



### **Students Achieve Gradebook**

### For Gradebook

Grades 1-9

Dec., 2017

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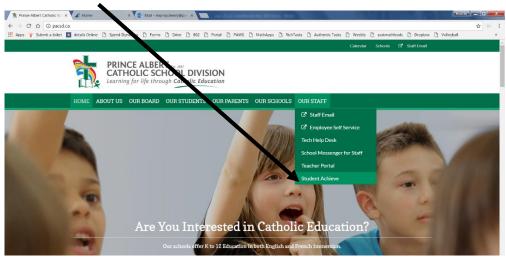
# Gradebook setup and usage

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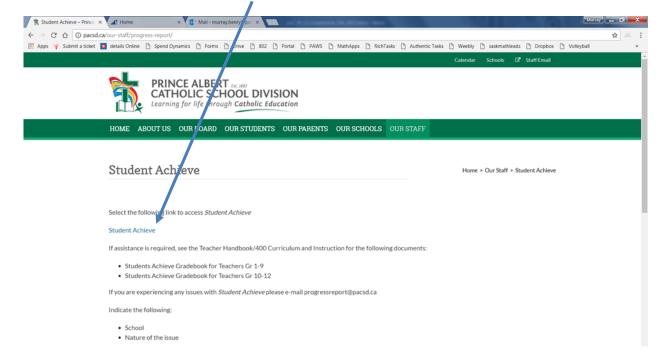
### StudentsAchieve Gradebook

Teacher Gradebook will automatically be created for all teachers with class and student information being auto populated. If classes are not created properly please contact <a href="mailto:progressreport@pacsd.ca">progressreport@pacsd.ca</a>

Choose Students Achieve from 'Our Staff' tab.



Then choose **Students Achieve** to open the login page for the gradebook.



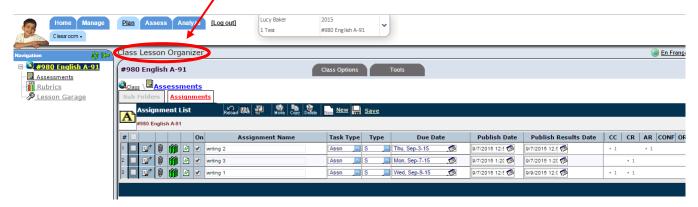
### Logging into the Gradebook

Remember to include the pacsd6\ before your username when you log in. Enter the same password that you use to log-in to your desktop computer at school.



### Touch Marks Entry (TME):

In the past few years, we used the Class List Organizer (CLO) view which most teachers are familiar with (it is okay to continue to use this for now). Students Achieve would like to eventually have teachers switch over to Touch Marks Entry because it provides them more flexibility to manage our gradebook. So FYI, we will have to switch in the coming years.

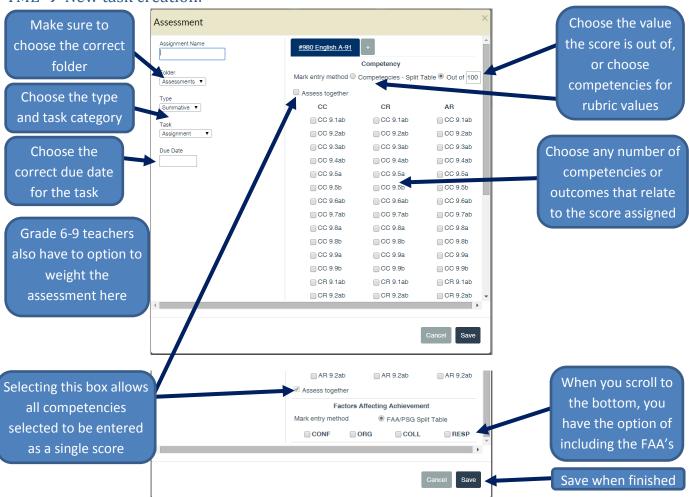


• To enter new tasks, it is best practice to create them in the Touch Marks Entry (TME) screen.



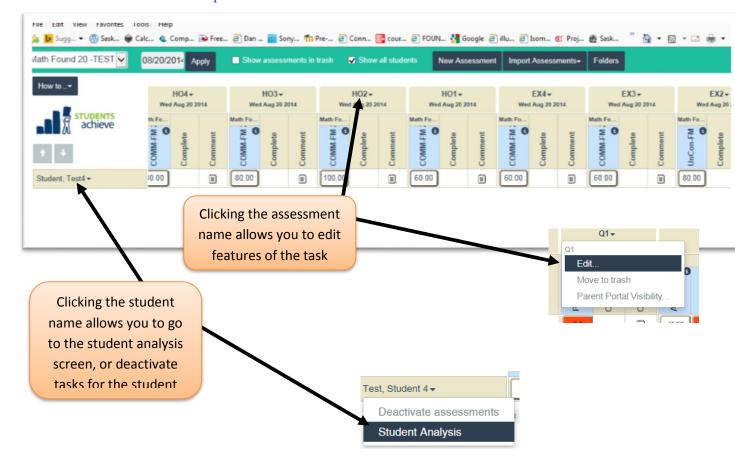
- Once all your assignments are created, then you can enter your marks/scores in TME **or** in the older, more familiar CLO screen.
- You should now copy tasks from previous years within TME.
- This makes things easier and more flexible for creating tasks because now tasks can be edited. Unlike the CLO where we were not able to edit tasks.

#### TME $\rightarrow$ New task creation:

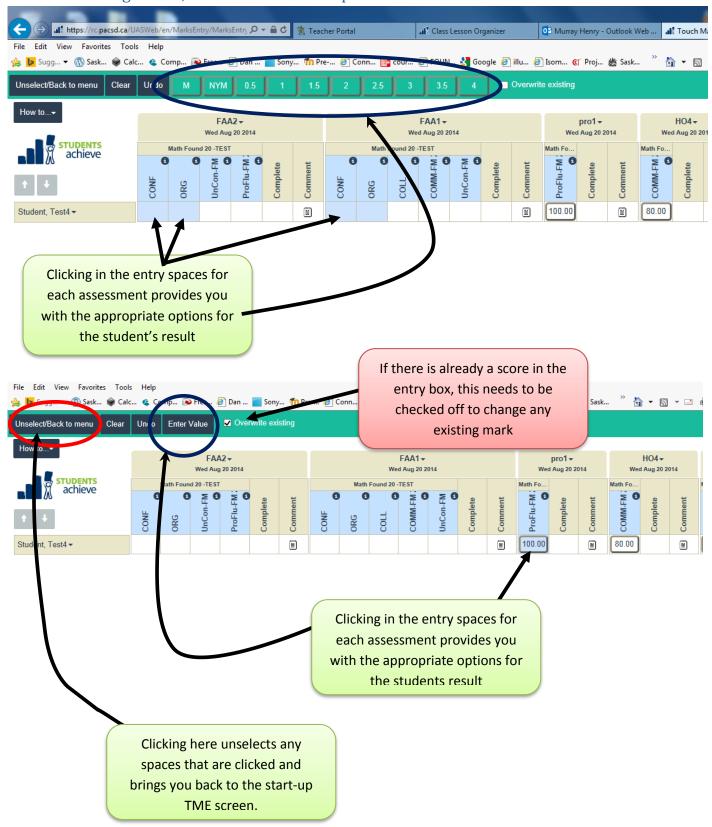


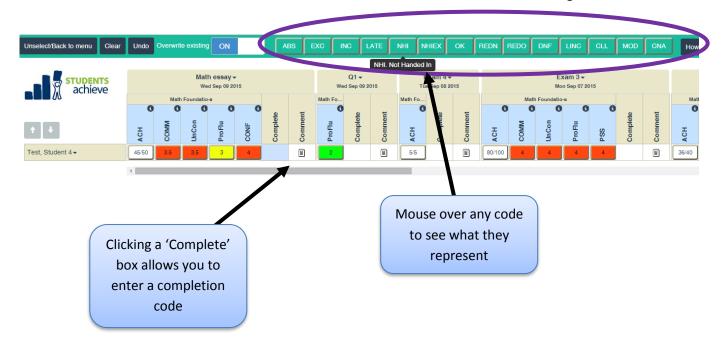
• Once all your assignments are created, then you can enter your marks/scores in TME or in the older, more familiar CLO screen (which seems faster to most people). TME is nice to use if you have access to a touch screen. This doesn't mean you can request a touch screen device just for using your gradebook.

### TME → Task and student options:



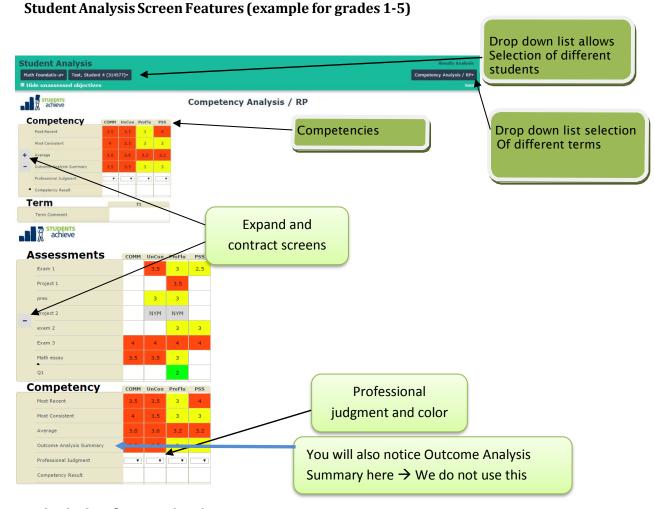
### TME → Entering scores, rubric values or completion codes:





# Student Analysis Screen

The Analysis by Student View only displays level values applied to summative assessments. From a competency-based assessment approach the Student Analysis Screen is one of the most powerful features in StudentsAchieve. This view provides teachers with the opportunity to review assessment results student by student in relation to the specific competencies that have been assessed. Achievement levels are color-coded to allow teachers to identify specific outcomes that individual students are having difficulty with. This also provides teachers with the ability to review the data and apply their own professional judgment to each competency (and/or factor affecting achievement). The Student Analysis Screen also provides teachers with access to several reports that can be used to summarize assessment data as well as move from term to term or student to student.



