


SeniorSystems

My BackPack Release Bulletin

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the latest enhancements to **MY BACKPACK**.

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Administrators Can Now Apply Attendance Policies

Attendance policies can now be applied to specific sections through the **Attendance Policies** screen in the Administrators Community. If Attendance policies are not applied in the Administrators Community, faculty members still retain the option to apply attendance policies to individual grades in the Faculty Community.

Attendance Policies Can Now Be Applied Through the Administrators Community

Attendance policies can now be applied to specific sections through the Attendance Policies screen in the Administrators Community, described below.

If attendance policies are not applied through the Administrators Community, individual teachers can still apply attendance policies to specific grades using the Attendance Policy drop-down list located in the Gradebook Setup screen in the Faculty Community. Once an attendance policy is applied to a section in the Administrators Community, however, this drop-down list is longer active. This gives schools the option of applying attendance policies to sections through the Administrators community, or leaving it up to faculty members to determine when they set up grades in Daily Gradebook.

Before you can set up and apply an attendance policy, attendance rules must be created in the Attendance rules screen, which then show in the Rule Blocks area in the Attendance Policies screen. Attendance policies must include at least one attendance rule.

To apply an attendance policy to a section, follow the instructions described below.

Attendance Policies ?

Policy:

Description: This description should explain the over-all policy. Individual rule descriptions will be available via a detail link.

Edit Delete Copy New

Visible in Schools:
This policy will be available in the checked schools.

Your School [Apply to specific sections](#) [Remove from specific sections](#)

Rule Blocks:
Rules checked off in the same block will be applied together. Proceeding blocks will only be applied if no rules checked in the preceding block apply.

Block 1:

Penalty

Click these buttons to edit, delete, copy, or create an attendance policy. The fields on the main table will become active, allowing you to assign a name and description to the attendance policy, select the school(s) to which you want to apply the policy, select rule blocks to include in the policy, and/or create additional policies.

This area lists the attendance rules created in the Attendance Rules screen. Attendance rules include the formulas which determine how grades in the gradebook are to be affected by student attendance. Use the checkboxes to select the attendance rules you want to include in the policy you are creating.

When you place a ✓ in a school checkbox in this area, the attendance policy will be available in that school. Links to apply or remove application of the attendance policies to specific sections will then appear next to the selected school, as shown here. Click on these links to open the Apply Attendance Policy to Sections screen (described on the next page), where you can apply attendance policies to specific sections, or to remove them as needed.

The Apply Attendance Policy to Sections screen is where you select the sections to which you want to apply the attendance policy, as shown below.

Apply Attendance Policy To Sections

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Policy: Block 1 Penalty
School: Your School
 Please select the marking period grades that you wish to have applied to this policy.
 * - This marking period grade already has this policy.

Use the Term, Period, and Show drop-down list to select which marking period grades you want to view.

Term: Period: Show:

Section Id	Course Name	Faculty	Terms	Block Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PMP1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MP1
ENG2011-1	English I	Riley Finn	MP1	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENG2011-2	English I	Riley Finn	MP1	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENG2011-3	English I	Riley Finn	MP1	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-1	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-2	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-3	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-4	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOC6013-1	Psychology	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOC6013-2	Psychology	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Place a ✓ in the checkboxes that correspond to the marking period grade to which you want to apply the attendance policy.

After you have made your selections from the list, click this button to save the settings and return to the Attendance Policies screen.

The Remove Attendance Policy from Sections screen, shown below, opens when you click the Remove Attendance Policies from Sections link on the Attendance Policies screen.

This is where you can remove attendance policies that have been applied to sections. Sections which currently have the attendance policy applied will be selected. To remove the attendance policy from a section, remove the ✓ from the corresponding checkbox, then click the Apply Policy to Checked Sections to save your changes.

Remove Attendance Policy from Sections

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Policy: Block 1 Penalty
School: Your School
 Please select the marking period grades that you wish to be removed from this policy.
 * - This marking period grade already has this policy.

Term: Period: Show:

Section Id	Course Name	Faculty	Terms	Block Name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PMP1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MP1
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ENG2011-2	English I	Riley Finn	MP1	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENG2011-3	English I	Riley Finn	MP1	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-1	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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HIST301 2-3	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HIST301 2-4	American History I	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOC6013-1	Psychology	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOC6013-2	Psychology	Paul Clark	MP1,MP2	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Course Recommendation View Added to Faculty Community

We have added a View feature to Course Recommendations that allows you to view all of a student's course recommendations in a separate screen, including recommendations made by other faculty members. This allows teachers to see at a glance what recommendations have already made for the student.

The View link, which opens the Course Recommendations for Student screen, displays in the Others column as shown below only if at least one recommendation has been entered for the student. If recommendations have not yet been entered for the student, the View link does not display.

Course Recommendations by Section Preferences ?

