be dropped, if applicable.

If a student has an assignment grade of I (incomplete), no averages are calculated, and an I is displayed in place of the average. The grade remains as an I until a grade is entered for the assignment.

Power Law Computation

For campuses that use standards-based/skills-referenced grading, a student's standard/skill score may reflect the average for the standard/skill, which is calculated by adding all scores for all assignments associated with the standard/skill, and dividing by the number of assignments. Or, the student's score may be calculated using the power law computation. The higher of the two is always displayed as the student's standard/skill score, unless the teacher has entered an override score.

The power law computation is based on the idea that a student's later scores should have more weight than his earliest scores, because later scores are more reflective of the student's accumulated knowledge.

The nonlinear power law equation is $y = m * x^{b}$, where:

- *y* is the score that is being predicted or computed.
- x is the score on which the prediction is based, indicating the number of practices the student has had for the standard/skill. For example, if the student has had three assessments to date, starting with a homework assignment, then a quiz, and then a test, the x score for the homework assignment would be 1, for the quiz would be 2, and for the test would be 3. Each score must have a corresponding assessment number.

Steps:

- Calculate the log of *x* and the log of *y* for all possible *x* values and all possible *y* values.
- Use the log values for x and y in the linear equation y = mx + b (i.e., $\log(y) = m * \log(x) + b$).
 - Solve for *m* in this linear equation to get the value for b for the nonlinear equation.

$$m = \frac{\sum xy - \left[\frac{\sum x \sum y}{N}\right]}{\sum x^2 - \left[\frac{(\sum x)^2}{N}\right]}$$

• Solve for *b* in this linear equation to get log(m). Calculate m using the formula $m = e^{log(m)}$ to get the value for *m* in the nonlinear equation.

$$b = \frac{\sum y - m(\sum y)}{N}$$

Use the new values for *m* and *b* in the nonlinear power law equation.

Appendix B - System Requirements

Operating System

txConnect can run on any operating system with the proper hardware requirements to support the minimum browser requirements.

Mobile Devices

txConnect is compatible with Apple mobile devices (i.e., iPad, iPod touch, and iPhone).

Browser Setup

The minimum browser requirements for txConnect are as follows:

- Internet Explorer 8.0 or later
- Mozilla Firefox 3.0 or later (for Windows XP or later and Mac OS X)
- Safari 4.0 or later (for Windows XP or later and Mac OS X)

Note: Some antivirus software blocks cookies and pop-up windows. In addition to the instructions below, check your antivirus software to ensure that it is not blocking cookies or pop-up windows from ^{tx}Connect.

Windows Internet Explorer

To add ^{tx}Connect to the trusted sites:

Adding the ^{tx}Connect Web site to the trusted sites means that you trust ^{tx}Connect to use cookies. The use of cookies is required for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

- 1. In the browser, from the Tools menu, select Internet Options. The Internet Options dialog box is displayed.
- 2. From the Internet Options dialog box, click the **Security** tab.
- 3. Under Select a zone to view or change security settings, click Trusted sites.
- 4. Click **Sites**. The Trusted sites dialog box is displayed.
- 5. Under **Add this website to the zone**, type the exact Web site address that you use to access ^{tx}Connect.

Note: If the Web site address begins with https, then select **Require server verification** (https:) for all sites in this zone. If the Web site address does not begin with https, then ensure that **Require server verification** (https:) for all sites in this zone is not selected.

- 6. Click Add. The Web site will appear under Websites.
- 7. Click **Close** to close the Trusted sites dialog box.
- 8. Click **OK** to close the Internet Options dialog box.

To enable pop-up windows:

^{tx}Connect uses pop-up windows to display some information. ^{tx}Connect must be set up as an allowed site.

