

New to version 9.0 in Blackboard is the Home Page. When you receive a new course in your account, the opening default page is the Home Page. This is a customizable page that is very similar to the page in My Blackboard/My Page Tab.

My Blackboard or My Page Tab

The screenshot shows the Blackboard Home Page for a 'Test Course'. The top navigation bar includes 'Ingham Intermediate School District', 'My Blackboard', 'System Admin', 'Blackboard Support', 'Courses', 'Content Collection', and 'Scholar'. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Test Course' and 'Home Page'. A central 'Home Page' section has a dropdown menu and an 'Add Course Module' button. To the right, there are sections for 'My Calendar' (no events for the next 7 days) and 'To Do' (with 'What's Past Due' and 'What's Due' sections). A 'Customize Page' button is visible in the top right. A red callout box points to the 'Add Course Module' button.

To customize the Home Page, just click on Add Course Module.

The Home Page is actually a Module Page if you want to add a Home Page to your Course. To add click on the + button and choose Create Module Page. You can name it Home Page or whatever you wish.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Module' interface in Blackboard. The top navigation bar is the same as the previous screenshot. The 'Test Course' tab is active, and the 'Home Page > Add Module' path is shown. The 'Add Module' section has a '1. Select Modules' step. A list of modules is shown with checkboxes: 'Alerts' (checked), 'BB Teacher Resources', 'Calculator', and 'Dictionary'. The 'Alerts' module description is 'Displays notifications'. The 'Calculator' module description is 'Calculator'. The 'Dictionary' module description is 'Displays a Dictionary'. There are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons at the bottom right. A red callout box points to the 'Submit' button.

You can customize the Home page with different modules. There is an Alerts Page, Calculator, Dictionary, Thesaurus, ToDos and much more. Choose the module/s and then click on Submit.

Test Course Home Page > Customize: Home Page

**Customize: Home Page**

**1. Customize Theme**

Choose a color palette for all the elements on this page. Changes made to this affect other pages in the course.

Current Selection:

**Page Title**  
The text goes here.  
Module Title  
Module text  
(Current System Theme)

**Color Palette Library**

Page Title The text goes here. | Page Title The text goes here. | Page Title The text goes here.

**You can customize the look and feel with themes and colors. When you are on your Home Page click on Customize Page. Then choose a theme and color from the Color Palette Library.**

Test Course Home Page

**Home Page**

Add Course Module

**My Calendar**  
No calendar events have been posted for the next 7 days. more...

**My Tasks**  
No tasks due. more...

**My Announcements**  
Test Course  
• Math Tuesday Tuesday more...

**To Do**  
Edit Notification Settings  
What's Past Due Actions  
All Items (0)  
What's Due Actions  
Select Date: 07/16/2009 Go  
Today (0)

**What's New**  
Edit Notification Settings Actions  
Announcements (1)  
Courses/Organizations (1)

**You can also drag and drop the page modules to different locations on the page. e.g. I have moved the My Announcements and My Tasks page.**

**Home Page**

Add Course Module

**Customize Page**

**You can reorder the modules by clicking on the little square which will open up a dialog box which allows you to change the order in the columns. (if you prefer not to drag and drop)**

**Reorder: Modules**

Column 1	Column 2
My Calendar	My Tasks
My Announcements	To Do
What's New	Alerts
Needs Attention	

Cancel Submit

You may have noticed that the announcements are very brief. There is a character limitation. You can click on the underlined text and you will receive the full description.

The screenshot shows a 'Home Page' dashboard with a yellow header. On the left is a user profile icon and the text 'Home Page' with a dropdown arrow. Below the header are two buttons: 'Add Course Module' and 'Customize Page'. The main content area is divided into four widgets: 'My Calendar' (no events for 7 days), 'My Tasks' (no tasks due), 'My Announcements' (listing 'Test Course' with a sub-item 'Math Test Tuesday'), and 'To Do' (with 'Edit Notification Settings' and 'What's Past Due').

Full text of the announcement.

The screenshot shows an 'Announcements' section with a yellow header. It includes a speaker icon, the title 'Announcements', and a 'Create Announcement' button. Below the header is a list of announcements. The first announcement is titled 'Math Test Tuesday' and contains the text: 'Don't forget the multiplication math test on Thursday. Go to quizdom.com and study the flasdhcards on multiplication.' To the right of the announcement text, it says 'Posted by: Melissa White' and 'Posted on : Wed, Jul 15, 2009'.