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A SMARTER, MORE PERSONALIZED PORTAL EXPERIENCE

The Portal Editor has been completely redesigned to make creating and managing portal layouts easier than ever. Administrators can now build dashboards using intuitive drag-and-drop controls, resize blocks, add rows and columns, edit Chart and HTML blocks directly, and preview changes before publishing—all from a streamlined editing experience.



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In addition to administrative improvements, districts can now empower users to personalize their own portal experience. With the new Allow User to Customize Their Portal Layout permission, users can rearrange, resize, add, or remove portal blocks to create a dashboard that works best for them. Personal customizations affect only the individual user and never modify the district's default layout.

Whether you're designing dashboards for staff, students, parents, or administrators, the new Portal Editor provides greater flexibility, improved usability, and a more personalized experience for everyone. See Portal Editor, Profiles, Portal > Customizing Your Own Portal Layout (Admin), and Portal > Customizing Your Own Portal Layout (Teacher) for more information.

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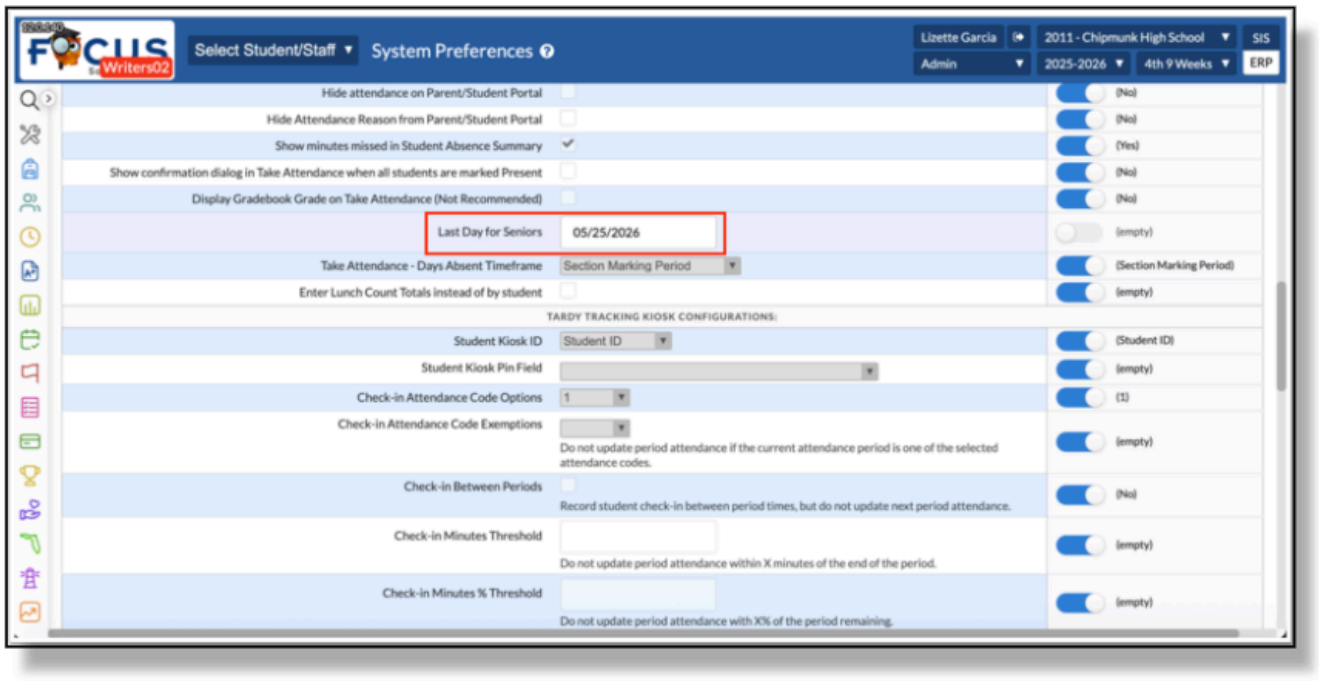
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SIS | Student Information System Updates

