

Midland Independent School District

Skyward Student Database Quick Start Guide

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS



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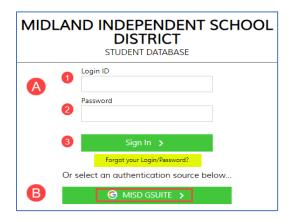
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SKYWARD STUDENT DATABASE

The Skyward Student database can be accessed in various ways.

- A. By going to the MISD homepage and following the click path from the MISD Home page => For Staff=> Staff Links=> Skyward Student Database or by the
- B. MISD GSuite or by the
- C. Google Apps the "Waffle"





Skyward Student Database login steps:

- **A.** Enter your login credentials:
 - 1. Login ID will be your first-name.last.name
 - 2. Password will be what you have created.

Click on the Forgot your Login/Password link if you have forgotten your login and/or password. Check the box "I'm not a robot and please enter your email address or user name and click the "Submit" button. If it matches the email or user name the district has on file, you will be sent an email containing your login and a link that can be used to reset your password.

- 3. Click the Sign In button OR
- **B.** Click the "MISD GSUITE" button to bypass step A. You will be directed to "Choose an Account". Select your MISD email address and you will be directed into the Skyward Student Database.
- **C.** The Google App known as the "Waffle" is the grid of the nine small boxes that are found on the top right corner of the browser when using various Google products like Google Chrome and Gmail.

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WIDGETS

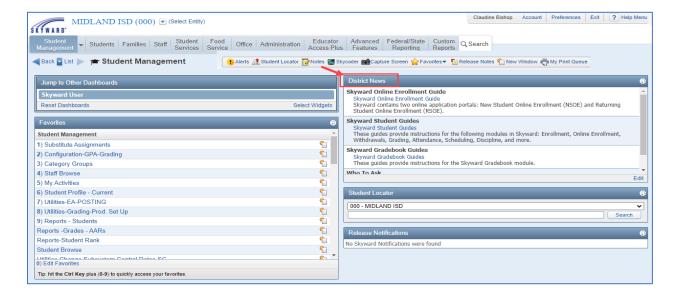
A widget is an element that displays information or provides a specific way for a user to interact with the database. To select widgets, follow the steps below.

- 1. Click on the "Select Widgets" link.
- 2. Select the widgets of your choice.
- 3. Click the **Save** button, the widgets will now appear on your Skyward dashboard.



DISTRICT NEWS WIDGET

The **District News** section is used by the Student Information Systems department to post links to training materials.



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SWITCHING BETWEEN APPLICATIONS

Most users will only have **Student Management** system access and/or the **Educator Access Plus** (gradebook) system access options.

To switch between applications, use the arrow next to the home button and select the name of the application you would like to access or if you have the capability from your dashboard to select the option to "Jump to Other Systems".





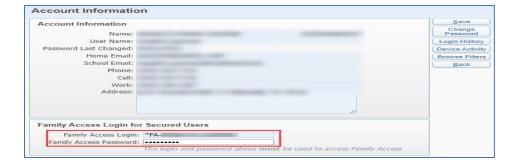
SWITCHING BETWEEN ENTITIES (CAMPUSES)

Most users only have access to their assigned entity. If you work at multiple campuses or have district wide access, you can **switch between district wide access (000) and campus-specific access by using the dropdown next to the (000).** From the drop-down arrow select the entity you want to access.



YOUR SKYWARD ACCOUNT

This option is located in the upper right corner of your Skyward pages. Click on the "Account" link to view the details of your account. You can view the login history of the account and change the account password. You can also view your family access login credentials if you have created your account with your Midland ISD email address.

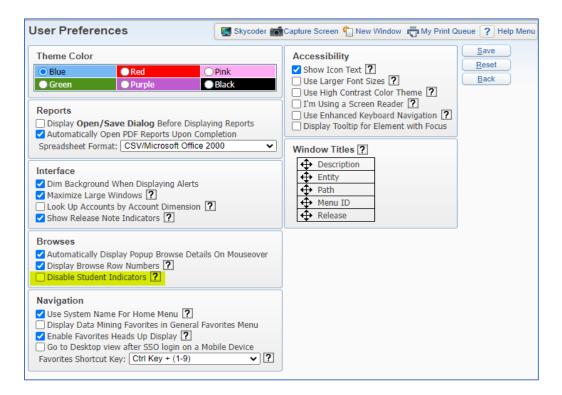


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PREFERENCES

This option is located in the upper right corner of your Skyward pages and allows you to set up options associated with your account. Changes here will not affect other users. Some of the things that can be done are change your theme color, set up Accessibility Options, Reports, Interface, Browses and Navigation.