#### **Calculation for Level Values**

The Student Analysis Screen is extremely flexible in the way that the competency level values are determined. In the above example the level values are determined in the following manner.

- Most Consistent is determined using the mode (average) for all of the values assigned to this outcome
- Most Recent -this is the most recent assessed value to this outcome and uses the date assigned to the assessment during the setup process.
- Professional Judgment after examining the most consistent values as well as the most recent values in regard to the outcome a teacher can override the value using their professional judgment. When a professional judgment value is entered it overrides the other values and is represented in the column labeled Outcome Result.
- Competency Result this value represents the professional judgment that is chosen. The color change will indicate that the data is saved.



#### Student Analysis Screen Features (example for grades 6-9)

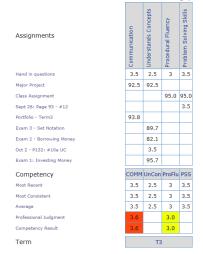
# **Analysis Screen Reports**

Teachers have three reports available from the reports link in the top right corner of the Student Analysis Screen. These reports include:



#### • Students Summary Report

This report displays the student's results including professional judgment.

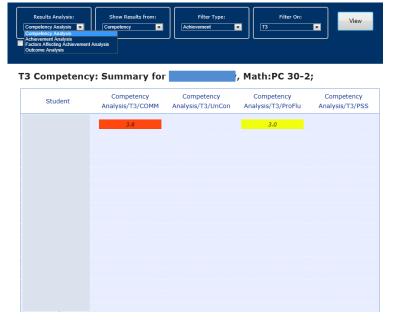


#### • Student Summary (all students)

This report displays student's results as above but a report is generated for each student.

#### • Class Section Summary Report

Displays the results for all students in the class section listed by competency, FAA and/or achievement.



### (beta) New Student Assessment Summary - Now Prints Letter Size

This report is to display assignment's results of one student or many students

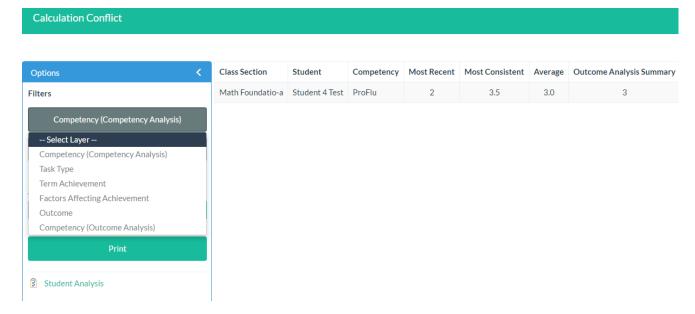
\* This report is now Letter Size which easily prints on 8.5 x 11 paper (the older version did not).

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The look; options and contents of this report will change as we progress with the use of our gradebook.

#### **Calculation Conflict Report**

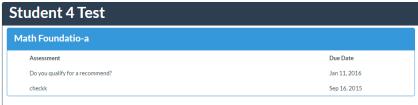
> Displays all items for a given layer where calculations reach conflicting results



#### **NHI Report**

> This report is purposed to display empty assignment results of one student or many students

# NHI Report

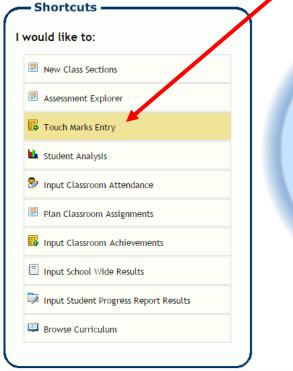


# Copying/moving tasks in the Students Achieve Gradebook

Once you are logged in and you have the correct class selected, go to Touch Marks Entry



Welcome to StudentsAchieve. The blue tabs in the menu found at the op of this window will allow you to quickly navigate within the application. If you cannot find what you're looking for, consult the Help section found on the right of the screen, below the menu.

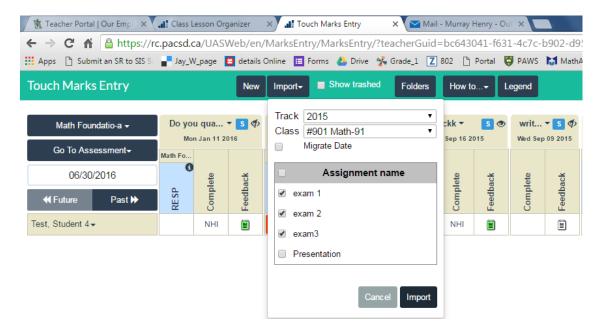




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### Copying/Moving Folders

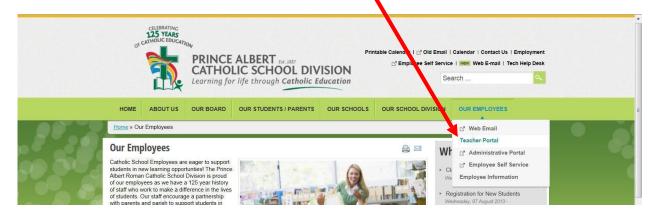
- ➤ In previous years, there have been errors caused by using the Class Lesson Organizer (CLO) to copy or move folders. It is recommended that Touch Marks Entry (TME) be used to copy/move assessments and folders to avoid the unpredictable errors CLO may cause.
- In TME, select **Import** from the top menu, then select the appropriate track and class you wish to import from. The **migrate date** option, copies the same date the original assessment had. If you leave it unchecked, TME attempts to approximate the date the assignment would be due in this current term.



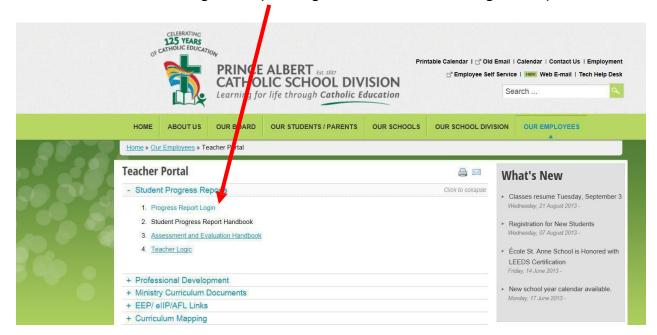
The assessments that are imported are placed in the assessments folder by default. The assessments can be edited to change the grading rules (mark it is out of, or the competencies & outcomes selected) and the folder the assessment is placed in.

# Printing a class list from the Gradebook to use as Collection Tool

> Choose the teacher portal from Our Employees tab



> Now choose Progress Report Login from the Student Progress Report section



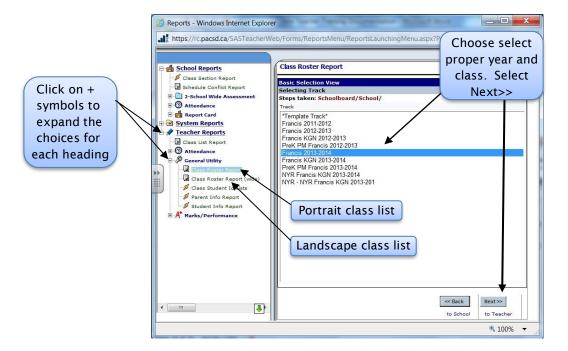
> Remember to include the pacsd6\ before your username.



> Click on Analyze tab then Additional Report - Run Reports

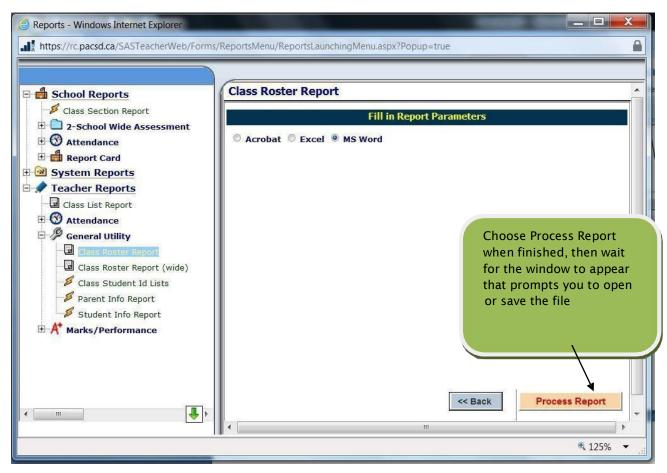


> Choose the type of report you wish to run from the screen that opens.

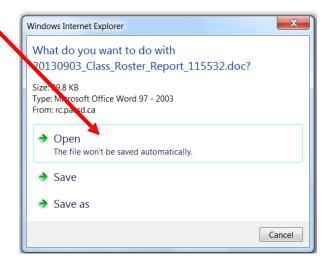


#### > You can choose:

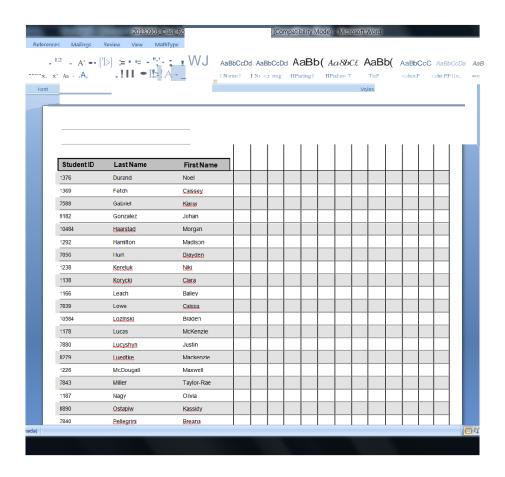
- Acrobat looks like the MS Word version but not editable;
- Microsoft Excel you can edit columns but will have to insert the lines
- Microsoft Word easy to edit some small details, but not the columns created



> Choose open to view your list (Which will be as up-to-date as SIRS has it)

