**PowerTeacher Pro/Unified Classroom Q & A from Districts**

1. How does Title 1 / Special Ed teachers access data for students building-wide?
   1. PowerSchool has stated that district users without students will have access to create assessments and assessment items in Unified Classroom. The process of enabling this is still being developed.
2. Can I save my class list as an Excel or Word document?
   1. Yes, once in Unified, click on Analysis, Reports, and then the Roster tab.
3. When will the new data management system start?
   1. Analytics release is still TBD. There are 3 pilot districts but it is still being implemented for them. Once they are active the remainder of the districts will go live.
4. Do we have access to this in K and Preschool?
   1. Yes, anyone who has classes in PowerSchool has access to this system.
5. Where is the medical alert in demographics?
   1. This can only be accessed through the PowerTeacher Portal and not the Unified Classroom. You will have to select PowerTeacher Portal Home from the Quick Links icon and then click on the backpack icon next to the section you would like to see the alerts for.
6. Will saved comments from PowerSchool bank transfer to the new gradebook?
   1. There is a district comment bank available within Unified Classroom. Currently there is no way to save personal comments for future use within the system.
7. Do we need to check that Auto-check box for every assignment to have the standards apply?
   1. If you want the standard to auto calculate for report card purposes, yes, this must be done when you create the assignment. If you select after the assignment has already been scored you will need to clear all scores and reenter them to re trigger the auto-calculation of the standards scores.
8. Will we be taking lunch count through this?
   1. Lunch count will still be taken through the PowerTeacher Portal.
9. When PowerSchool Special Ed (Tienet) is linked, will the classroom teacher have access to their students’ IEP – accommodations, testing modifications, goals, etc.?
   1. Yes.
10. Which group/class does elementary take attendance?
    1. AM and PM attendance.
11. Will parents eventually get access to the Unified Classroom Parent Portal?
    1. Yes, this is a district decision and once enabled, the parents and students will be required to create PowerSchool ID’s just like the teaches had to.
12. How do subs access this for attendance? Will they have limited login access?
    1. They will access the information just as they did last year.
13. So do we still need to use Data Director?
    1. Data Director is available for the 2017-2018 school year.
14. What web browser does this work best in?
    1. Chrome
15. In the student tab, will the parent email be listed?
    1. No, this will still be accessed through the PowerTeacher Portal.
16. Will specials have to rename all of our classes as we did in the past?
    1. Yes, you can utilize the custom class name feature for this.
17. When our teachers created a category with 4 points only it did not work. It kept defaulting back to 10 points.  Is there something we are doing wrong? I thought we were able to change the points.
    1. This feature is still under development. Score type and score value will have to be manually entered on the assignment creation screen.
18. Can we change the colors of the tiles of classes that appear in the teacher’s Dashboard? The elementary special teachers would like to change the colors by grade level.
    1. This is still under development and it currently just selects random colors for all of the different sections, but this is something PS said was coming.
19. Why does it time out so quickly?
    1. Per PowerSchool, there is a specific teacher timeout set for 6 hours, and we are unable to control it at this time.
20. When is the app going to be available?
    1. Per PowerSchool, the app is currently available, however, some of the functionality of UC does not flow to app. For example: The activity feed.
21. The rows of students are difficult to tell the difference because of the colors?
    1. You cannot modify the colors at this time. We have put in an Enhancement Request in PowerSource for this functionality to be added by PowerSchool.
22. Class averages not visible on the Scoresheet.
    1. Yes it is. Click on Scoresheet > Click on the gear > click on Show Metrics.
23. No longer able to enter multiple assignments without being kicked out to a difference screen.
    1. The ability to edit assignments from the create assignment screen has been made available in a recent release.
24. How am I able to see the percentage of an assignment instead of student the number of points?
    1. In the assignment summery information box at the top of the scoresheet when you have an assignment selected will display the percentage.
25. Will the Seating Chart and Attendance always be the old way?
    1. At this time yes.
26. Creating special scores. How do we do that? For example: L= late which equals a zero.
    1. This is now done in Admin Side/District Office. You have to create your special codes scale and then attach it to an existing or created grade scale.
27. How can the gradebook be one decimal place and then round to the whole number?
    1. If you would like more decimals and/or the ability to truncate or round, you can set this up at the District Office.
28. How can extra credit be its own category?
    1. You will have to create a separate category with extra credit and only assign it to the students that are receiving extra credit. Then, you will have to setup a Traditional Grade Calculation.
29. How can we create student groups?
    1. You cannot create student groups at this time. However, according to PowerSchool, this will be in a future release.
30. If a district enables UC will they have Library visible?
    1. Yes.
31. Can the launch button to launch the old gradebook be hidden in the PowerTeacher Portal?
    1. Not at this time. Per PowerSchool, this is how teachers are able to see their historical grades.
32. How can I shrink the spreadsheet so I can see more / all of the grades at once?
    1. Click on your name > settings > display settings > scale view
33. How can I make the grade for a student change automatically when I enter a score as opposed to having to save each time?
    1. This is not available at this time, as the new gradebook is calculating the grades in the browser so the save button needs to be pressed to trigger that calculation.
34. I would like to know if there is a way to hide (on the screen) already completed assignments from the scoresheet.
    1. You can filter your assignments on the score sheet by Due Date Range, Category, or Specific Due dates. Click on the Gear Icon > Show Filter. On the Assignment / Activity List page, you can filter by All Students Scored to see just assignments needing scoring Assignment / Activity List > Filter > All Students Scored = False.
35. On the old version, I could copy an assignment from one semester to another. Is there a way to do that - both old to new and new to new?
    1. You can copy assignments from the scoresheet screen. Scoresheet screen > Gear icon > Copy Assignments.
36. We used to be able to edit an assignment for just one hour - now if you enter the assignment for a group you are not allowed to edit it for just one class.
    1. You can edit the assignment for just one class by clicking on the edit assignment link. When you edit / delete the assignment multiple classes will be selected by default. You must select classes and unselect all classes you do not want to edit and the changes will be made for the individual class.
37. We cannot save data on students like book numbers in the scoresheet like we used to be able to do in the old gradebook.
    1. You can create an assignment in your scoresheet and uncheck the box to Count in Final Grade to create a place holder column for data such as book numbers.
38. Is there a "revert" button?  For example, if I accidentally enter a score into the wrong students info is there a way to undo without discarding all changes?
    1. Not at this time. You will have to clear out scores and reenter them, or navigate away from the screen and choose to discard changes, but then you would lose all of your changes since the last save.
39. The scoresheet shows assignments in the top down view from later in the semester to earlier. I would really like to be able to change it so it automatically starts beginning to end of year.
    1. In the scoresheet > Click the gear icon > Show Assignments from Most Recent.
40. How do I know what grade scale is being utilized by my assignment and how is the assignment grade being calculated?
    1. If an assignment or standard is selected on the scoresheet or the standards grade pages, you can click Show More, and then the grade scale will be displayed as well as the calculation formula.