ATTENDANCE: SENIOR ATTENDANCE RESTRICTION CONTROLS [FOCUS-56693]

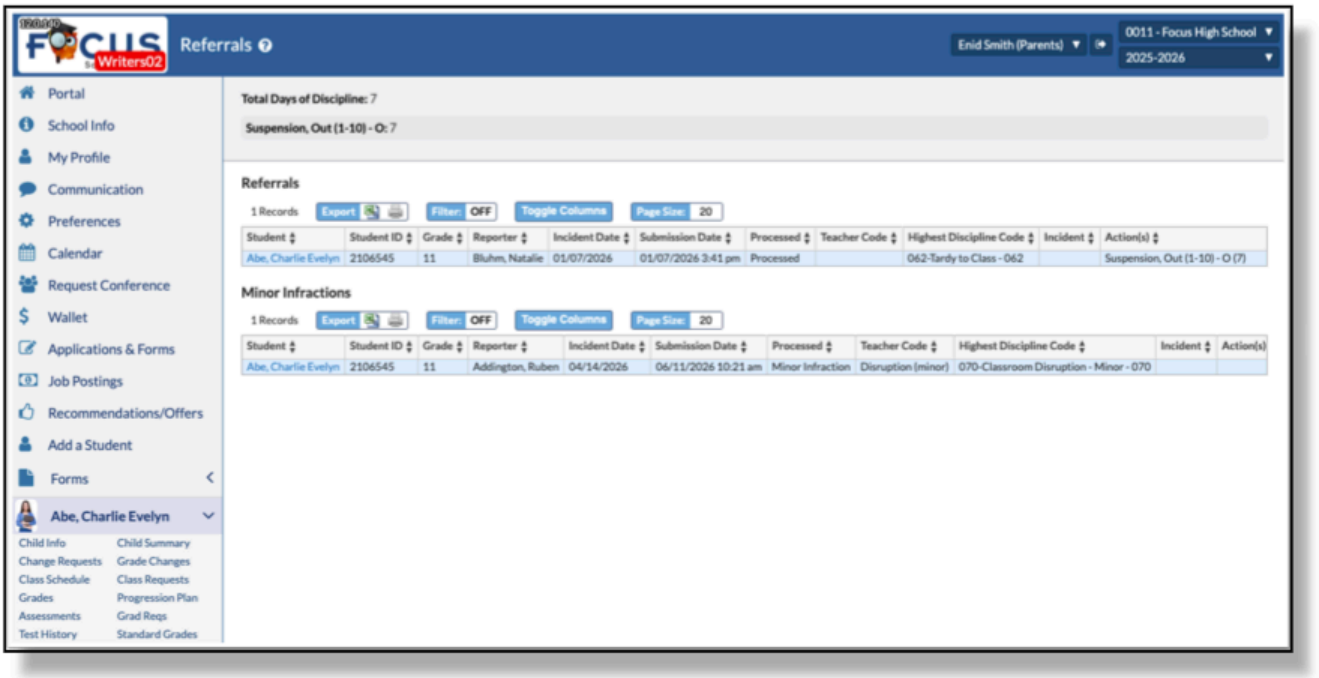
A new Last Day for Seniors attendance preference allows districts to stop attendance processing for Grade 12 students after a designated date without withdrawing them from the system. Once the configured date has passed, seniors are automatically excluded from attendance-related workflows such as teacher attendance rosters, attendance summaries, alerts, and check-in/check-out processing.

To support special circumstances, a new Ignore Grade 12 Enrollment Restriction student field allows districts to continue attendance tracking for individual seniors when needed, providing flexibility for extended enrollment or specialized programs.



DISCIPLINE: IMPROVED ORGANIZATION OF REFERRALS & MINOR INFRACTIONS [FOCUS-57450]

The Parent and Student Portal discipline view now separates Referrals and Minor Infractions into distinct sections when the Minor Infractions feature is enabled. This makes it easier for families to distinguish between classroom-managed incidents and formal disciplinary referrals while providing a cleaner and more organized view of student discipline records.