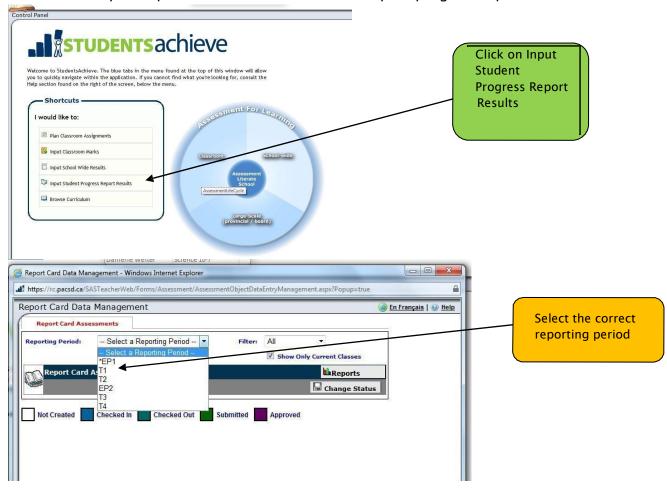


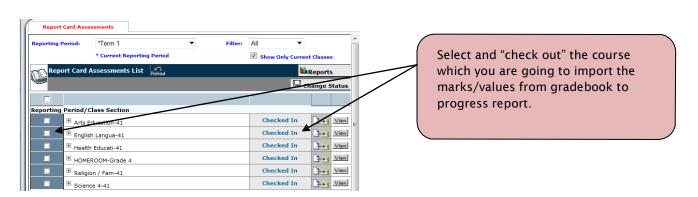
- The class list created is editable. You can add/remove lines, edit the fields class titles, name, etc but the StudentiD column cannot be removed
- Also, every other student name is shaded so data entry is easier

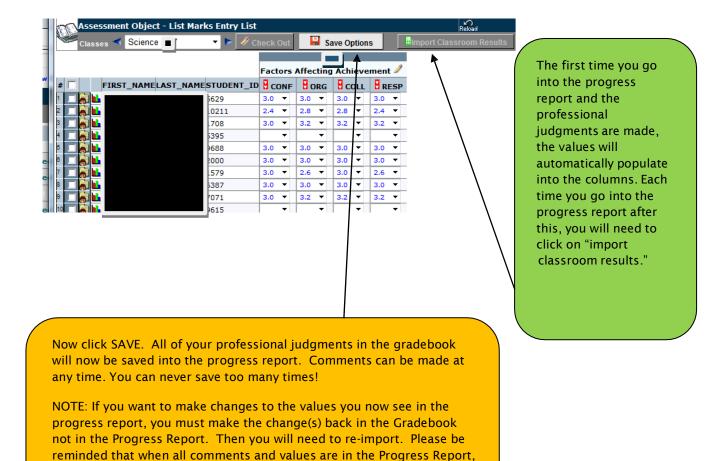


# Importing Values from the Gradebook into the Progress Report

After making your professional judgment for each course, factors affecting achievement and assign an achievement for each course within the gradebook, you are now ready to import all of this information into your progress report.





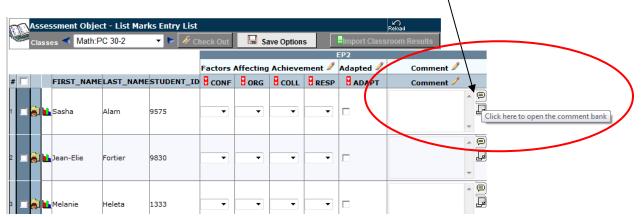


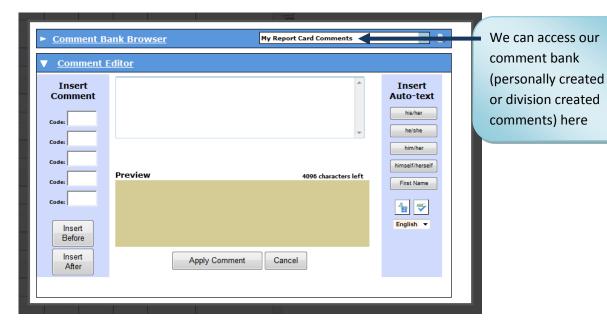
Note: If you manually entered the values into the progress report and your gradebook does not have your professional judgments made DO NOT click on the import button as you will over-ride the progress report by putting an empty gradebook into the progress report and losing all of your information, possibly even your comments.

SAVE and SUBMIT to the office.

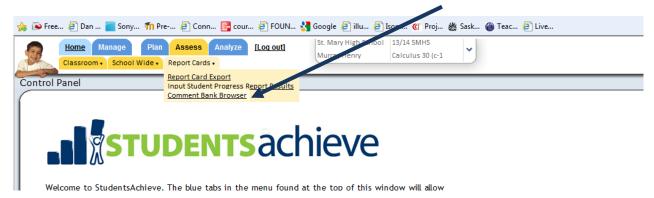
# How do I Create My Own Comment Bank?

• There are two ways of getting to your comment bank. One way is to go the **progress report** and click or choose the little speech bubble to open the comment bank.

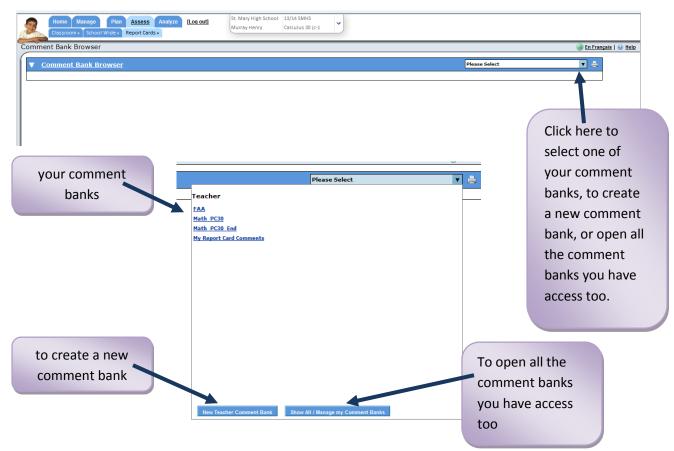




• The second method to get to the comment bank is through the menus in the tabs at the top of the page. Choose Assess → Report Cards → then Comment Bank Browser.



The window that opens here is just the comment bank browser, not the actual place where you type or insert comments directly into a progress report.



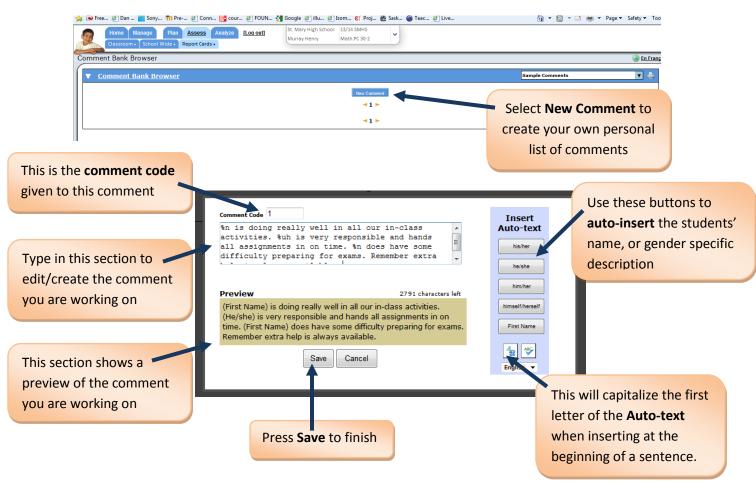
• Here we want to show how to create a **new comment bank** so let's start there.



Then select this comment bank from those listed. It will then load your selected comments.



• From the window that opens, you have the option to create a new comment, or choose to edit the ones that are listed (there are none here yet as this is a new bank).

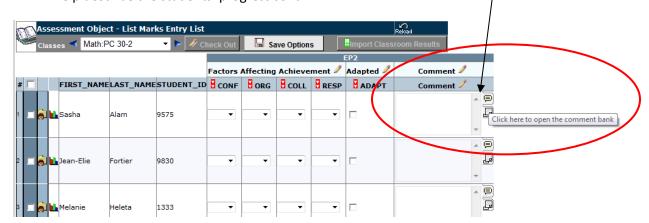




• Your finished comment is listed here. Then choose **New Comment** to continue creating your list of comments that you would use.

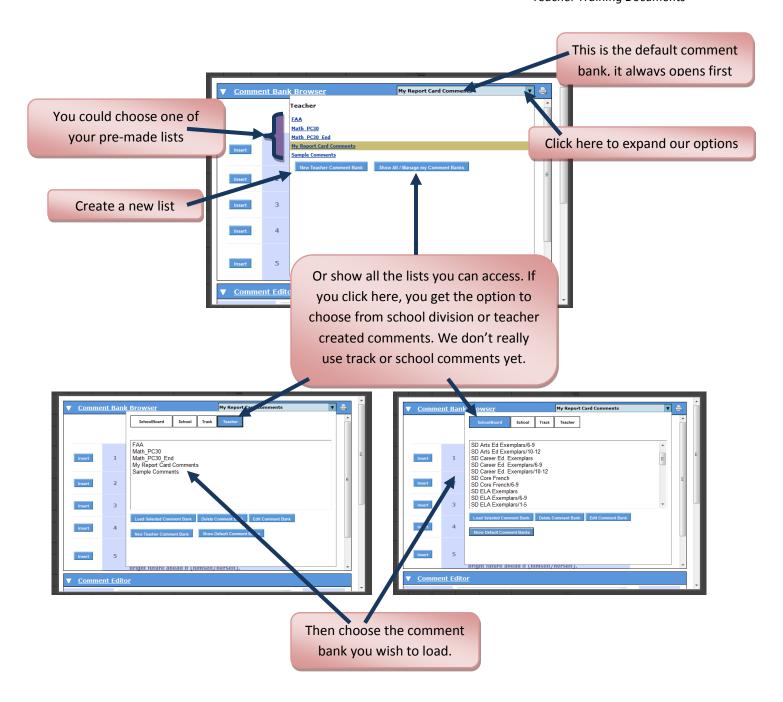
# How do I insert pre-made comments?

