SIS 2000+ Newsletter Changes and Enhancements

January - 2012

SIS2000+ Web Applications

This newsletter covers changes and enhancements for the first half of the fiscal school year:
August 2011- January 2012

Information will include an overview of changes made to our SIS2000+ software for all users, including school administration, secretaries, teachers, students, and parent contacts.
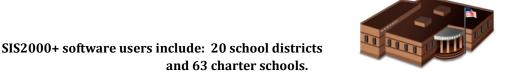
This Page includes:

- Assessment - CRT, DWA, and UALPA Preprint Student Testing

- Assessment - Reading At Grade Level and Reading Intervention.

- Attendance—Student Classroom Photo Seating Charts in teacher grade books.

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SIS2000+ software users include: 20 school districts and 63 charter schools.

New Charter Schools that have joined SIS2000+ for school year 2012-2013:

    Baer Canyon High School Charter: 10-11 - Kaysville, Utah - will add grade 12 in 2013
    HighMark Charter School: K-8 - South Weber, Utah - will add grade 9 in 2013
    Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning: K-8 - Perry, Utah - will add grade 9 in 2013

Assessment Application:
    State Assessment Testing Preprint data extracts have been moved to the SIS2000+ Web portal.

    ACT (American College Test),
    CRT   (Criterion Referenced Tests),
    DWA (Direct Writing Assessment),
    UAA (Utah's Alternative Assessment), and
    UALPA (Utah Academic Language Proficiency Assessment) testing data.

    These data files are required by the state assessment department and extracted at different times during a school year. Extracting data will be easier for users via the web.
    After extracting the data, the files will automatically be named after the type of testing session the extract is for. Test name example: PRE_003_SPRING_LA0303_20111125_01 (1).

Assessment Application:
    Reading at Grade Level and Reading Intervention data.
    LEAs (schools) requested the ability for office administration to put reading at grade level and reading intervention information in for teachers, if necessary. SIS2000+ has also added the ability to export this information to an Excel spreadsheet for office administration manipulation and tracking. Also, added a report 'Reading Intervention' for assessing student needs.

Attendance Application:
    A student Attendance Photo Seating Chart has been added in teacher grade book. Teachers can create a classroom seating chart in the design they want. After creating the seating chart design, teachers can add student photos to the seating chart. Teachers can take attendance in the seating chart application by selecting the students who are absent or tardy,
    Both elementary and secondary teachers have loved this addition to the grade book.
    We have found, the secondary teachers are using the photo seating chart the most.

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**Future Changes
and Enhancements**

Future Updates will include the following features:

- Moving the Attendance Module to the web. This will mean, all administrative attendance will be added via the web. Attendance secretaries will no longer use FoxPro client to add any student attendance.

- Moving the Enrollment Module to the web. This will be a large rewrite of the software.

- A special thank you to John Brandt who is retiring and will no longer work with us as our IT Director. He was a great asset to our staff.

New Attendance Reports by School and by Class:
Added a School wide Attendance Report for school administration to have the ability to see the percentage of attendance in their whole school. This report will have a break down by ethnicity and race. Reports can be run for a certain day, term, or by year.

Added a School Attendance Report by Class for school administration to be able to track attendance by the number of 'Classes Enrolled', 'Classes Attended', and 'Attendance Percentage by Class'. Reports can be run for a certain day, term, or by year. This information is very valuable for school administration to track attendance trends.

Teacher Grade Book: Added a Lunch Count by Class:
From the grade book, teachers can now submit the number of students planning to eat lunch that day. This data is submitted directly into the food service module. This assists the food service personnel in knowing how many students to prepare or order lunch for.

UTREx Clearinghouse Extract:
Derek Howard, IT Manager, created a script for the SIS2000+ users that automatically uploads the LEA (school) UTREx Clearinghouse data on a nightly basis. This UTREx Clearinghouse file is automatically placed on the UTREx Clearinghouse Data Collector server. Users are relieved of the task of uploading this file themselves. Since this file is automatically placed on the Data Collector Server, users can login directly to the Data Collector Server and simply process the file.

UTREx Clearinghouse SIF Agent:
We have the programming completed that is necessary to work with the UTREx Clearinghouse SIF process. We are waiting on the UTREx contractor to finish the SIF agent.

Report Servers:
We have implemented new report servers to increase the speed of the reporting services for our users.

New
- SIS2000+ Client Changes and Enhancements

You will see less and less information about the SIS2000+ Client side of the software because a lot of the changes and improvements will move directly to the web. Eventually we will have all software applications moved to the web.

Food Service Module:
Added 'online payment' information fields to student and faculty accounts.
More and more schools are allowing parents (contacts) and faculty to pay for their school meals via a web service using a credit card. Users will still need to manually add the online payment amount information into SIS2000+ faculty and student Food Service Payment accounts. We added the online payment fields on the Monthly Payment Summary Reports for account balancing and tracking.
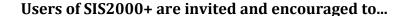
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Join the SIS2000+ listserv:
The listserv is a way for SIS 2000+ users to communicate as a group. Messages relating to meetings, updates, problems, and issues are shared with all SIS 2000+ users. When responding to a message, remember that if you hit "reply" it will go to EVERYONE on the list. (Responses should generally be sent privately to one person).

To subscribe to the SIS2000+ listserv:

Send the e-mail from your school address to make sure the school address is subscribed to the listserv.

Sign in and apply for membership - utah-sis+subscribe@googlegroups.com
Some e-mail filters send listserv messages to your junk or spam folder, so check there if you do not receive a confirmation from the listserv or do not receive e-mails from the listserv.

Join the SIS2000+ user group:
Meetings are generally held at USOE - 250 East 500 South - Salt Lake City, UT, room 156, on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Agendas are distributed on the SIS2000+ listserv. **School SIS2000+ administration** is encouraged to attend. This meeting is where a lot of decisions are made about the direction of the software.

2012/2013—SIS2000+ Scheduled Meetings:

Thursday - 01/26/20112- USOE at 9:00 A.M - Room 241
Thursday - 02/23/20112- USOE at 9:00 A.M - Room 241
Thursday –03/29/2012 - USOE at 9:00 A.M - Room 156
Wednesday - 05/02/2012 - Nebo at 1:00 P.M - Nebo Learning Center
Thursday - 05/31/2012 - USOE at 9:00 A.M - Room 156
Thursday - 06/28/2012 - USOE at 9:00 A.M - Room 156

The SIS2000+ meeting dates may change. E -mails will be sent through the listserv to let SIS2000+ users know of meeting date/time/location changes.

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