IMMUNIZATIONS: NIGHTLY IIS IMPORT AUTOMATION [FOCUS-57192-2]

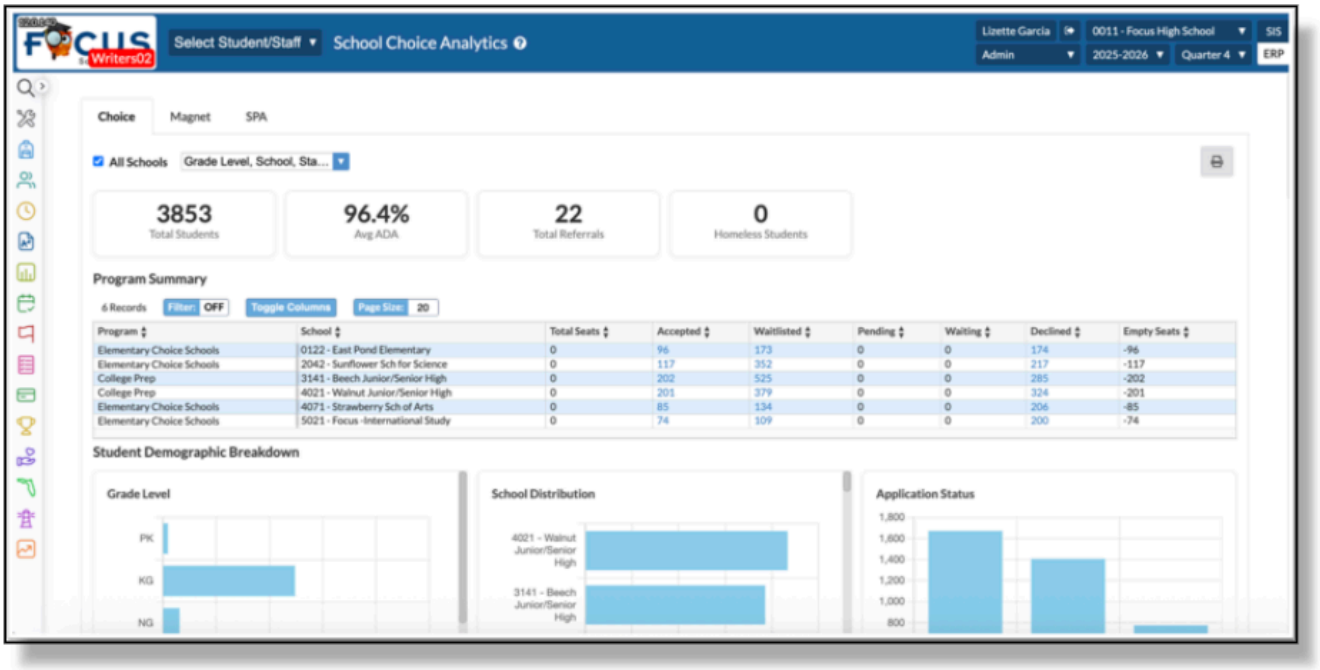
A new IIS Nightly Immunization Import scheduled job automatically imports immunization records from supported Immunization Information Systems, such as Florida SHOTS and Ohio ODH Impact SIIS. The job updates student immunization data for active students, automatically imports matched records, and generates review reports for unmatched or ambiguous results.

A configurable Days Between Re-Checks setting allows districts to control how frequently successfully imported students are re-evaluated, helping reduce unnecessary processing while ensuring unresolved records continue to be reviewed.

SCHOOL CHOICE: NEW ANALYTICS DASHBOARD [FOCUS-57074]

Districts using both Built-In Analytics and Focus School Choice now have access to a new School Choice Analytics Dashboard. The dashboard provides interactive visualizations and reporting on application status, program participation, seat utilization, grade-level distributions, demographics, attendance, discipline, enrollment trends, and more.

