

Welcome to Wednesday's Wisdom – A weekly dose of support! December 16, 2015

Announcements

SIF 2.7 – The Massachusetts DESE has tasked Harris School Solutions (as well as all other MA SIS vendors) to have both Public and Charter schools ready to report a March 1 reporting period via SIF v2.7.

Many of you already are in compliance and reporting using SIF 2.7. If you already have SIF 2.0 there are no associated costs with moving to 2.7. However, if you are not yet on the “r” or “sync” versions of iPASS you will need to have your iPASS database upgraded to the “sync” version to install SIF 2.7.

If you do not currently have SIF 2.0, you will need to purchase the SIF Agent to be installed. Our Tech Team will work with you to have 2.7 installed, configured, and tested.

The goal is to have all customers on SIF 2.7 no later than the end of January. If you have not yet been contacted regarding SIF 2.7 please contact Sharon O'Connor sjoconnor@harriscomputer.com to request a quote.

October SIF State Reporting Update:

- A patch went out the end of last week (7.0.20151210_sync) to help eliminate the “duplicate record” issue [Error SCS3001 – School Identification Number (SCS03)/ SASID (SCS02)/ Subject Area Course (SCS05)/ Class Section (SCS06)/ Course Term (SCS07) combination must be unique within a district].
- During the October reporting period the Support Team tested “pushing” SIMS and SCS data to the DESE. For example, if a change was made to a course section in the Course Catalog, the student section enrollment and student section marks had to be pushed to the DESE to update the SCS data. This process proved successful and users will be given this capability and trained on how to use it in time for the next reporting period.
- The Support Team will be meeting with the Development Team to review the October SIF reporting process and collaborate on improving the district’s ability to push updates to the DESE.

December/January Support – Please note that iPASS Support will be closed December 25th, December 28th and January 1st. There will be no Wednesday’s Wisdom email on December 30th.

January User’s Group – The January 13th User’s Group Meeting WebEx will be on the topic of “Scheduling.” Laura Patton will review setting up and getting ready for 2016-2017 scheduling and will share new and improved scheduling tools.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Is there an easy way to see which teachers are using the iPass Gradebook/Rankbook without opening up each teacher?**
- A. Yes.** Go to Administration > Admin View Assignments. Search Assignments by Term, Teacher, Department, Date Range or by # of Assignments.



SEARCH ASSIGNMENTS

You may use Enter/Return or Click Search

Academic Year: 2015-2016 Term: T1

Teacher: Abad Charles, Abadam Carlo, Adams Mary

Department: Administration, Art, English

Course: From Date: To Date: Where: >

of Assignments:

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VIEW ASSIGNMENTS

Teacher Assignments

Name	Course	Assignments
Abad, Charles	101-89	0 Assignments
Abad, Charles	101-99	0 Assignments