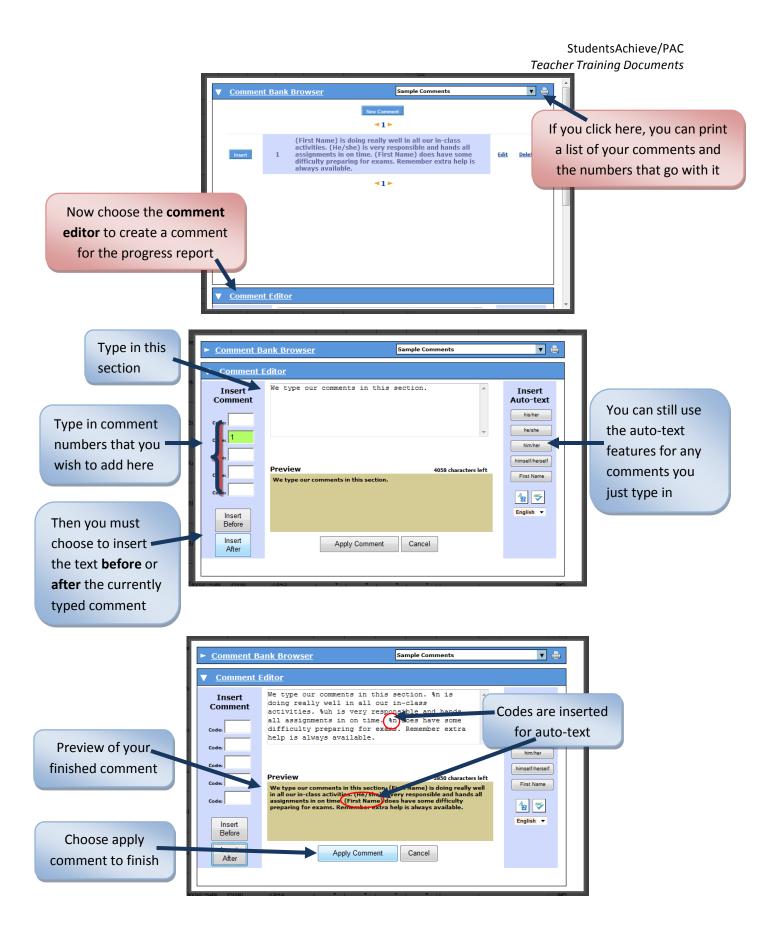
• First we must go the **progress report** and click or choose the little speech bubble to open the comment bank. From here, we can insert a pre-made comment, and then add extra information to help describe the students' progress so far.

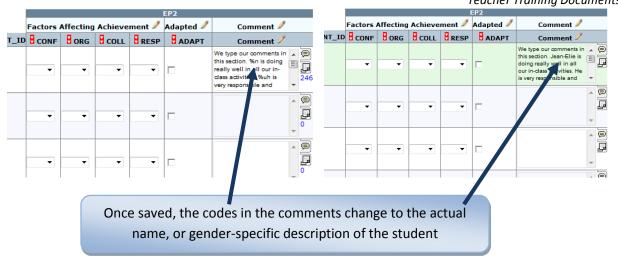




• When we click the comment bank browser section, we need to choose the section that contains the comments we want to use.







# Gradebook Help

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If you need assistance with your grade gradebook, please contact one of our consultants (who are available in the mornings for help) or coordinators. French support is also available by contacting our French consultant. Contact information:

Phone:  $306-953-7500 \text{ (CEC)} \rightarrow \text{ from } 8:30 \text{ am} - 4:30 \text{ pm}$ 

306-953-7527 (Assessment coordinator) → 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

You can leave a message if there is no answer.

Email: <a href="mailto:progressreport@pacsd.ca">progressreport@pacsd.ca</a> anytime for help

Cellphone: 306-930-9380 (Assessment coordinator)  $\rightarrow$  8:30 am -10:00 pm

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# StudentsAchieve/PAC Teacher Training Documents

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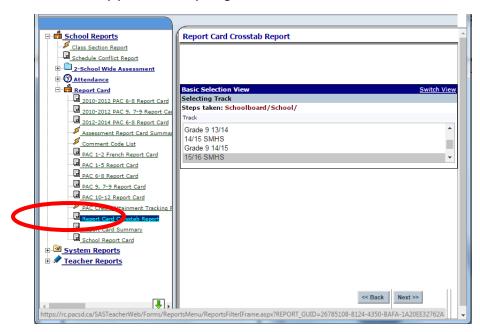
# Recent gradebook updates & changes:

- Student assessment summary report Sept. 28/15
  - o Printed report for students and parents
- Gradebook and School Wide changes December, 2015
- Students Achieve Gradebook Changes March 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Shortcut menu changes → April 22, 2016
- Gradebook changes for grades 1-9 as of September, 2016
- StudentsAchieve v.6.5.00 June, 2016
- StudentsAchieve v.6.5.10 August, 2016
- StudentsAchieve v.6.5.20 December, 2016
- StudentsAchieve v.6.6.00 June, 2017
- StudentsAchieve v.6.6.20 December, 2017

#### Gradebook changes → For Grades 1 - 9 Teachers

#### New reports available:

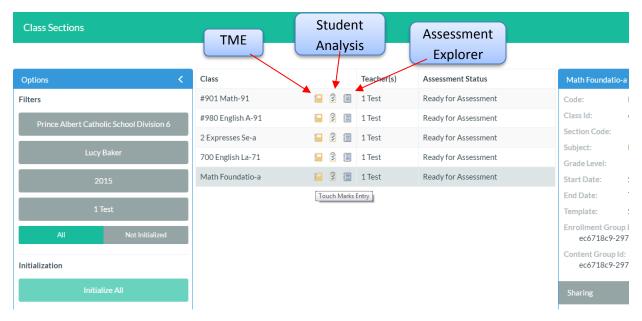
- 1. Calculation Conflict Report → highlights times where the differing calculations within Student Analysis disagree about a student's performance, enabling teachers to zero in on cases most likely to not accurately reflect actual student performance. (Available in the Student Analysis screen reports)
- 2. NHI Report → This report displays results that are blank by student/all students and class/all classes. (Available in the Student Analysis screen reports)
- 3. Report Card Crosstab Report → Available under the Analyze tab >> Additional Reports >> Run Reports. This report displays a summary of your progress report entries and contains an option to highlight any missing scores. Be sure to select only your currently taught classes or there will be some classes that are all blank.



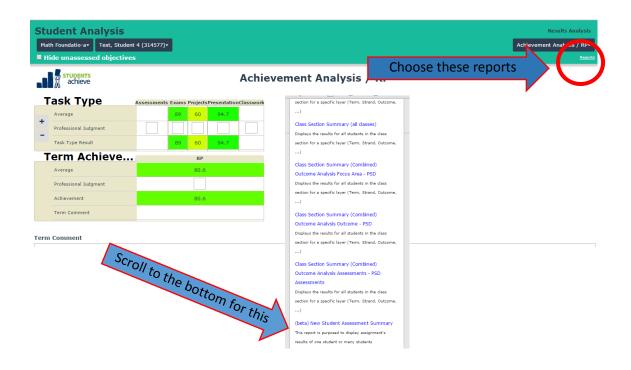
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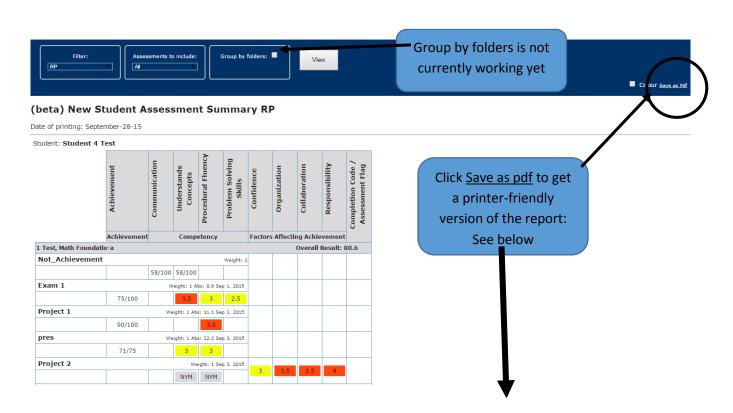
- o that the columns are no longer over-expanded by the text size
- A blank name can no longer be entered. This for task creation.
- TME attempts to predict appropriate Due Date for imported assessments
- Removed Apply button on date control;
- Removed Assessment where it appeared twice;
- Enhanced Touch Marks Entry screen (also known as Classroom Assessments) to make it easier for teachers to use;
- Changed wording of option to show trashed, which allows you to toggle the display of Assessments you've deleted;
- Removed extraneous 'i' when entering marks;
- Shrank border on marks;

- Truncated text on labels in Marks Entry to six characters;
- o Assessment Type now displays in the header of Assessments on the Touch Marks Entry screen.
- You can now adjust Assessment Type within Touch Marks Entry from the Assessment Type icon.
- We've added a legend to describe new icons within Touch Marks Entry
- TME headers no longer break if an Assessment is incorrectly created/copied in a legacy assessment management screens
- We've changed how TME displays in Internet Explorer 11, where row heights for students and content were formerly out of alignment. Students no longer get "squished."
- Weight fields implied fractional weights were accepted, but they were quietly rounded at time of save.
   Weight fields now prevent entry of anything other than whole numbers.
- o Apply Date and Overwrite Existing buttons now display properly when the screen zooms.
- New Class Sections has been added as an option at the top of the StudentsAchieve menu to use to initialize your classes (even though this will be done for you at the start of the school year or semester). This option also displays information about shared classes and who is the teacher responsible for making the professional judgement (noted as the manager). This screen also allows easy switching between classes with options to select TME, Student Analysis or Assessment Explorer screens for any class.

