

Enhancements to Aspen SIS and IMS

District, school and system administrators	
New Quick Charts widget lets you run saved Quick Charts on Pages	<p>A page administrator can configure the new Quick Charts widget to appear on a Page. Then, members associated with the Page can run saved Quick Charts in the widget.</p> <p>(Any view [except Student and Family] > Pages)</p>
Import and associate a document with a group of students at once	<p>Use Import Students Documents to associate a document with a group of students at the same time. You can run the import for all students, a selection of students, or students grouped by their YOG or homeroom.</p> <p>(District or School view, Student > Options > Imports > Import Students Documents)</p>
User-defined fields added to Course and Student tables	<p>The Course and Student tables now include more user-defined fields, which can be used for state reporting purposes.</p> <p>On the Course table, there are now 20 new fields <i>each</i> of the A, B and C user-defined field types (for a total of 35 A and B fields and 25 C fields).</p> <p>On the Student table, there are now 10 new fields <i>each</i> of the A, B and C user-defined types (for a total of 110 A and B fields and 45 C fields).</p> <p>(District view, Admin > Data Dictionary > Tables > select <i>Course</i> or <i>Student</i> table > Fields)</p>
Option to display letter grades, without numeric values, for all scores and averages in the portals	<p>When the Display only letter grades in portal preference is enabled, Aspen displays letter grades (without numeric values) for all scores and averages in the Family and Student portals, in both desktop and mobile Aspen.</p> <p>(District [Root Organization] view, District [Root Organization] > Setup > Preferences > Family/Student Portal category)</p>
Aspen now allows longer school names	<p>School names can now have a length of up to 100 characters.</p>
Student Programs now support extended dictionaries	<p>Extended dictionaries that let you create forms using user-defined fields are now available in Student Programs.</p>

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Review graduation requirements for a group of students	<p>School administrators can now review their students' progress toward fulfilling graduation requirements as a group. From the new Graduation History side-tab, select a program of study to see notes, total credits gained and completed status codes for each top-level requirement for the program of study. Filter the data by program of study requirement, completed status code and grade level.</p> <p>(School view, Schedule > Graduation History)</p>
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Schedulers (For Aspen users who build and manage school and student schedules)

New School pick list in Schedule Master pop-up	<p>When creating course requests from the Build view, Global > Requests > Options > Multi-Add > Section, you can now select a school from a pick list. This lets you select sections from the student's next school, if appropriate.</p>
Students can now assign a priority to primary course requests	<p>Students can now assign a priority to each primary course request they enter in the Student portal by clicking the Select button in the appropriate subject area and assigning a number. Priority 1 is the highest. (Student or Family portal, My Info > Requests)</p> <p>For primary request priorities to appear, they must be enabled in the Academic Track. (School view, Schedule > Academics Tracks)</p>


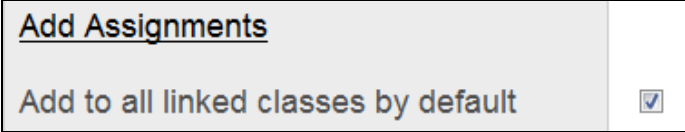

Teachers

New Gradebook preference automatically applies assignments to linked class sections	<p>The Gradebook preference, Add Assignments Add to all linked classes by default (Staff view, <i>click your user name on the settings bar > Set preferences > Gradebook</i> tab), determines whether an assignment you create for a class is automatically added to all linked class sections. This preference is enabled by default. If you disable the preference and then create an assignment for a class with linked sections, you will have to manually select the checkboxes next to the section(s) you want this assignment to apply to.</p>
Homeroom teachers can use a seating chart to take homeroom (daily) attendance	<p>The Seating Chart side-tab now appears in the Staff view under the Daily side-tab (Attendance > Daily). It shows a seating chart similar to the one displayed in the Staff view, Attendance > Class > Seating Chart. Teachers with two homerooms can select the room from a Homeroom drop-down at the top of the page.</p>
Post Columns - Term and Post Columns - Progress now available on Standard drop-	<p>In previous releases, after grade administrators prepared grade input, teachers could only access Post Columns - Term or Post Columns - Progress in the Gradebook's Traditional view. Now, teachers who use a</p>