Users can filter data by school, application type, and other criteria, drill into student-level details, interact directly with charts, and export filtered results for additional analysis. The dashboard also includes a geographic enrollment map to help districts visualize applicant distribution and better understand participation trends across their communities. See Setup > School Choice Analytics and Profiles > Setup tab > School Choice Analytics for more information.



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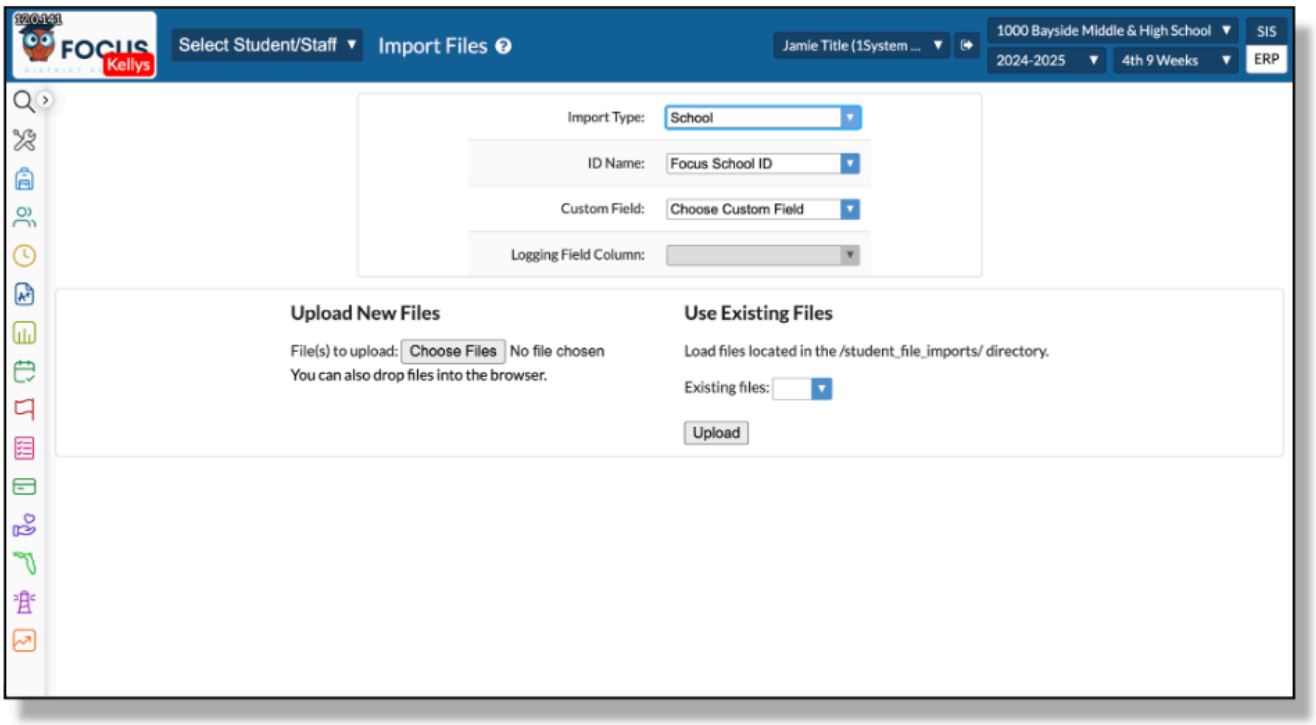
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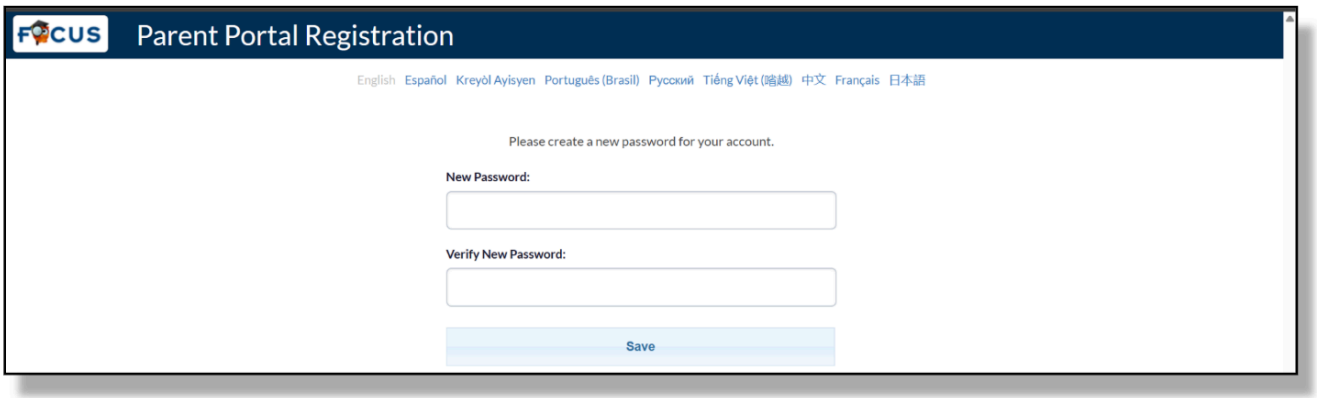
UNIFIED FILE IMPORTS WITH NEW SCHOOL DOCUMENT SUPPORT [FOCUS-55833]

