txGradeBook Quick Steps

Registration: (set up as new user at beginning of each new school year)

Detail Instructions begin on page 2.

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Type in your Staff ID in the Staff ID box.

Type in Last name and first initial and click Next.

The next screen will appear:



Your user ID must be six to eight alphanumeric characters and unique within the district. The user ID is not case-sensitive.

Please note: Once created it cannot be changed or deleted.

Your **password** must be six to nine alphanumeric characters. <u>Use at least three of the following: uppercase, lowercase, numeric, and/or punctuation</u> (e.g., aBc1234). Your password is case-sensitive. <u>Confirm</u> the password.

Your PIN must be four numeric characters. It is recommended that you do not choose 1234 or 4321, as these are common and easily guessed.

Click Next. The following screen will display:



You will select and answer three hint questions, this is used to recover your registration information and the answers ARE CASE-SENSITIVE.

Click Next:



Click **Finish**. You have completed the setup of TxGradeBook.

Update Profile Pages

Settings > Update Profile (Detail instructions on page 5)



The Update Profile pages allow you to change your password, PIN, or hint questions at any time.

You can provide your <mark>telephone number</mark>, <mark>e-mail address</mark> and provide <mark>additional notes</mark> to parents in **txConnect.**

Select Combine Courses in Attendance if you want to combine classes for attendance reporting.

In the Student Order field, indicate where you want new students to be listed on the following pages and reports: Assignment Grades, Cycle Grades, IPR Comments, Print IPR, Assignment Grades Report, and Class Roster Report. This field works in conjunction with the Arrange Student Order page. Select Use Independent Scroll Bars on Assignment Grades if you want independent scroll bars for the assignment grades table on the Assignment Grades page.

In the Default Assignment Due Date field, indicate if you want a default date to be displayed in the Date Due field on the Administer Assignments page.

Click Finish to return to the Announcements page.



Other Account Maintenance (Detail instructions on page 6)

To recover a locked account:

If you have three consecutive unsuccessful attempts at signing in, your account will be locked, and you must contact your campus "Gradebook administrator to have your password reset.

To change a password to continue:

For security purposes, your password will expire periodically. If your password has expired, you are redirected to the Password Expired page before the Announcements page is displayed.

- 1. Type your current password.
- 2. Type (and retype to confirm) your new password.
- 3. Click Submit.

To reset a password or recover a lost password:

To access the page:

From the Login page, click the link under Forget your password? The Reset Password Step 1 page is displayed.



Step 1, enter your Staff ID (SSN) and your User ID.

Step 2, answer your Hint question, it MUST be exactly as you typed it during the registration process.

Step 3, you will enter your new Password and then confirm it. Note: You cannot reuse your last password.

Step 4, Click Finish and it was take you back to the Announcements page.

To access Help:

On the right side of the submenu, click . The Help window opens.

To keep your session active:

If your session is idle for a specified amount of time (i.e., you are logged on but you have not made any changes that have hit the server), your session becomes inactive. Warning: Any data that was not saved when the session expired is lost.

To log out:

The logout link is displayed to the right of your user ID.

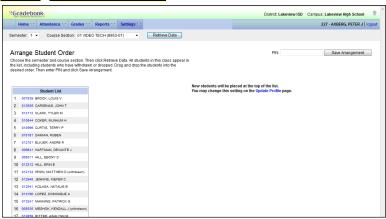
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Arrange Student Order

Note: Before using this page, you must set a preference for new students in the **Student Order** field on the **Update Profile** page. The field must be set to add students to the top of the list or bottom of the list. Otherwise, the order established on this page is not utilized on the other pages throughout ^{tx}Gradebook.

Settings > Arrange Student Order

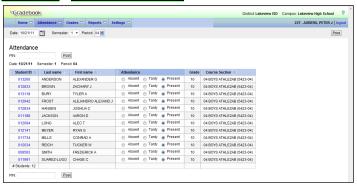


ATTENDANCE

Post/View Attendance

The Attendance page allows you to record and post attendance for each period. You can also use the page to view attendance data that has already been posted. You can post the data only once for each period/course. If you discover an error after you have posted, you must contact the attendance clerk to correct the error.