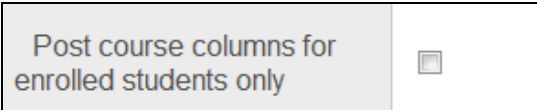
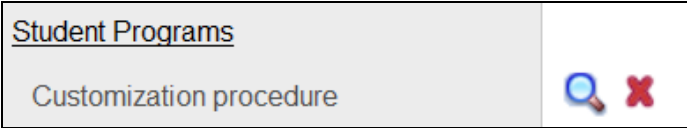
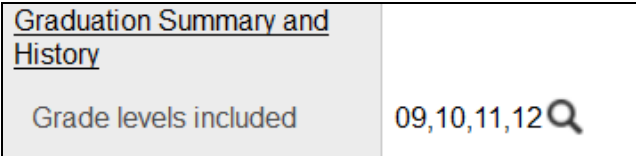
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down in Gradebook's Standards view	standards-based Gradebook can select the post columns from the Standard drop-down in the Standards view. (Staff view, Gradebook > Scores . Set View to Standards)
Add Assignment, Update Post Columns and Post buttons now appear on Scores page in Gradebook's Standards view	When a teacher selects the Standards view on the Gradebook Scores page, the Add Assignment , Update Post Columns and Post buttons now appear, depending on their selection in the Standard field. When Standard is set to Post Columns - Term or Post Columns - Average , the Update Post Columns and Post Grades buttons appear. When Standard is set to a category, the Add Assignment button appears. When Standard is set to Averages or Trends , Update Post Columns appears, if the posting window is open. (Staff view, Gradebook > Scores . Set View to Standards)
Easier to add reporting standards to assignments in standards-based Gradebook	It is easier to add reporting standards to your assignments. After you click Multi-Add , select the checkbox next to each reporting standard you want to align to the assignment. This selects the reporting standard "parent" and any "child" criteria within it. Or click  to expand the standard, and select the checkboxes next to the criteria you want. (Staff view, Gradebook > select a class > Assignments > Options > Add Assignment or select an assignment and click Save and New) (Staff view, Gradebook > select a class > Scores > click Add Assignment button. Click the Standards sub-tab, then click Multi-Add .) In the Single Student or Single Assignment view on your Scores page, the standards appear as column headers for the assignment. (Staff view, Gradebook > Scores > select the Single Student or Single Assignment view)
Rubric criteria performance descriptions appear in CTRL+L lookup and grading cells when entering standards scores	When entering standards scores in a standards-based Gradebook, you can press CTRL+L to see the Rubric Rating Scales Points pick list and select a score. To provide more information for making grading decisions, the pick list now displays a Descriptor column. This column displays a special description for that rating scale as entered by the district. On the Scores page, hover the cursor over a score in a grading cell to see the rubric rating scale's name and description.

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	(Staff view, Gradebook > Scores)	
Manage field sets on the Scores page in the Standards view	When in the Standards view, click  to manage the field sets for the columns on the Scores page. (Staff view, Gradebook > Scores)	
Safe editing of IEPs by multiple users	Now, multiple users can make changes to an IEP at the same time, as long as they are working in unrelated sections. Aspen will show an alert when someone attempts to edit a section that is locked by another user.	
Students/Family		
Students can now assign a priority to primary course requests	Students can now assign a priority to each primary course request they enter in the Student portal. They just click the Select button in the appropriate subject area, and assign a number. Priority 1 is the highest. (Student view, My Info > Requests)	
New or updated preference	Where to access	Description
New Gradebook preference 	(Staff view, <i>click user name on the settings bar > Set preferences > Gradebook tab</i>) Teachers can also set their preferences by clicking the gear icon  on the Scores page (Gradebook > Scores).	Enabled by default. When enabled, an assignment a teacher creates for a class is automatically added to all linked class sections.
New District Grade preference	District view, District > Setup > Preferences > Grade	This preference is for use with Post columns-Course only. It has no interaction with Post columns-Term or Post columns-Progress. Select this checkbox to prevent the option to post grades

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 <p>Post course columns for enrolled students only</p>		<p>for all students in the School view, Grades > Grade Input or Staff view, Gradebook > Scores. If deselected, two options appear when the teacher posts grades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course dates for enrolled students • Course dates for all students
 <p>Student Programs Customization procedure</p>	<p>District view, District > Setup > Preferences > Membership, Advanced tab</p>	<p>New preference lets districts add a custom procedure that can provide <i>beforeSave</i>, <i>afterSave</i>, <i>beforeDelete</i>, <i>afterDelete</i> and <i>validate</i> functions on Student Programs.</p>
 <p>Graduation Summary and History Grade levels included 09,10,11,12</p>	<p>District view, District > Setup > Preferences > Grade</p>	<p>Lets districts specify the grades to be included when school administrators view graduation requirements for a group of students. (School view, Schedule > Graduation History)</p>

Changes to User Roles and Privileges

Review your user roles to ensure the settings are appropriate for the default user roles used in your district and any customized roles you have created from Aspen's default roles.

The following table lists **new** and **updated** user role security privileges in Aspen:

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<i>New or updated privilege</i>	<i>Default roles affected</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Where to access</i> <i>District view, Admin > Security > Roles > Details</i>
Added privileges on Organization AASP table	System Administrator (C, R, U, D, G, M)		Organization category
Added privileges on the Data Event Queue table	System Administrator (C, R, U, D, G, M)		Core category