Managing document imports is now easier with the new centralized Import Files page. The updated interface combines Student and Staff file imports into a single workflow while introducing the ability to import files directly to School records. Users can import documents into file upload fields or logging fields, with available options based on profile permissions. Existing functionality is preserved while expanding document management capabilities to school-level records. See Import Files and Profiles > Setup tab > Import Files for more information.



PASSWORD RECOVERY: STREAMLINED RESET EXPERIENCE [FOCUS-58245]

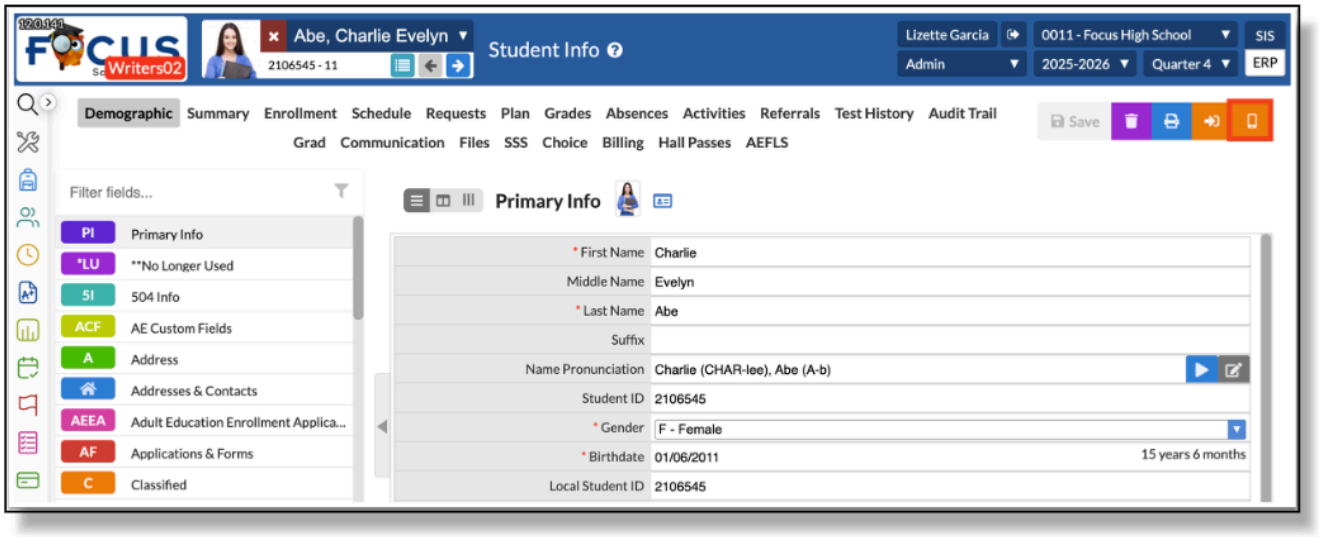
The password recovery process has been simplified by allowing users to create a new password immediately during password reset, eliminating the need for a temporary password. After completing the recovery workflow, users are prompted to create and confirm a new password and are automatically signed in upon successful submission. Existing password policies—including complexity requirements, password history restrictions, and force password change settings—continue to be fully enforced, providing a faster and more user-friendly recovery experience.