Attendance > Post/View Attendance



- 1. Select a posting date.
- 2. The Semester will default to the current Semester.
- 3. Select Period by default the first period for which you have not posted attendance displays.



To record attendance:

When you select the date and period, a class list is displayed. All students are set to **Present** by default. For students who are tardy or absent for the selected date/period, mark accordingly in the **Attendance** fields by clicking for **Absent** or **Tardy**.

As you mark students absent or tardy, the rows change color. Tardy students are shaded yellow, and absent students are shaded red.

The total number of students enrolled in the period is displayed at the bottom of the column.

Note about posting Tardy: some campuses may not allow students to be tardy during the ADA period. If the campus does not allow you to record tardies during the ADA period, the Tardy option is disabled.

PEIMS note: If the district allows tardies during the **ADA period**, the tardies may only be valid during a set number of minutes for the period. After this number of minutes has passed, the student should no longer be marked as **Tardy** and should be marked as **Absent**, although the program does not prevent you from marking a student as **Tardy**. The number of minutes is determined by the district. If applicable, a message is displayed above the table indicating when tardies are valid.

If a student's absence is preposted (e.g., a scheduled band trip or a student who called in sick), the student is shaded gray, and the Attendance field displays the reason for his absence.

If a **student withdrew** from the course, he is **no longer listed**.

To post attendance:

1. Type your PIN in the **PIN** field.

Click Post. If your changes were saved successfully, the page reloads with a message indicating that the attendance was posted successfully.

If you indicated that all students are present (and no absences were previously entered by the attendance clerk), a message is displayed prompting you to confirm that all students are marked present.

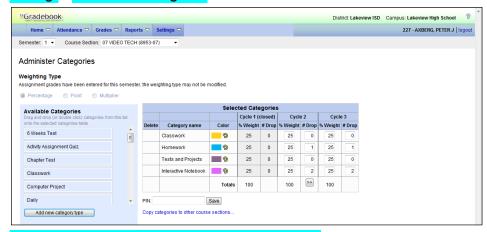


Click Continue to confirm. Attendance is posted, and the All Present flag in the database is set to Y (Yes).

Setting up the Grade Book

Setting up Categories on the Administer Categories Page

Settings > Administer Categories



To select the weighting type for the course section:

Select the <u>semester</u> and <u>course section</u> for which you want to administer categories. Then under Weighting Type, select the weighting type you want to use for the categories.

Note: You must use the same weighting type for all cycles in a semester and for all semesters of a course.

If you select Percentage, you will assign percentages to each category. The percentages must total 100%.

Each weighting type is only displayed if the campus allows the weighting type.

For a detailed explanation of the formulas used to calculate working cycle averages, see Appendix A - Calculating Averages at the end of this guide and can also be found in the Help screen.

To add a category to a course:

FYI - If a cycle is closed, the column heading for the cycle displays (closed), and the data cannot be changed.

To add one of the available categories to your category list, <u>click on the</u> available <u>category</u> and <u>drag it</u> to your category list. <u>Or</u>, <u>double-click</u> the available category. The category is displayed at the bottom of your category list. <u>If there is a default or locked weight for the category, it is copied to the open cycles</u>.

Under **Selected Categories** in the **# Drop** column for each cycle, type the number of items that can be dropped during a cycle. Only non-excluded grades are dropped.

Before you leave the page, you must save your changes. Type your PIN, and then click Save.

To remove a category from a course:

To remove a category from your category list, click X beside that category in the Delete column.

Note: You cannot delete a category that has assignments associated with it.

To copy categories from one cycle to another:

After you enter the weighting type value and number of assignments to drop for cycle 1, you can click to copy the values to cycles 2 and 3.