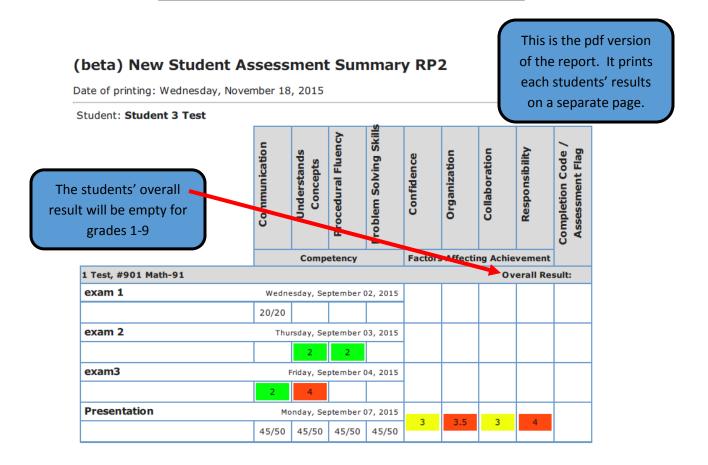


### (beta) New Student Assessment Summary Report - Now Prints Letter Size





#### Printed report for students/parents



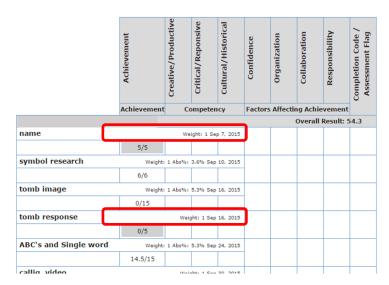
This report now prints in letter size so there are no special changes to worry about. Just choose to print

#### December 2015 gradebook/school wide changes

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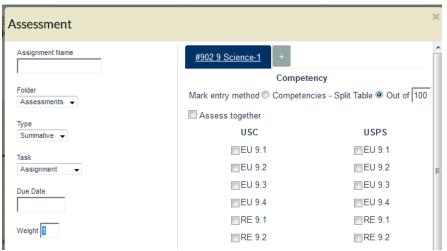
These changes are just adjustments that were made by Students Achieve, not a software update.

1. Weighting issue for the Student Assessment Summary Report has now been fixed. The issue was the report appeared to be assigning an absolute % to tasks that were formative or diagnostic (this did not affect the grade calculation) which should have an assigned an absolute % of zero.



- 2. The comment section available in the Student Analysis Screens is now available to be used. There are a couple of things to consider with this:
  - a. If you choose to not to use this section, then there is no effect on how you complete your data for the progress report.
  - b. **Only saved data** in the comment section of the professional judgment screens will be imported into the progress report. If you type anything in the comment section space, you must save before leaving that screen. This avoids a person accidently putting even a space in the comment section because you must actually save anything you type in there or it will not let you switch pages/students.
  - c. Teachers can work on their comments through the analysis screens or the progress report. The comment banks can only be accessed in the progress report
  - d. If there is a saved comment in the gradebook, it will always overwrite the comment in the progress report. If there is no saved comment in the gradebook, then there is no effect on the comments in the progress report.
  - e. The memo section now stores up to 8000 characters.

3. The option to weight assessments for teachers in grades 6-9 is now available. The default for all assessments is 1 (which means that all existing assessments count the same value). Increase this by whole numbers for an assessment to be worth more.



4. The wording for a **'below'** result has changed to **'Developing'** in School Wide data entry and reports (this applies to historical data as well). This change is currently present in our writing data, but will also be applied to our DRA/HIP data.



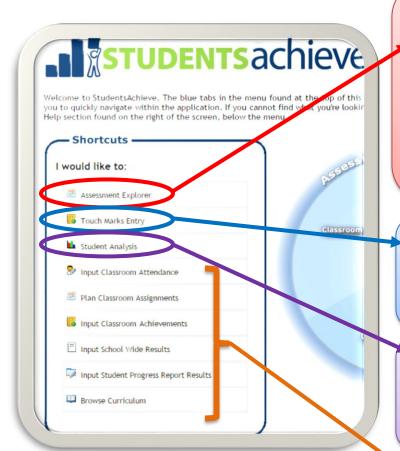


### Mar/Apr 2016 Students Achieve gradebook/school wide changes

- Blank comments (in the student analysis screens) no longer override comments manually entered into progress reports
- Weights for each assessment now display when using separated part details
- You can now configure analysis screen comment limits (it is currently set to a maximum of 8000 characters)
- NHI report has been added
- You can now produce a Median Calculation
- Assessment Summary Report:
  - The **Group By Folders** checkbox now holds properly when exporting to pdf

    \* This option is still not working, SA said they are working on it now.
  - o This report now properly respects your **Show Overall Result** choice
  - The Abs in the report is now changed to Abs%
  - o Teachers can now see all semesters classes, regardless of which semester is current
  - Assessment Summary Report Same name but now prints letter size
- **Touch Marks Entry** changes:
  - The Delete, Backspace and Arrow keys are now recognized in Touch Marks Entry and the Assessment editor
  - The absolute percentage calculation now ignores formative and diagnostic assessments
  - When importing assessments, double loading no longer occurs
  - o *Overwrite existing* flag now defaults to off
  - You no longer have to scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the Load More Assignments button when using Internet Explorer 9
  - Loading process is streamlined to remove risk of failure when many assessments are loaded
  - o Newly created assessments now display right away on the grid
  - Student results no longer double-load, which formerly caused some screens to be out of alignment between students and results
  - Buttons for *Load More* and *Load Future Assessments* no longer display inappropriately, like when there are no other assessments
  - The order in which the assessments display in the table now correctly adjusts when you change the Due Date of Assessments
  - You see assessments up to and including the end date, within the default maximum of 10 assessments
  - o The term **Properties** has been changed to **Edit** to clarify the use of this function

# Changes to the Students Achieve shortcut menu → April 22, 2016



Assessment Explorer has been introduced as an option to view the list of assessments you created and gives you the option to open each individually in TME. The assessments are organized by due date. If you are having display issues with your gradebook, it is recommended to use this option. This screen is meant to eventually replace the CLO screen to view tasks/folders.

Touch Marks Entry has been listed here as a shortcut to save time for those people used to looking for it in the menus at the top. The CLO screen still works for the remainder of this year

Student Analysis has been listed here as a shortcut to the student analysis screens. All teachers should be using this at the end of the reporting periods so this is not really a new gradebook area.

<u>Familiar menu options</u> this was the previous list of options that were available to staff prior to any changes made by Students

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#### StudentsAchieve v.6.5.00 - June 2016

#### **Calculation Conflict Report**

A new Report highlights times where the differing calculations within StudentAnalysis disagree about a student's performance, enabling teachers to zero in on cases most likely to not accurately reflect actual student performance.

#### **Assessment Explorer**

- Added ability to edit the Assessment Type of an Assessment in the Assessment Explorer.
- We added the ability to modify Assessment Due Dates within Assessment Explorer.
- The Assessment Explorer now loads assessments for Classes outside of the current School Year.

#### General

- Added New Class Sections link to menu configured to be visible by default but can be hidden at Board discretion.
- Typo on "Sync Assignment value to part weight" We corrected a typo in Sync Assignment Value to Part Weight App Setting.
- When you load professional judgment for certain configurations, you'll no longer get errors for no reason.
- Enforcement of a Maximum Percentage occurs now only upon data saving, rather than data loading; allowing classes that have results exceeding maximum percentage to still load
- Loading Section lists on various screens now runs faster because we addressed intermittent performance issues.
- Assessments before the start of the class (first term), between terms (if there's a weekend in between, attach to term after), and after the end of the class (final term) will all now be included within the correct term.

#### Report Card

- Import no longer crashes outright on the first error. Import will now attempt all elements individually
- Added option to Report Card Cross Tab Report, allowing you to highlight blank values so teachers scanning the Report can easily find such blanks.
- We added a Government Code field to the Report Card elements.
- We changed conditions around Report Cards; you can now learn who ran them; and change print behavior between Admin and Teacher runs.

#### Reports

- Updated the New Assessment Summary Report to allow you to choose whether to print codes or full names in the Report's column headers. → This does not appear to be working yet.
- We added a report (Calculation Conflict available in the student analysis screen) which
  provides a list of outcomes where the auxiliary and default calculations disagree. These are the
  most likely instances to require a teacher's attention.
- The Class Section Summary Report no longer throws errors when run against Assessments
- The Class Section Summary Report no longer fails when multiple users are running it at the same time.
- The selected Term and Aggregate are now properly passed to Student and Class Section Summary reports
- Corrected an error that was occurring when running the Student Summary Report when the filter is set to 'none'.
- Student Summary report now uses code instead of using full outcome text so that the columns are no longer over-expanded by the text size.
- Fixed Student sorting on Student Analysis; it's now Last Name, First Name -- as opposed to solely Last Name; bringing it in line with other UASWeb screens.
- When 'Hide Unassessed Objectives' is selected the functionality on the page is now restored to work properly.

### **Touch Marks Entry**

- We added restrictions to Assessment Creation: A blank name can no longer be entered. This prevents errors which had occurred when name was blank
- If you load lots of really large (many part) Assessments in the same data fetch, it will no longer cause the load to fail and crash the screen.
- Added option to import where StudentsAchieve attempts to predict appropriate Due Date and Publish Dates for assessments being imported. → New feature for imported assessments
- New dates are determined using the number of days since Class start of the original Assessment and assume an equivalent number of days since Class start for the new Assessment. i.e.: if a Class started on Sept. 3, 2016 and the Assessment's Due Date was Nov. 5, 2016 (exactly nine weeks later); importing it into a Semester 2 Class starting Feb. 1, 2017 will translate into a Due Date nine weeks later: April 4, 2017.
- The Completion Codes no longer duplicate when they are being modified.
- The form you need to deactive assessments for a student now loads properly.
- The Class is not initialized message in Touch Marks Entry now points to new Class Sections instead of old ones.
- Touch Marks Entry results now load faster because we addressed a major performance issue.
- When accessing a class in TME immediately after having initialized it, the class will now be available and the 'class is not configured' error no longer occurs.

#### StudentsAchieve v.6.5.10 – August, 2016

#### Assessment Explorer

- Assessment Explorer is now available through Via menus.
- Changed Assessment Type flags within Assessment Explorer, Touch Marks Entry and Student Analysis to reflect grey for non-calculable types (eg: formative).

### **Student Analysis**

- Add Assessment Type icon to Assignment name
- Assessment Type now displays in the Student Analysis grid beside the Assessment name.

