

New Features in PowerTeacher Gradebook 1.5

Final Grades and Category Totals

- New Final Grade mode includes all final grades and displays the category totals.
- Citizenship grades are now available in the Final Grade mode in PowerTeacher Gradebook.
- Real-time final grade calculation, and “what-if” final grade preview ability. Final grades update immediately as new scores are entered. Teachers can enter scores to perform “what-if” analysis and get a preview of the final grade impact. Scores can be saved or discarded as needed by the teacher.
- In Final Grade mode teachers can view the category totals for each student, along with class averages.
- Category totals can be viewed for any selection of categories.
- Using the Section Completion Indicator and Comment, teachers can mark each section as complete and ready for report cards. Teachers can add comments about their section’s status. Administrators can run a report in PowerTeacher Administrator to view completion status.
- Ability to see Citizenship and other final grades from Final Grade mode on the Final Grade and Comment Report.

Spell Check and Manage Content

- Spell check is available in all name and description fields. Spelling is checked automatically as the user types, with misspellings underlined in red, and correction suggestions provided. Teachers can add words to a personal dictionary as needed.
- The gradebook can receive content (links to websites, applications, documents, etc.) from Curriculum Specialists and other school staff. Links are created in PowerTeacher Administrator and distributed to teachers.
- The gradebook now lets teachers create and store links to manage content (websites, applications, documents, etc.). All links are available for use in Comment and Description fields.
- Web links and content links can be added quickly and easily on the Class Info window and on all assignment descriptions.
- Links can be copied and pasted into student comments or other applications.

Scoresheet Filtering, Student Groups

- Teacher can filter the score sheet to display just the students selected in the Student Groups pane. Using student group filtering, the Scoresheet can quickly be filtered to a single student. Great for parent / teacher conferences, or one-on-one meetings with students.
- Teachers can filter the Scoresheet by any number of selected categories. In Final Grade mode, teachers can also filter which category totals are displayed.
- Assignments created for one group of students and exempt for others no longer appear in the Parent Portal when a student is exempt and no score has been assigned.
- Student Groups pane displays enrolled and dropped students by default. Now teachers can quickly choose selections of students for use in reports and for filtering the Scoresheet.
- PowerTeacher now stores the classes filter between sessions, so teachers do not need to select it each time they log in.

Fill Scores, Score Inspector, Comments

- Ability for the teacher to choose which items to mass fill, leaving all other data untouched. The teacher can fill any score, score flag, or comment, without affecting other data. For example, a teacher can add a comment and a late flag to all students, while retaining whatever previous grade and other score flags the students received.
- Selected Student Groups Assignment scores, comments, and flags can be mass filled for all students in a group by filtering the Scoresheet to that group, and using the Fill Scores function. This applies to the final grade and additional grades as well.
- Ability for the teacher to mass fill final grades and comments. Teachers can also clear grades, comments and manual overrides if needed.
- Ability for the teacher to mass fill any grades appearing in Final Grade mode. This includes Citizenship.

- The Score Inspector now displays a new tab for entering comments. This area allows more space for entering comments and using the Comment Bank. It allows teachers to navigate between students while entering comments, without needing to launch a separate pop-up menu for the Comment Bank.
- The Score Inspector is now completely resizable. Teachers can make it larger or smaller as desired. In addition, the Comment Bank can be opened, closed, and resized.
- Teachers can view detailed student comments by simply hovering the mouse over the blue comment icon in any assignment score field.

Using the Gradebook, Performance

- Context sensitive online help is now available throughout the application, in addition to the full online help available from the main menu.
- The Copy Assignment window now uses the same section preferences used in the class lists display. Teachers can select section number vs. section meeting period and days, and course name vs. their own custom display name for the section. This Copy Assignment window will now match the class list in all cases.
- Students can now be added to Student Groups directly from the Scoresheet in addition to the Student tab.

General Fixes

- Running the Missing Assignment Report for a selection of students now evaluates the entire class to see if scores are recorded for all students, not just the selected set of students. When any student has a score, the assignment is evaluated for missing scores. When no student has a score, then the assignment is considered un-scored rather than missing. This fix applies when the **Unrecorded Scores** option is selected when generating the report.
- The median calculation now takes the average of the middle scores when an even number of scores are present. For example, with scores of 7,8,9,10, the median correctly displays 8.5.
- The Individual Student Report now shows all assignments for students who drop and then later re-enroll in the same section.
- Running the attendance grid report for only a few days no longer uses a larger font size.