To copy categories to another course section:

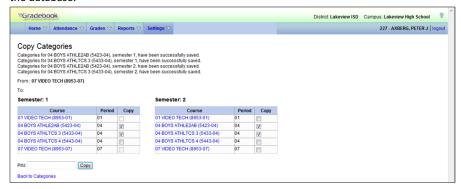
Select the semester and course section from which you want to copy categories, and then click Copy categories to other course sections. The Copy Categories page is displayed.



The **From** field displays the course **from which you are copying assignments**. In the table, all of your active courses are displayed with check boxes. Under **Copy**, select one or more courses to which you want to copy the categories. If any of your other courses have categories that have assignments, you cannot copy to those courses. The **Copy** check boxes for the courses are grayed out, and you cannot select the courses.

Type your PIN, and then click Copy to copy the categories.

If the categories are successfully copied, the page reloads and displays a list of courses to which your categories were copied. The changes are saved to the database.



Setting up Assignments on the Administer Assignments Page

(Detail Instructions can be found on page 28.)

- You can **only** enter assignments for **active courses**.
- <u>Categories must be established</u> for the course before you can enter assignments.
- <u>For percentage-based</u> weighting, assignments cannot be added unless category weights are set up and <u>total 100</u>. Otherwise, an error message is displayed.
- For each assignment you create, you must specify an assignment category and enter an assignment description and total number of possible points for the assignment. You can also enter the assignment date and due date, which are helpful when sorting grades on the Assignment Grades page.
- Assignment <u>names must be unique</u> within each category.
- You <u>cannot make changes</u> to assignments <u>once the cycle is closed</u>.

Settings > Administer Assignments



To add an assignment:

Select the semester, cycle, and course section

Press TAB from the last field on the previous row. A new row is displayed at the bottom of the assignments list.

Click Add New Assignment

In the Assignment Name field, type a name for the assignment (e.g., Pop Quiz 1). The field can be up to 50 characters.

Notes: See the Special Characters and Copy/Paste section of Appendex C

Assignment names can be changed at any time, as needed.

You cannot add duplicate assignment names within a category.

Keep the assignment name as brief as possible.

In the Category field, select a category for the assignment.

In the <u>Date Due</u> field, type the date the assignment is due in the MMDDYYYY format, or click calendar icon.

In the Date Assigned field, type the date the assignment is due in the MMDDYYYY format, or click calendar icon.

Or you may have set a default date for this field on the **Update Profile** page.

To edit an assignment:

To modify data for an assignment, type over the existing data with the new information.

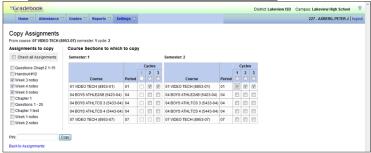
Type your PIN, and then click Save.

To delete an assignment:

To <u>delete an assignment</u>, <u>click X</u> under the Delete for the assignment. You cannot delete an assignment if grades were posted for the assignment. Type <u>PIN</u> and then click <u>Save</u>.

To copy assignments to another course section:

Click Copy assignments to another course section/cycle. The Copy Assignments page is displayed.



The <u>From</u> course field displays the <u>course</u>, <u>semester</u>, and <u>cycle</u> displayed on the previous page. This is the <u>course from which you are copying</u> <u>categories</u>.

Under <u>Assignments to copy</u>, all assignments for the selected course are displayed. You can select specific assignments, <u>or</u> you can select <u>Check all Assignments</u> to select all assignments.

Under <u>Course Sections to which to copy</u>, all course sections for all cycles are displayed. You can select specific course sections, or you can select the box at the top of the cycle column to select all course sections for the cycle.

After your selections are made, type your PIN, and then click Copy.

To return to the Administer Assignments page, click Back to Assignments.

Administer Courses

Settings > Administer Courses



Under the Course Note, you can enter optional comments and notes about the course, such as reminders, announcements, or other course-related information. If entered, these comments are viewable in the parent portal.

Assignment Grades

To enter scores:

Select the semester, cycle, and course section.

Click Retrieve Data

Note: You only need to click **Retrieve Data** the first time you retrieve a course section. After the first time, the student list automatically reloads when you change the **Semester**, **Cycle**, or **Course Section** field.