#### **Touch Marks Entry**

- TME toolbar cleanup:
  - Removed Apply button on date control;
  - Removed Assessment where it appeared twice;
  - Enhanced Touch Marks Entry screen (also known as Classroom Assessments) to make it easier for teachers to use;
  - Changed wording of option to show trashed, which allows you to toggle the display of Assessments you've deleted;
  - Removed extraneous 'i' when entering marks;
  - Shrank border on marks;
  - o Truncated text on labels in Marks Entry to six characters;
  - Corrected an issue where small screens cause buttons to overlap.
- An icon now displays in the header of an Assessment, indicating if the Assessment has, or will be, published to the Parent Portal.
- Assessment Type now displays in the header of Assessments on the Touch Marks Entry screen.
- You can now adjust Assessment Type within Touch Marks Entry from the Assessment Type icon.
- We've added a legend to describe new icons within Touch Marks Entry
- TME headers no longer break if an Assessment is incorrectly created/copied in a legacy assessment management screens
- We've changed how TME displays in Internet Explorer 11, where row heights for students and content were formerly out of alignment. Students no longer get "squished."
- Weight fields implied fractional weights were accepted, but they were quietly rounded at time of save. Weight fields now prevent entry of anything other than whole numbers.
- Apply Date and Overwrite Existing buttons now display properly when the screen zooms.
- Undoing the entering of a Completion code from blank formerly resulted in an "Undefined" result being displayed. The cell now correctly shows no value.
- If you clear a cell under Completion Codes, it now correctly displays blank, rather than Undefined.
- Cleaned up the Modal Windows in Touch Marks Entry so that the top-right corner correctly shows the "X" to indicate the window can be closed.

### StudentsAchieve: Update v6.5.20 – December, 2016

Version: StudentsAchieve v.6.5.20 - December, 2016. (Changes that may affect teachers)

#### Curriculum Browser

A new Curriculum Browser has been built within UASWeb. This gives a cleaner method
of locating and reviewing existing and deprecated curriculum documents organized by
Subject Area and Specialization.

### Curriculum Progress

- A new Curriculum Progress screen has been added for each class showing the class breakdown of performance on the content to date. The structure uses the trees in Student Analysis rather than the curriculum in part to ensure that noncurricular content such as Competencies; FAA's or Achievement Chart Category progress can also be viewed.
- Assessment Explorer Folder filter issue with special characters: Addressed issue where nonalphanumeric characters in folder names were encoded in filter selection
- Class Sections Class Initializing with blank code table: Addressed an issue where Class
   Initialization was incorrectly registering no code table on import for a new class, it now correctly
   uses the template's configured code tables
- Evidence Tracker New Filestore using different folder structure: Addressed issue where older files could not be found in the file system after upgrade to latest version of the file store
- Export Results Old terms appearing for export: Addressed issue where deprecated export points would still appear on the screen
- General Infinite loop in UASWeb login redirect: Addressed issue where system will redirect infinitely when windows authentication incorrectly configured
- General Redefining current track in UASWeb: The functionality of how a current track is loaded
  has been enhanced to accommodate tracks outside of the current year. Current track will now be
  based on the first of the following rules that returns data; 1. If the track is active, use tracks that
  are currently in progress between start and end dates 2. If the track is historical, the current track
  will be the most recent plus any overlapping (replaces 2 month window) 3. If the track is future,
  the current track is next plus any overlapping.
- Reports: Student Assessment Summary Term filter ID in URL not being respected by Student Assessment Summary report: Addressed issue where selected term in Student Analysis was not respected
- Reports: Student Assessment Summary Overall result not appearing: Addressed issue where overall result would not appear on first report run
- Student Analysis Unable to remove numeric professional judgment: Addressed issue where numeric professional judgment could not be cleared

- Touch Marks Entry JSON Serializer exceeded when loading assessments to import: Addressed issue where assessments could not be loaded in or imported from classes with large numbers of assessments
- Touch Marks Entry TME won't load if an assignment is in a folder with a '%' in the name:
   Addressed issue where folders with '%' in their name would not successfully load
- Touch Marks Entry Go To Assessment has items that cannot be accessed: Added scroll bar to 'Go To Assessment' list
- Touch Marks Entry Migrate Dates do not work in Via environment: Addressed issue where migrate dates checkbox was not being respected in Via environments
- Touch Marks Entry Loading animation overlaps TME error: Addressed issue where "Class not ready for assessment" error message was covered by "loading" dialogue

# StudentsAchieve v.6.6.00 - June, 2017

# (Changes that may affect teachers)

Component	Summary	Details
General	Data caching overrides	Data such as gradebook and export configurations were getting into conflicted states when multiple locations attempted to save their copies of the data. We have disabled the updates from most applications, creating a single authority for changes.
Generic Integration	Generic Integration: class/term mapping	An option has been added to generic integration that allows class/term direct mapping.
Gradebook Engine	External Results Enhancement	Options added to results' cross-referencing from other aggregates, allowing these values to be used on the parent portal or hidden from teacher view in Student Analysis.
Gradebook Engine	Lowest Result Calculation	New calculation available: Lowest result. Returns the lowest non-formative result achieved by the student.
Gradebook Engine	Highest Result Calculation	New calculation available: Highest result. Returns the highest non-formative result achieved by the student.
Integration	Integration unenrolls all students	System now maintains student enrollment if all enrollments returned as invalid due to underlying error. Fix does not address the underlying error but at least reduces impact of the error by not resulting in all students being unenrolled
Report Card	New class initialization - report card linking issue	Fixed the issue around report card linking, where multi-grade environment would attempt to link each grade's set of strands rather than a single unique set

SIRS/SchoolLogic integration	Not associating the correct effort legend for life skills	Addressed issue where Life Skills would not use the correct Effort Legend, resulting in hidden data
Student Analysis	Assignment Column headers displaying hidden value	In some configurations where a filter strand was being used, column headers reflected the filter strand rather than the defining parent grouping at the top of the assessments section. The assessments section now shows the parent group as the column header.
Student Analysis	Comment with just white space will corrupt Student Analysis	Student Analysis now prevents saving a corrupting comment.
Student Analysis	Term box appears when the only calculation is a hidden calculation	Term box will recognize when there are no visible calculations and will not display
Student Analysis	Assignment sorting issue	Earlier, Student Analysis was not clearly reflecting the sort of assignments used by the engine when the Due Date is the same. Primarily affects <i>most recent</i> . The issue has been fixed and now it reflects the sorting of engine when equivalent Due Date.
Student Analysis	Comment font size	Student Analysis Comment font size is now reflective of the font size for other parts of the screen.
Student Analysis	Outcome issue under Student Analysis	Upon updating Professional Judgment, the saved Professional Judgment would sometimes update the wrong rows. The updated results are now placed in the correct rows.
UAS - all screens	Class listing issue	Classes are now listed in an alphabetical order.

# Troubleshooting our Students Achieve gradebook:



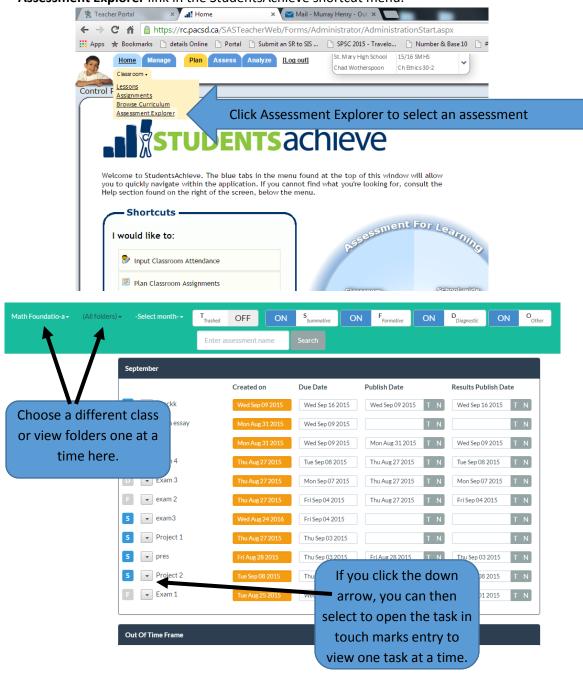
- \* Please click the links (underlined) to take you to the appropriate section
  - 1. Touch Marks Entry (TME) display issues
    - a. For all display issues → use the <u>Assessment Explorer</u> to view individual assessments one at a time.
    - b. Copied tasks are not showing up → use the CLO screen for copying tasks or folders

Students Achieve has addressed both of these issues, however I am leaving the work-around for each just in case any future changes cause this to happen again.

- 2. Comment section in the student analysis
  - a. There is currently a comment section (with its own save button) on the student analysis screens. We can now begin using this feature of the gradebook. This section now stores up to 8000 characters.
  - b. It will not be linked to teacher or division created comment banks.
- 3. (beta) New Student Assessment Summary report issues
  - a. No % is displaying on the printed report → This is a quick adjustment to display the appropriate % on the report. It is probably set to look in the wrong term/semester for marks.
- Best Practices for using StudentsAchieve Gradebook/Progress Report → This page has some suggestions for using this gradebook, as well as suggestions such as turning off the popup blocker in Google Chrome.

### **Assessment Explorer**

 If you are having issues viewing some of your tasks that you created and would like to view them in TME, then follow the directions below to use the Assessment Explorer or select the Assessment Explorer link in the StudentsAchieve shortcut menu.

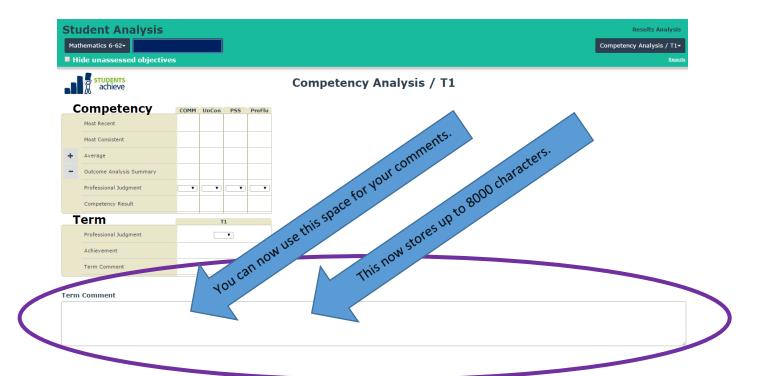


### Comment section in the Student Analysis screen

Can I use the comment section in the student analysis gradebook for my progress reports? > Yes



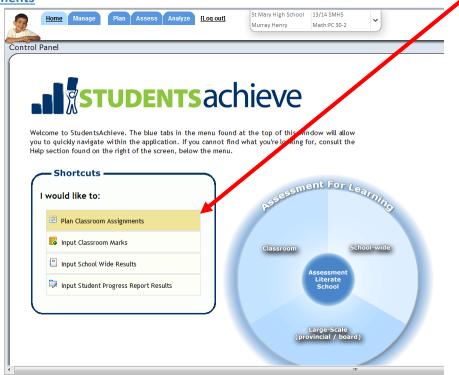
The link between the gradebook comment section (see below) and the progress reports had some issues which are all resolved now. They will not be linking this comment to your comment banks, but you can now do everything in your gradebook and import it into your progress report.