- o **Theme Color** This option can be used to change the display color of buttons and menus within the software. The ability to change your Theme Color is controlled by a setting in the Web Configuration.
- O Display Open/Save Dialog Before Displaying Reports If this option is unchecked, you will need to display a report first in order to be able to save it.
- Automatically Open PDF Reports Upon Completion If this option is selected, PDF reports will automatically display when the Print Queue processing screen is open.
- Spreadsheet Format This option allows you to select what the default format should be for spreadsheets generated from Skyward. You can select from CSV/Microsoft Office 2000, Microsoft Office 2002+ or Open Office.
- o **Display Browse Row Numbers** This option will display numbers next to each record when in a Browse screen.
- Use Larger Font Size You can select this option to display certain areas with a larger font.
- O **Disable Student Indicators** student indicators codes will display next to their name, i.e. LEP, ESL, AT RISK, GIFTED/TALENTED & CRITICAL ALERTS indicators.



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DASHBOARD ICONS



Alerts: used at the campus or district level, for example if a parent submits an absence request.

Student Locator: allows you to find a student and view their daily schedule.

Notes: allows you to create a note for this program.

Favorites: allows you to create a short cut to an area used frequently.

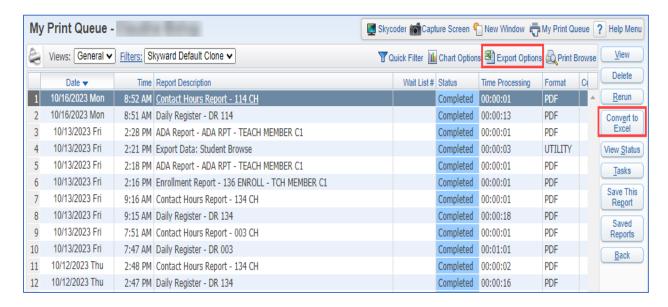
- o **To Add a Favorite,** select the **Star** next to the name of the area.
- o **To Use Favorites,** click on the **Favorites** dropdown menu.
- o **To Edit Favorites**, click **Edit Favorites** in the Favorites dropdown menu.



Capture Screen: allows you to send a printout of the screen to the print queue.

New Window: allows you to create another session in a new window.

My Print Queue: allows you to view reports or screenshots that you have generated. Reports can be converted into Excel format if selected. *Note: Records are deleted from the Print Queue after 2 days.*

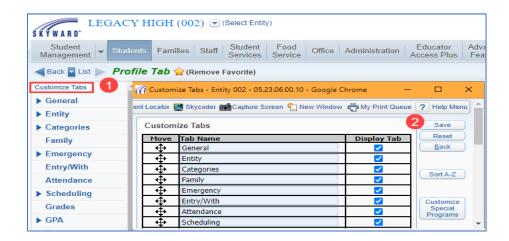


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CUSTOMIZED TABS & HEADERS

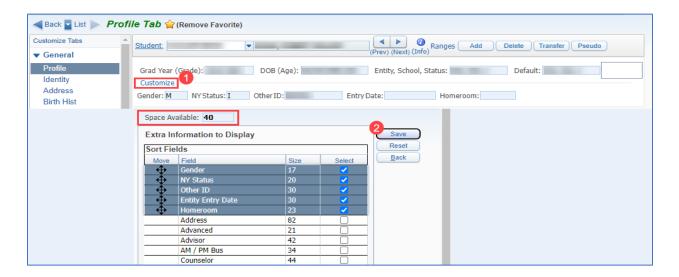
Allow you to select which tabs to display on the left panel and the order.

- 1. To customize your tabs:
 - 1. Click Customize Tabs. Remove, select and/or move preferred fields you'd like to see and in what order.
 - 2. Click Save.



Customized Header: Each tab shows specific information while the header information below will show on every screen and is customizable.