- 1. In the browser, from the Tools menu, select Internet Options. The Internet Options dialog box is displayed.
- 2. From the Internet Options dialog box, click the **Privacy** tab. If **Turn on Pop-up Blocker** is selected, then continue.
- 3. Under **Pop-up Blocker**, click **Settings**. The Pop-up Blocker Settings dialog box is displayed.
- 4. Under **Address of website to allow**, type the exact Web site address that you use to access ^{tx}Connect.
- 5. Click Add. The Web site will appear under Allowed sites.
- 6. Click **Close** to close the Pop-up Blocker Settings dialog box.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the Internet Options dialog box.

Mozilla Firefox

The use of cookies is required for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

To enable cookies:

- 1. In the browser, from the Tools menu, select Options. The Options dialog box is displayed.
- 2. From the Options dialog box, click the **Privacy** icon.
- 3. Under **History** in the **Firefox Will** field, select Use custom settings from history.
- 4. Next to **Accept cookies from sites**, click **Exceptions**. The Exceptions Cookies dialog box opens.
- 5. Under **Address of web site**, type the exact Web site address that you use to access txConnect.

- 6. Click Allow. The Web site is displayed under Sites, and the Status is set to Allow.
- 7. Click **Close** to close the Exceptions Cookies dialog box.
- 8. Click **OK** to close the Options dialog box.

To enable pop-up windows:

^{tx}Connect uses pop-up windows to display some information. ^{tx}Connect must be set up as an allowed site.

- 1. In the browser, from the Tools menu, select Options. The Options dialog box is displayed.
- 2. From the Options dialog box, click the **Content** icon.
- 3. Next to **Block pop-up windows**, click **Exceptions**. The Allowed Sites Popups dialog box is displayed.
- 4. Under **Address of web site**, type the exact Web site address that you use to access ^{tx}Connect.
- 5. Click Allow. The Web site will appear under Sites, and the Status will be set to Allow.
- 6. Click **Close** to close the Allowed Sites Popups dialog box.
- 7. Click **OK** to close the Options dialog box.

To enable JavaScript for ^{tx}Connect:

JavaScript must be enabled for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

- 1. In the browser, from the Tools menu, select Options. The Options dialog box is displayed.
- 2. From the Options dialog box, click the **Content** icon.
- 3. Ensure that **Enable JavaScript** is selected.
- 4. Click **OK** to close the Options dialog box.

Safari for Mac OS X

To enable cookies for ^{tx}Connect:

The use of cookies is required for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

- 1. In the browser, from the menu bar, select Safari, and then select Preferences. The Preferences dialog box is displayed.
- 2. In the Preferences dialog box, select **Security**.
- 3. Next to Accept Cookies, select Only from sites I visit.

4. Close the Preferences dialog box.

To enable pop-up windows:

^{tx}Connect uses pop-up windows to display some information. By default, Safari blocks pop-up windows. The pop-up blocker must be disabled for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

From the Safari menu, select Block Pop-Up Windows to clear the check mark to turn off this option.

To enable JavaScript for ^{tx}Connect:

JavaScript must be enabled for proper operation of ^{tx}Connect.

- 1. In the browser, from the menu bar, select Safari, and then select Preferences. The Preferences dialog box is displayed.
- 2. In the Preferences dialog box, select **Security**.
- 3. Next to Web Content, ensure that Enable JavaScript is selected.
- 4. Close the Preferences dialog box.

Window Navigation

- Users are encouraged to use the main menu and submenus to navigate from one page to another.
- The following suggestions will reduce the number of client workstation problems with txConnect.
 - Avoid using the keyboard function keys.
 - Do not use the browser toolbars; for example, Standard Buttons, Address Bar, or Links.
 - Click **Logout** to exit the application when finished; do not click **X** to exit the application.
 - If you attempt to open a page within ^{tx}Connect from your Favorites list or the address bar, the system first displays the Login page if you are not already logged on. Once you successfully log on to txGradebook, the requested page is displayed.
 - Do not open multiple ^{tx}Connect pages in different windows.

Warning: Do not use the Back button or shortcut keys to navigate from one window to another. Use of these in a maintenance function will produce unreliable results.

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