Section: (3016-1) European History [S1,S2,S3] [E] Add To All Course ID: Comment:

Add To All

Apply Show All Comments Reset

Student	Grade	Course 1	Comments	Others
Jason Aragonis (Jay)	12	History of Western Thought (3015)	Show	View
Norma Bates (Nancy)	12	History of Western Thought (3015)	Show	View
Roosevelt Frost	12	History of Western Thought (3015)	Show	
Sasha Goodall	12	Non-Western Civilization (3014)	Show	View
Robert Halloway (Bobby)	12	World History (3011)	Show	View
Noah James	12	History of Western Thought (3015)	Show	
Lynn Maynard	12	Non-Western Civilization (3014)	Show	View
Andrey Orloff	12	World History (3011)	Show	View

Click on the View link to open the Course Recommendation for Student screen, shown below. This screen lists all course recommendations that have been made for the student.

Course Recommendations For Student [Back to Course Recommendations](#) ?

Student: Jason Aristos Argonis

Instructor	Section ID	Course ID	Course Name
Mr. Paul Clark	3016-1	3015	History of Western Thought
Mr. Paul Clark	5021-1	5022	German II

This column lists the course IDs for the course recommended.

This column lists the names of the recommended courses.

This column lists the section IDs for the section from which the recommendation was made.

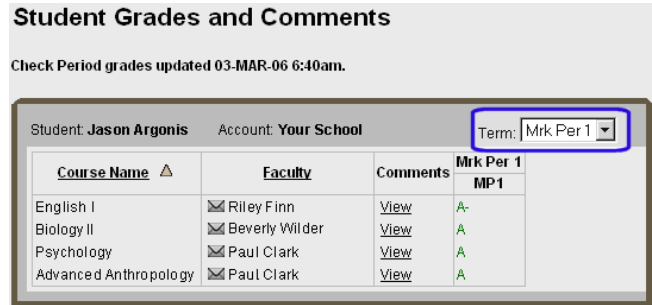
This column shows the name of the instructor who made the course recommendation.

Term View Added to Grade Screen in Student/Parent Community

We have added a Term drop-down list to the Marking Period Grades and Comments screen in Student/Parent Community.

This drop-down list allows users to filter according to which marking period they want to view. Users can also select ALL to view all of your school's marking periods.

The screen refreshes, showing the classes and grades for the marking period selected.



Enhancements Added to Class Roster Report

We have enhanced the Class Roster Report with a format options drop-down list, which allows you to select which format you want to use for the report.

You can select the standard format, which lists student names along with columns for grade, gender, board/day status, and birth date (depending upon what options you select using the checkboxes provided), or you can select formats that lists student names along with either five wide columns or twenty narrower columns where you can later enter data.

The Class Roster Report screen is described below.

Class Roster Report

Use the checkboxes provided in this area to select the sections for which you want to create reports.

Use the Format Options drop-down list from to select the format for your report. The Grade, Gender, Board/Day, Birth Date, and Show Lines checkboxes below the drop-down list can only be used with the Standard option, otherwise they will be grayed out.

If you have selected the Standard option, use the checkboxes provided to select what other information you want to show on the report.

Enter the school name in this field as you want it to show on the report.

Use this drop-down list to select the faculty name format you want to use for the report.

Use this drop-down list to select how you want to view the report. You can preview the report first if you want before saving it in HTML, PDF, or Excel format.

Display Total Points Option Added to Daily Gradebook

Daily Gradebook now offers the option to display the total points earned for all assignments across a marking period or semester in a separate column on the Grading Grid.

This option is selected in Gradebook Setup, in the Period/Term/Final Grades tab by placing a ✓ in the Show Total Points checkbox, as shown above.

Gradebook Setup Back to Gradebooks/Setup

Gradebook: Advanced Anthropology
Grade: MP2 - Mrk Per 2

Calculation **Comments**

This grade is: a marking period grade

These grades should be: Calculated by summing, weighted by max points

* Display:

Points Percent Letter **Total Points**

Bell Curve:

This grade should have a bell curve on it.

Mean:
Deviation:

Attendance Policy:

This grade should depend on an attendance policy.

Submit Reset Cancel * - required field

When this option is selected, the total number of points earned by each student, is displayed in the new Grading Grid column along with letter and percentage grades, with the total number of possible points for the marking period or semester displaying for comparison in the column header, as shown on the right.

EX4_25 HWV	LONGPAL HWV	PRIME HWV	TESTCH4 Tst	FIG5_06 HWV	Pts	MP2
10.0	10.0	10.0	20.0	10.0	730.0	--
0.00	0.00	0.00	17.00	10.00	595.00	B- 81.51%
10.00	10.00	0.00	19.00	9.00	697.00	A 95.48%
10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	729.00	A 99.86%
10.00	9.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	719.00	A 98.49%
11.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	733.00	A 100.41%
10.00	10.00	10.00	19.00	10.00	658.00	A- 90.14%
10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	730.00	A 100.00%
10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	729.00	A 99.86%
11.00	9.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	726.00	A 99.45%
10.00	10.00	10.00	19.00	10.00	721.00	A 98.77%

For example, if a marking period contained 17 assignments worth 100 points each, the total number of possible points that would show in the column header would be 1700. A student who received a grade of "B" (where "B" equals 80%) would show a total of 1360 points earned in his or her grade field.