- 2. To customize your header:
 - 1. Click **Customize**. Remove, select and/or move preferred fields you'd like to see and in what order. *NOTE: character space is limited*.
 - 2. Click Save.



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STUDENT MANAGEMENT HOMEPAGE

Screens may vary due to security access.

- 1. From the drop-down arrow, select an entity or leave at (000) for district wide access.
- 2. Tab or select the module you want to access, i.e. Students => Student Profile



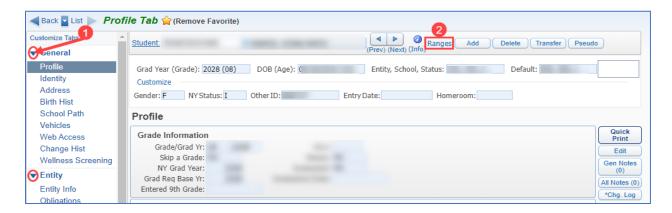
From the Student Profile page, you can view the students Grade and General Information.

To locate a student, enter the student's first five letters of the last name, and the first three letters of the first name OR enter the student's student ID if available.



To view other areas:

- 1. Click the arrows to expand or collapse section links. This option may vary from page to page.
- 2. Click Ranges, to limit the group of students that are displayed. Ranges has several of criteria's to choose from i.e. viewing Active and Inactive students.



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STUDENT BROWSE

The **Student Browse** page in Skyward provides a list of all students and much or their information (based on security access). This page can be used to quickly create reports.

To access this page, go to Students>Student Browse.

- A. To view certain student criteria to display, use the **Views** dropdown. For example, to view students' enrollment and withdrawal information, select 'Entry/Withdrawal'.
- B. To view certain student criteria to displayed use the **Filters** dropdown. *For example, to only view active students, select 'Only Active Students'*.
- C. To sort, for example by grade level, click on the "Gr" column header or any other header to sort by.
- D. To display a certain amount of records on the page, click the dropdown. Keep in mind, if you select a large number of records to view (i.e. 1000) the screen may take longer to load.
- E. To filter down to specific records, click the **Filter** icon. *For example, to view only students with a specific entry date.*
- F. To export the data, click the **Excel** icon.



CREATING REPORTS

- 1. To add a report:
 - A. To create a new template, click Add.

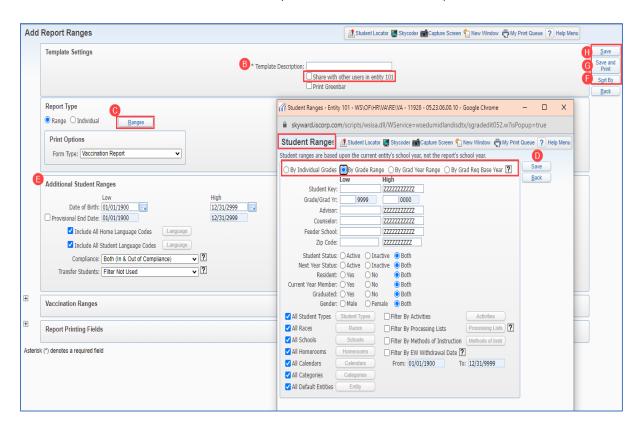


B. Enter a **Template Description** for the report. Check the box if you choose to share the template with other users within the same entity.

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- C. Click **Ranges** to determine what group of students to print on the report.
- D. Click **Save** if changes made or **Back** when done.
- E. Review report parameters and make selections as needed.
- F. Click **Sort By** to sort report in specific order.
- G. Click **Save** to save report without running report. Click **Save and Print** to save report and run report.
- H. Click the Save button if you wish to save and not print it.



2. To **clone** an existing report:

- A. Select from the available templates to be copied and click the **Clone** button.
- B. Enter a **Template Description** and keep the boxed checked to continue sharing the new template with others to use within the same entity.
- C. Review Ranges and make changes as needed.
- D. Click Save if edits were made or click the Back button to return to previous screen.
- E. Review report parameters and make changes as needed.
- F. Click the **Sort by** button to review and/or make edits as needed.
- G. Click **Save** to save report without running the report. Click **Save and Print** to save report and run report.
- H. Click the **Print** button to run the report without saving it.

