

Welcome to Wednesday's Wisdom – A weekly dose of support! April 27, 2016

Announcements

Patch Release - 7.0.20160421_sync for Massachusetts

A patch release when out on April 21. Release Notes have been posted to iPASS Help > iPass Patch Release Notes. Please refer to Release Notes for specifics of the enhancements and corrections.

Application Enhancements Include:

The End of Year Procedure "Rollover Courses" has been enhanced to copy all elements defined for a course (or for course section). *See chart below.*

- Data fields that include multiple values: the procedure will now copy over all values and not just the first value (ie. Competencies).
- The procedure can be run multiple times and will allow the end user to select to replace existing data or append data.

Helpful Hint! Districts that have already rolled over their Course Catalog to 2016-2017 can compare some 2015-16 courses to 2016-17 courses to see what information may not have rolled over (ie. GPA Rank, Grade Scales, From/To Grades). If information is missing, Rollover Courses again with <u>Override if Exists = NO</u> and it will <u>ADD</u> the missing data.

NEW! Override if Exists = Yes will replace the data that is there. With this enhancement, at no time will Override if Exists = Yes affect the Course ID, School Course ID or School Course sequence numbers, so any work already done in Schedule Requests or Recommendations will be safe.

COURSE DETAIL SCREEN		COURSE SECTION DEFINITION	COURSE SECTION SCHEDULE
COURSE DETAIL SCREEN		ELEMENTS	ELEMENTS
Priority	DOE Attending School	Section Name	Terms Multiple
Has Meeting times (w/class schedule?)	Honors Indicator	Max Seats	Teachers
GPA Rank	Dual Credit	Horz Average	Teacher Name to Print
Grade Scales (Multiple)	Gifted Indicator	Grade Group	MA VHS Course ID
Print on Class List	Pass/Fail	Cycle (Team) (Need to turn on)	Weekdays Course Meet Multiple
Print on Transcript	Max Seats (Course)	Linked (Section) (Need to turn on)	Room
From Grade	Linked Course		Grade
To Grade	Pre-Schedule		Primary Language Instruction Code
Available As Elective	Instructional Level		Delivery Model Code
Show Recommendation	Requirements Indicator Code		Period/Day Matrix (Schedule)
Failure	Advance Placement Indicator		
Horizontal Avg	International Baccalaureate Indicator		
Vertical Average	Course Competencies (Multiple)		
Vertical Weight	Department (Multiple)		
Honor Type	Credit (Multiple)		
Ineligibility Type	Assessment Types (Multiple)		
Curriculum Level:	Use with MSB (MSB options)		

Minor Enhancements Include:

- Last Name fields has been added to Student Attendance History report parameters page.
- The iStaff Data Entry page now allows values to be set as zeros.
- Teachers will no longer have access to future year schedules if "Current & Prior" is selected in District Configuration.
- Field title and option changes for Bullying incidents and Offender/Victim selection.

Minor Corrections to: Discipline Module, iStaff Batch Data Entry, Grade Verification report, Gradebook/Rankbook, iHealth HVP Batch Entry, Letters, Discipline Reports, Room Catalog +Add courses, Quick Schedule, iStudent, Scheduling Reports, Attendance Tally report, Attendance Report



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Parameters, Student ID cards, PreK membership reports, Staff Photo IDs, Master Schedule Matrix report, Study Hall Scheduler, Course Recommendation search screen. *Click here for full details*.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Massachusetts Sync version: I rolled my Course Catalog over before the application enhancement released on April 21 (7.0.20160421_sync) that now rolls over all course information, how do I get the blank/missing course detail and course section data rolled over to next year?
- **A.** The End of Year Procedure > Rollover Courses can be run again with Override if Exists = NO. This will ADD the blank/missing data and current data will NOT be replaced.
- Q. Massachusetts: If the last day of school is on a Monday, what day is used for the EOY EPIMS As-of Date and the EOY SIF SCS Last Transmission Date?
- **A. Use the next-to-last <u>SCHOOL</u> day as the As-of Date for EOY EPIMS and SCS.** If the last day of school is on a Monday, the iStaff Configuration EPIMS Export As-of Date and the MA DOE Parameters Last Transmission Date (for each school) should be set to the Friday date.
- Q. We use Microsoft Office 365 Outlook email, what do users have to set up to email from iPASS? (ie. Email Class, email individual parents or students)?
- A. The iPASS user must enter their email Username (email address) and email Password into their My Data > My Preferences > Email Settings. This allows iPASS to connect to your email to send the email message. The user name and password must match your current email address and email password.



Reminders

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SIF Training for Current SIF Sites - May 4th - Westford, MA

As part of your purchased SIF training we are offering the following in person training session. There will also be a WebEx component for those of you who cannot make it in person.

SIF Training
May 4, 2016
10:00am to 12:00pm
Westford Central Office Administrative Building, Westford, MA