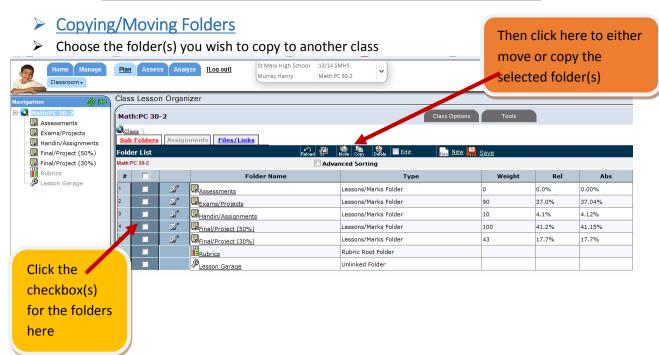


Please continue to also use the comment, and comment bank to create your comments for your progress reports. If you need help with comments, please refer to the Gradebook Support Document (page 27-32 of 10-12 document; and page 22-26 of the grade 1-9 document) available as a link in the gradebook section of the teacher portal.

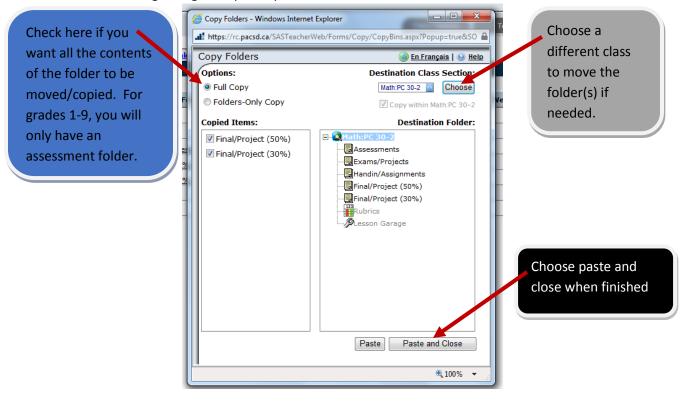
# Copying/moving tasks or folders using the CLO screen

Once you are logged in and you have the correct class selected, go to <u>Plan classroom</u> assignments





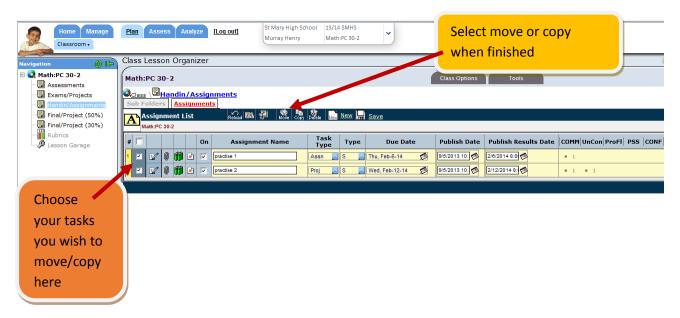
The following dialog box opens up:



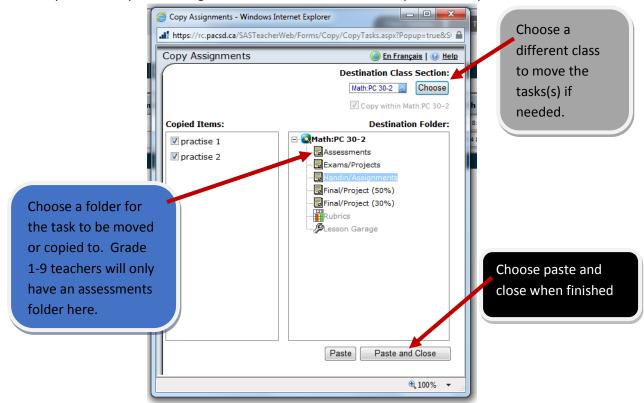
- Your folders should now be copied/moved into the class you choose
- Copying/Moving tasks/assignments
- Open the folder that contains the tasks you wish to copy to another class or folder



# StudentsAchieve/PAC Teacher Training Documents



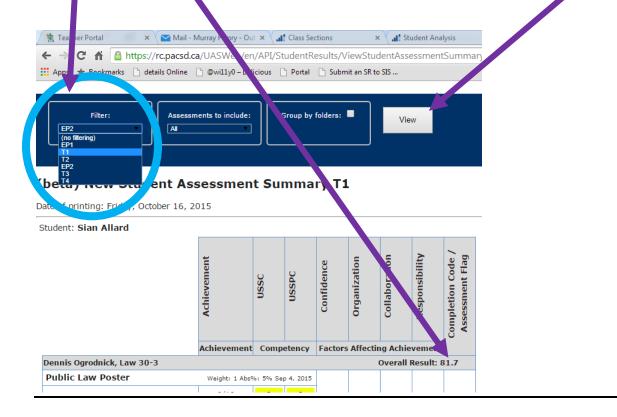
Now you can see your whole grade book and can decide where you want to place the tasks



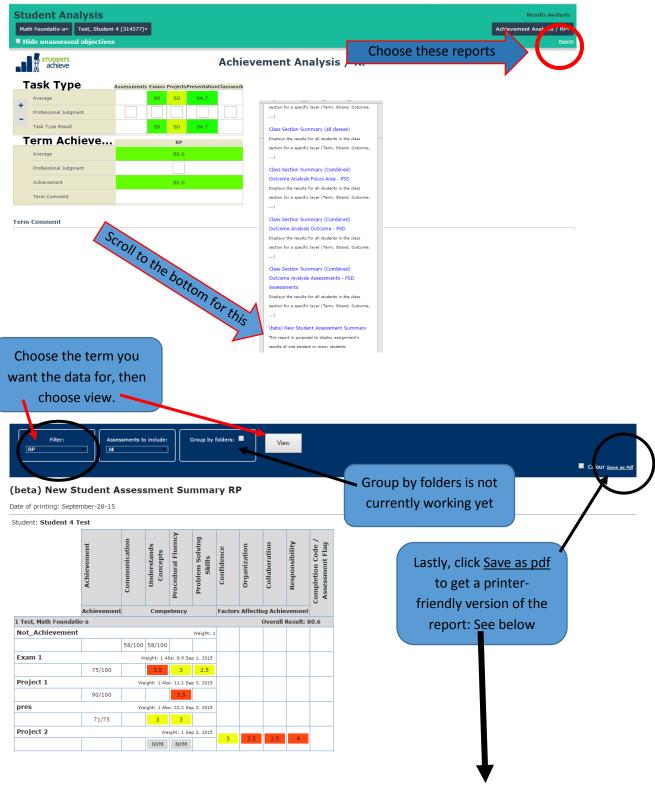
> Your tasks should now be copied/moved into the class/folder you choose

# No % displayed on the (beta) New student Assessment Summary report

If you are not seeing % on your reports for grades 10-12 students, check to make sure that it is set to the appropriate reporting period. After you change this to the appropriate reporting period, then select view and your % will show up as the overall result.



# Printing the (beta) New Student Assessment Summary reports

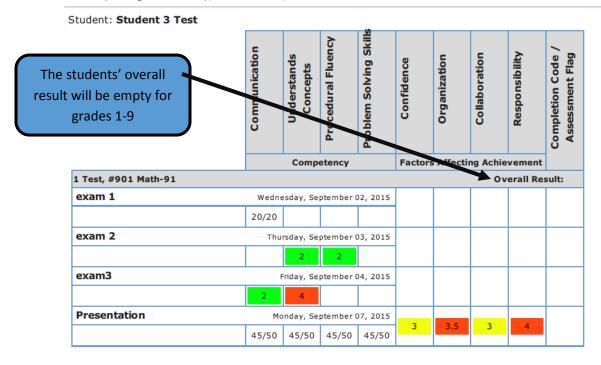


### Printed report for students/parents

This is the pdf version of the report. It prints each students' results on a separate page.

### (beta) New Student Assessment Summary RP2

Date of printing: Wednesday, November 18, 2015



• If you chose the Beta New Student Assessment Summary Report, you will be able to just choose print, select your printer and other options, and then click print. There are no longer printing issues with the report that is not letter size.

## Best Practices for using StudentsAchieve Gradebook/Progress Report

1. Keep on top of your Gradebook adding tasks daily or weekly.

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- a. This will make you more familiar with the software.
- b. Progress report time will be less of an event if tasks are entered.

#### 2. Recommended Internet Browser

- a. Google Chrome is the #1 choice of browser.
- b. Internet Explorer version 11 works well too.

When you seem to be having difficulty with one of these browsers, switching to the other browser seems to help in many cases.

### 3. Pop Up Blockers

- a. Make sure any pop up blockers are not turned on when using the Gradebook/Progress Report. If a screen does not open, it is very likely it is because a pop up blocker is stopping the window from opening. Usually there will be a yellow line that will appear just below the tool bar at the top of the page. Click into the yellow and when prompted select "always allow pop ups from this site."
- b. You may have more than one pop up blocker on your computer. For example, if you have downloaded Google Chrome, it has its own pop up blocker; When Chrome blocks a pop-up, a icon appears in the address bar. You can click to allow the pop-up to appear. To customize pop-up settings for specific websites, go to > Settings. In the "Privacy" section, click Content Settings to adjust pop-ups settings.