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DATA MINING

This feature is for advanced users who have programming experience. Please contact the SIS department for training.

Student Data Mining is a tool available to be able to create customized reports. The data can be put into a variety of different forms. Users can generate a PDF document for viewing/printing or export the data to an Excel spreadsheet.

To generate a report using Data Mining, follow the steps below:

1. Go to Students>Students-ST>Data Mining.



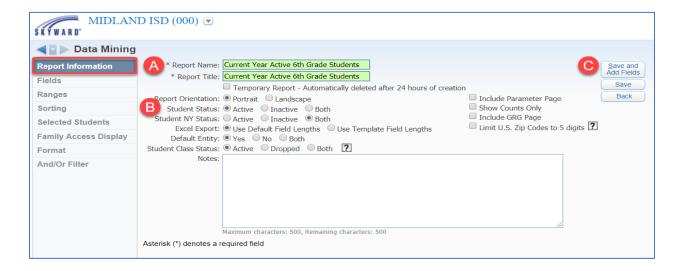
2. Click **Add** to create a template.



- 3. Building a Data Mining template includes the following five basic pieces before it can be run. *In this example, you will create a basic list of active, current year* 6th *grade students.* **Report Information** is where you will set some initial ranges for the data that will pull and set some options for data formatting and other data to include on the report.
 - A. Input the **Report Name** and **Report Title.**
 - B. For the **Student Status**, select **Active** to pull active current year students. **NOTE**: If you are generating a list of active next year students, select **Student Status** = **Both** and **Student NY Status**= **Active**.
 - C. Click Save and Add Fields.

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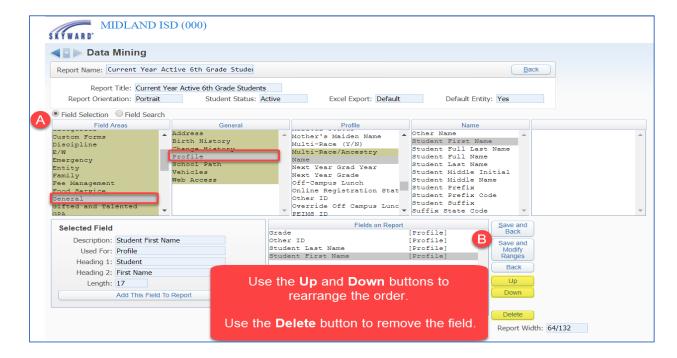
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- 3. Add the **fields** to be included on your report.
 - A. Double-click on the field(s) you wish to include on your report through the **Field Area** categories. To make this easier, think of the Student Profile tabs and the fields included on each tab, this closely mirrors how the fields are organized in the Field Selection method.

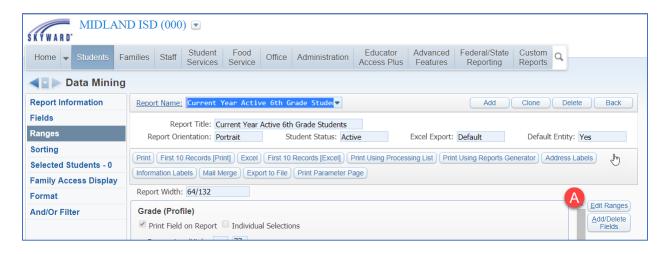
NOTE: When locating a field to be added to the report, selecting a Field Area with a tan background will open a sub-set of areas/fields in the next column over. Any field that can be added to the report will have a white background.

B. Once all the fields have been added, click Save and Modify Ranges.

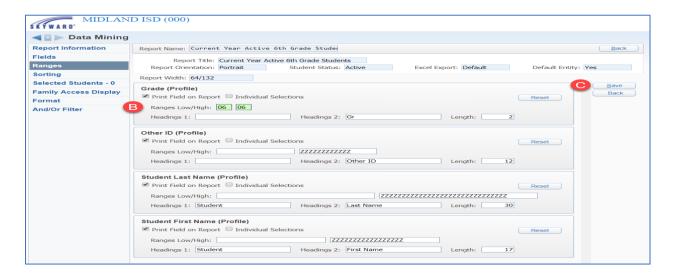




- 4. Set the appropriate **ranges** to limit the data that will pull on your Data Mining report for the fields that you added. You will also have some options to identify how some fields will appear on the report, if even at all.
 - A. Click Edit Ranges.