Select one or more categories, assignments, or students. You can also type a due date to limit the assignments displayed to those that are due on or after that date.

No Show students are not displayed.

When you <u>enter or change a grade</u>, the table <u>cell turns gray</u> to indicate that the grade was changed but not yet saved. <u>Once you save</u> the assignment grades, the <u>cell is not gray</u>. Type the grades in the fields provided.

Type your PIN, and then click Save Grades.

NOTE: Other codes can be entered in place of a grade:

M - Missing

- I Incomplete (If you type I for any grade, the student's working cycle average will be I until a grade is entered.)
- X Excluded (The X functions the same way as clicking the note icon and selecting Exclude from the Grade Properties dialog box.

The **Cycle average** field displays the student's working cycle average. The average is updated every time you access the page, click **Calculate Averages**, and/or save grades.

To add course-specific notes by student:

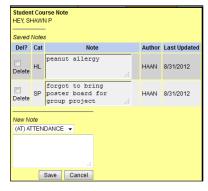
Click to add a course note about the student. The note icon is yellow if a course note already exists for the student. The Student Course Note dialog box opens allowing you to enter or update comments.

Note: These course-specific notes are not displayed to parents.

With no existing note(s):



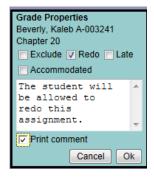
With existing note:



The student's name is displayed. Verify that you are adding/updating the note for the correct student.

To add comments or indicators to an assignment:

To add comments or indicators (e.g., excluded, late, redo, or accommodated) associated with an assignment, click next to the assignment grade. The Grade Properties dialog box opens allowing you to enter additional information about that student's assignment.



Select the appropriate indicator, and enter any comments.

If you want the indicators and/or comments to **print on the student's IPR** and **displayed in txConnect**, select **Print comment**.

Click Ok.

NOTES: To mass enter an assignment grade for all students, use the Fill button at the bottom of each assignment grade column.

To <u>mass exclude grades</u> for an assignment for all students, click **Exclude All** at the bottom of the assignment grade column. The **Exclude All** button for the column turns red, and all indicator icons are red to indicate that the grade is excluded for the student. To override the exclusion for a specific student, click , unselect **Exclude**, and then click **Ok**.

To change <u>all assignment grades to blanks</u>, delete any data from the **Fill** field, and then click the **Fill** button. All grades for the assignment are changed to blank.

To print assignment grades:

From the Assignment Grades page, you can print grades for one assignment at a time. If one assignment is selected, the **Print** button is displayed on the page.

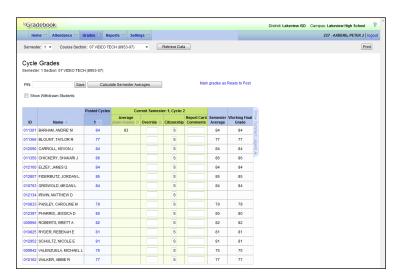
To print the assignment grades displayed on the page, click **Print**. The Print dialog box opens allowing you to select your printer and settings. Click **Print** to continue.

To print assignment grades for all assignments for the course, use the Assignment Grades Report. To access this report, select Assignment Grades Reports from the Reports menu. View the Assignment Grades Report Help page for information about the report.

Cycle Grades

The Cycle Grades page allows you to review and enter end-of-cycle and end-of-semester grade data, including cycle and semester averages, working final grades, override grades, exams, citizenship grades, and comments. When all data has been entered correctly and is ready to post, you must submit the cycle and/or semester grades to the campus administrator.

Grades > Cycle Grades



To post grades:

After you enter cycle and/or semester grade data for the course, review your input carefully, and save all changes. Once the data is posted by the campus administrator, you cannot change any data. If you discover an error after grades are posted, you must contact the campus.

When you are satisfied with your input for one or more of the cycle grades, notify the system that you are ready to post by clicking Select courses to mark grades as Ready to Post. This link is only displayed for current cycles that are open for posting.



Select the course(s), and then click Select. The dialog box closes, and the selected course(s) are listed below the PIN field.