#### 4. Having difficulties

- a. Refer to the training document(s) provided in the Teacher Portal directly below the Gradebook/Progress Report login link.
- b. E-mail: progressreport@pacsd.ca

### 5. Logging Out of Gradebook/Progress Report

a. Be sure to Log Out of the Gradebook/Progress Report. Similar to other web applications, when you close by clicking on the X, you are closing the browser; however you are not really ending your session in the Gradebook/Progress Report. **Always Log Out.** 



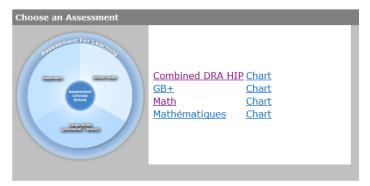
# **Input School Wide Results**

# 1. Accessing Gradebook through Teacher Portal

• Login into the Gradebook through the Teacher Portal link on the <u>school division</u> <u>website</u>. Use the same username and password as usual. Choose the appropriate English Language Arts class and ensure that the most current Track or school year is selected from the class section drop down list. Select Input School Wide Results.



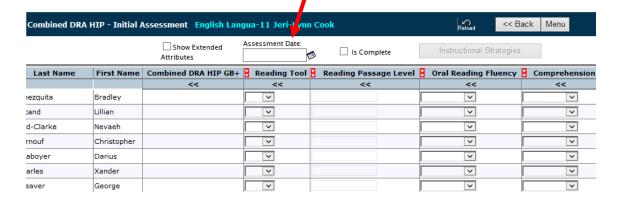
### 2. Select Combined DRA HIP



3. Choose initial in October and final in June. Then click on your class.



4. Click the calendar to enter the Assessment date you are entering your data. Click on the reading tool you are using, DRA2 or HIP.

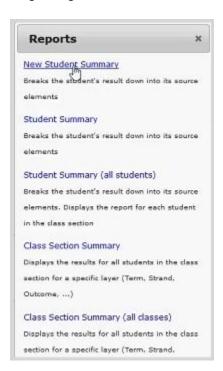


Then, enter in the number of the reading level your student's have scored in the Reading Passage Level. When inputting results for the HIP assessment use whole numbers (no decimals) i.e. "40" as opposed to "4" or "4.0". When you do this a level according to our chart will appear. Oral Reading Fluency can be designated as Independent, Instructional, or Frustration. Comprehension can be scored as instructional, as every teacher tries to find the instructional level in comprehension.

# New Student Summary Report in v.6.6.20 Dec 11, 2017

Overview

Beginning in Students Achieve v.6.6.20, you'll find a report literally titled New Student Summary.

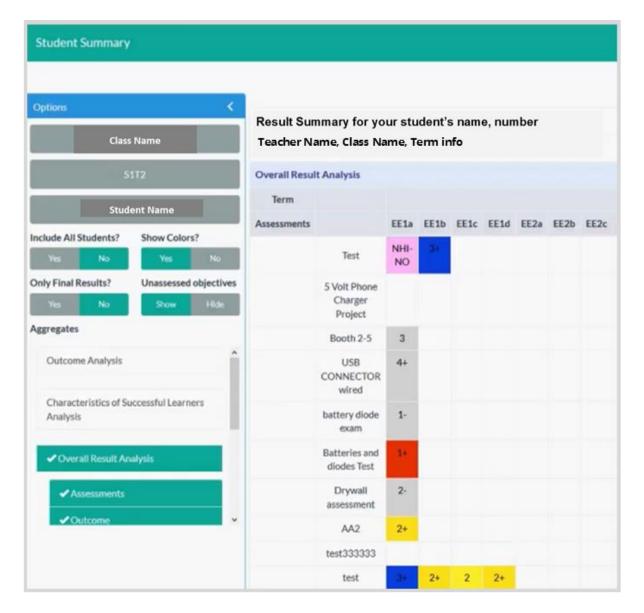


We intend the new report to be a single-student, single-class overview, providing a full understanding of a student's performance. In many respects, it's a printable version of *Student Analysis*. A number of clients are viewing it as a viable interim report, something to give to parents and students as a general overview of where the student is in the class. It is one of two reports that are part of the default report package. Due to its width, it often overflows onto additional pages; particularly later in a term when the list of assessments is longer.

Our update of the original Student Summary Report (which remains) allows teachers to:

- select multiple aggregates;
- select Final Grades only, within layers;
- hide unassessed objectives;
- print a more consistent final product.

### **Next Steps**

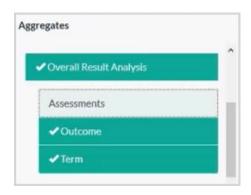


When you open the Report: Class, Student, Aggregate (along with all its layers) and Term will default to the choices you made in Student Analysis.

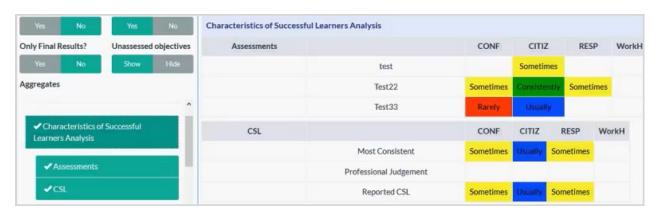
In the Options pad on the left side of the above display, at the top, choose the Class, Term and Student to print. Moving down, **Click Yes** or **No** to choose whether to include:

- all students, or only the one on your screen;
- colors, or go black-and-white;
- only Final Results when printing Classes which have a Mark defined as Final;
- unassessed objectives, which can take a lot more space than including only your already-graded assessments.

Below that, pick which aggregate(s) to print. Below the Aggregates, you see the layers associated with each Aggregate. When you choose an Aggregate, the default choice is to print each of its layers. Throughout this portion of Options, every bar is a toggle switch: Click the bar to either turn a choice on or off. In the example below, we've clicked *Assessments*, which deselects that layer from printing.

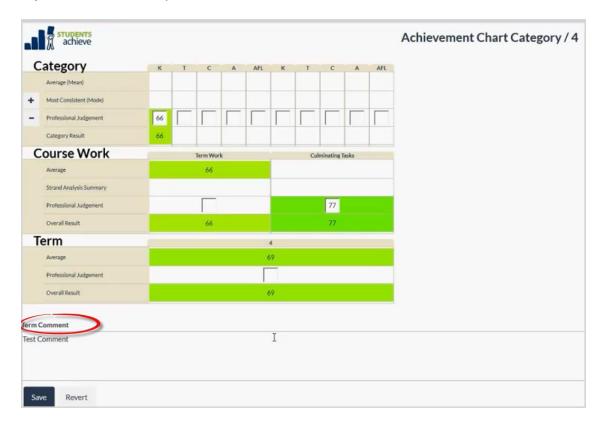


In this shot, you see at left we've chosen both layers of the Aggregate *Characteristics of Successful Learners Analysis* (Ours is called Factors Affecting Achievement). Below, you see the Report has included both; Assessments and CSL (will be FAA's).

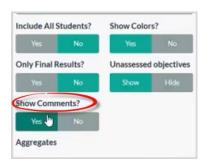


# **Show Comments**

If your Class is set up with a Term Comment, as this one is:



Then you'll have the choice to include that Comment in your Report:



Output  $\rightarrow$  At the bottom, left of the Options pad, (not shown in the first screen shot under *Next Step above*), you can choose:

- Legal vs. Letter
- Portrait vs. Landscape
- *Print*, which pops-up a conventional print dialog box, giving you the option to print to paper, save to .pdf or something else you may have loaded.

# **Shared Class Sections Guidelines**

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- 1. The administrator will decide who the **responsible teacher** is for the professional judgment of the students in the shared class sections.
- 2. At the beginning of the term, the teachers involved in sharing a class section must meet to discuss what the assessment plan will be for the year. Each teacher is responsible to report on some/all competencies and outcomes throughout the term/year even though there is one teacher that will be assigned the role of completing the professional judgment. Please follow this list of suggestions to help alleviate some misunderstandings for the teachers involved in a shared class section:
  - a. When you are creating a new assessment, you must put your name or initials at the beginning of your assessment name to identify which tasks you are creating.
  - b. Do not use formative assessments only, the responsible teacher will need summative assessments to help with their professional judgment.
  - c. Only create an assessment in the gradebook when you are going to enter the student results at the same time.
  - d. The teacher not responsible for reporting should finish their professional judgment (if they want to report on any of the competencies or make comments in the progress reports) in their shared class sections at least one full week before the data needs to be submitted to the office. This will allow time for the responsible teacher to determine their professional judgment for each student with proper information.
  - e. All shared teachers have access to the comment section. If more than one teacher is creating a comment here, make sure you include your name after your portion.
  - f. When the progress report is checked out by any of the shared teachers, it should be checked back immediately after they are finished working on their portion. Some shared teachers forget to check the class back in and then it becomes inaccessible to the other shared teacher(s).
- 3. If at any time you do not understand your responsibility with your shared class, please contact your administrator for the proper direction to take.

# Beginning of the Year Gradebook Checklist:

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When beginning a new school year, it is important to go through a series of events to ensure that everything is working the way you would expect. There may be some errors that could be corrected early or changes to how you do things to properly report progress to students and parents. Please go through each step below checking off each item. When finished, please return to your administrator by the end of September.

- □ Login to Students Achieve to make sure your password works (Remember this is the same username and password as your teacher desktop username and password)
- □ Locate and open the gradebook support document for your grade level. There are two places that will indicate if anything will be different for teachers from year to year.
  - Read through Recent gradebook updates & changes
  - Read through Troubleshooting known gradebook issues
- □ Verify your classes for this term/semester. To do this, login to Students Achieve and open Touch Marks Entry. Cycle through each class to make sure all classes are initialized (open properly).
  - All classes opened properly
  - Class(es) did not open properly. I have sent a detailed email (listing each class that has an issue) to <u>progressreport@pacsd.ca</u> to make sure this gets addressed quickly.
- □ Verify your shared class sections
  - I do not have shared class sections.
  - I do have shared class sections.
    - ♦ I have talked to my administrator to identify who is the responsible teacher for reporting in the progress report for the shared class section(s).
    - ♦ I have read through the **shared class section** of the gradebook support document to help understand my responsibilities for shared class sections.

Teacher (please print)	Date	