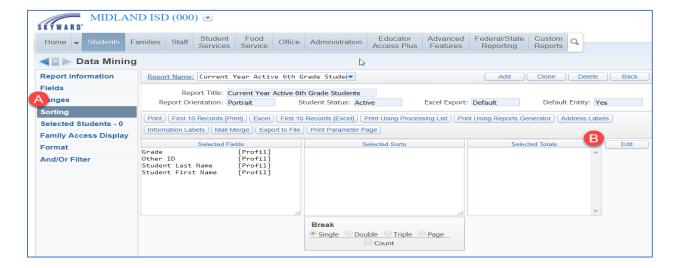


- B. In the **Ranges Low/High** fields, set the range of data to be pulled for this field. *In this example, we only want 6th grade students*.
- C. Click Save.

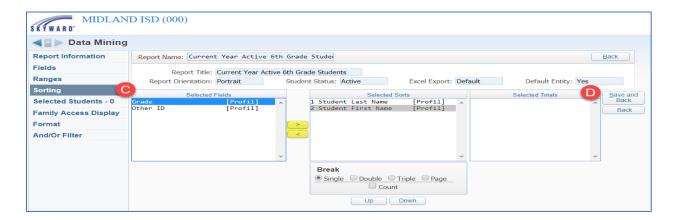


- 5. OPTIONAL: Identify how to sort the data.
 - A. Click Sorting
 - B. Click Edit

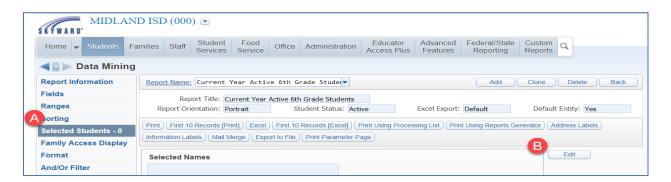




- C. Double-click on the fields to move to the **Selected Sorts** table or use the arrows.
- D. Click Save and Back.

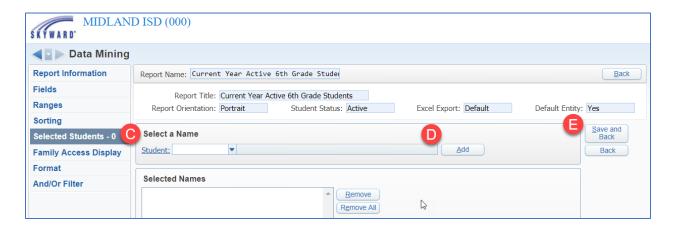


- 6. OPTIONAL: Choose selected students to pull for the report.
 - A. Click Selected Students
 - B. Click Edit

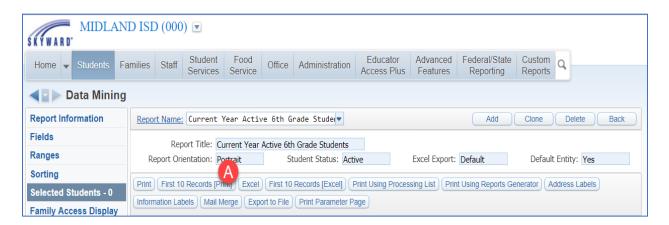




- C. In the **Student** field, begin typing the student's name or click the **Student** link to select the student.
- D. Click Add.
- E. Once all students have been added click Save and Back.



- 4. To export the report to an Excel spreadsheet:
 - A. Click Excel



B. Once the report has been generated, click View Report.



C. Your report will now be displayed. *NOTE: Depending on your browser, you may need to save the report before you can view it.*



REPORT MANAGER

The Student Information Systems (SIS) department creates and publishes custom reports to Skyward Report Manager for departments and campuses throughout the district. These reports are usually live, current data with specific criteria programmed for each report.

When running reports on Skyward Report Manager, please keep in mind:

- Skyward Report Manager can only be accessed on the MISD network.
- Each user must be given security access to a report in order to view it. If you are unable to access a specific report, please contact Fannita Barakat at fannita.barakat@midlandisd.net.
- All the data on each report is current at the point in time that you access it. You can re-run a report each time you need updated information.

