

New Features in PowerTeacher Gradebook 2.3

The following tables display a complete list of enhancements in PowerTeacher 2.3

Feature	Description
New notifications icon and counter	The notifications icon informs teachers when they have new notifications and how many there are. Hover the mouse pointer over the notifications icon to reveal what types of new notifications have been received.
Notifications Detail for added students, dropped students, birthdays and administrator logins	Clicking the notifications icon displays the Notifications dialog with details for all added students, dropped students, birthdays, and administrator login events. New/unread notifications appear in bold at the top, followed by older notifications. Teachers can close the dialog to mark the notifications as read, or select Leave as unread and review new notifications later.
Teacher email to parents/guardians and students	Teachers can now send emails from PowerTeacher to any selection of parents/guardians and students. With one click, they can send a note to all students in all classes for reminder announcements. Teachers can right-click in the Student Groups pane to send emails to selected groups. They can also click on email addresses listed on the Student Detail pane to email the selected recipients.
Student name display preferences	Teachers can display student names in a variety of ways throughout PowerTeacher. This preference affects the Scoresheet, Student Groups, Email (new), Notifications (new), and Reports.
Student sorting preferences	Teachers can sort students by first name, preferred name, last name, newly enrolled students at the end, and a teacher defined custom order. This preference affects the Scoresheet, Student Groups, Email (new), Notifications (new), and Reports.
Student Preferred Name entry	Teachers can enter a preferred name for each student on the Student Info window. This field can include nicknames, Foreign Language class names, and variety of other options. Data can also be viewed and edited on the Student Detail pane.
Student Preferred Name preferences	Teachers can replace the student's first name with the preferred name throughout PowerTeacher. One preference affects the Scoresheet, Student Groups, Email (new), and Notifications (new). A separate preference can be enabled to include Reports.
Student extra class columns	Every teacher now starts with five extra blank columns on the Student Info window for entering student data specific to each class. Teachers can label the columns and enter in any appropriate information. Teachers can add more columns as needed, to track an endless variety of items about the students. Examples include book number, lab coat number, field trip tracking and much more. Data can also be viewed and edited on the Student Detail pane.
Copy Preferred Name and extra class columns to other sections	Student Preferred Names, Student Extra Class Columns, and the data entered in those columns can be copied to other sections as needed.
Student Info tab: drag-and-drop column ordering	On the Student Info window, teachers can now drag-and-drop the columns into any order. Pre-existing columns, new extra class columns and the new Preferred Name column can all be dragged in any order needed by the teacher.
Teacher personal note	Teachers can enter a note or other information about each student on the Student Detail pane. This data is not sent back to the SIS and does not appear on any reports, it is for the teacher's personal reference. **Remember that your gradebook is subject to public record requests.
Teacher personal comment bank	On the Preferences dialog, teachers can now add their own personal comments to the comment bank. On the comment bank selector, teachers can now choose to display district comments, personal comments, or both combined. This allows teachers the ability to quickly select personal comments on assignment comments, standards final grade comments, and overall course grade comments.
Category preferences: Assignment Publish status	The default publish states are now available at a category level. For example, some categories can be set to publish to the PowerSchool Parent and Student Web Portal immediately, while others are set on a specific due date.
Course names and expressions on reports	All reports created in the gradebook now look to the teacher preferences for displaying course names. The reports will now be able to display course name and period, rather than only section number.
What Every Teacher Should Know in PowerTeacher Gradebook	New quick reference document for teachers, available from the Help menu in the gradebook. Also available as a printable PDF. Provides quick tips on different ways to run reports, sort students, filter the scoresheet, and more.

Refer to the Shelby County SIS site (<http://www.scsk12.org/psinfo/index.html>) for updated information and step sheets.