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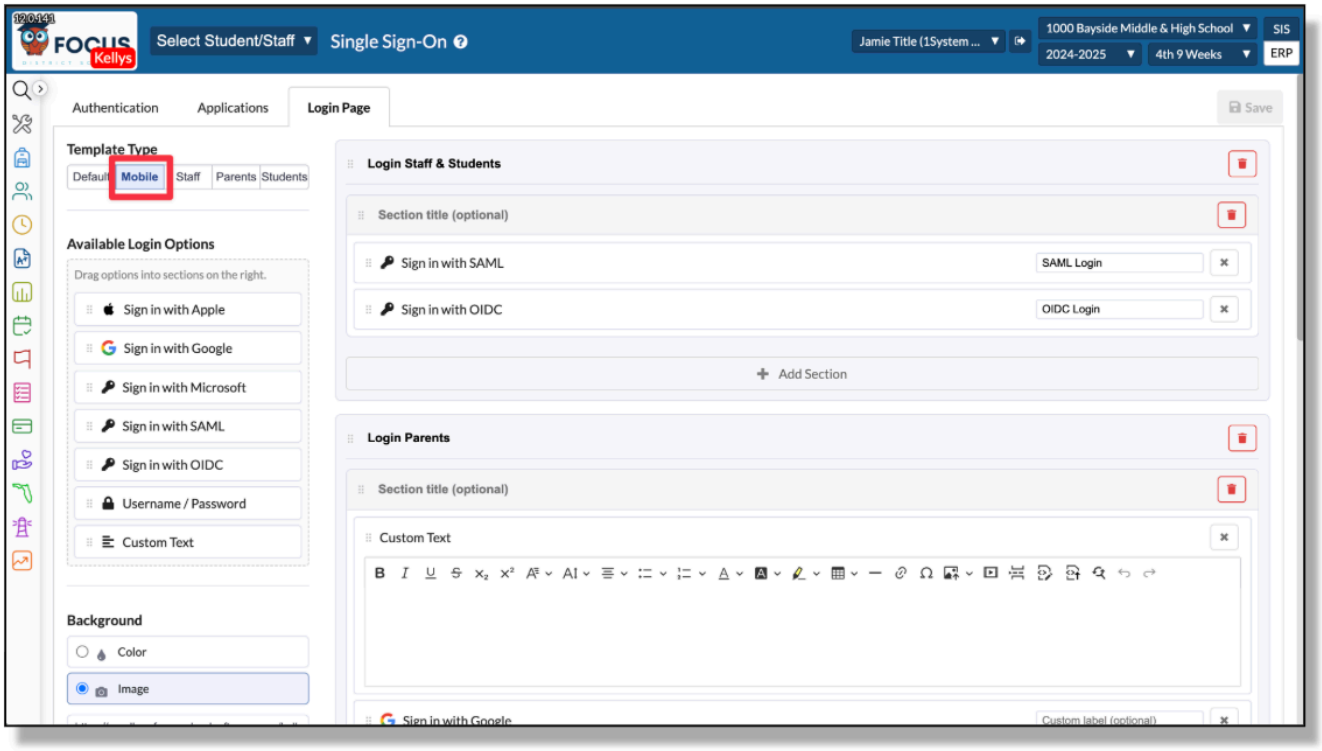
LOGIN AS COMMUNITY APP EXPERIENCE [FOCUS-56074]

Authorized users can now launch the Community Mobile App as a selected student directly from Student Info or the student selector using the new Login As Community option. This makes it easy to review the student-facing mobile experience without requiring student credentials and allows users to seamlessly restore their own session when finished.



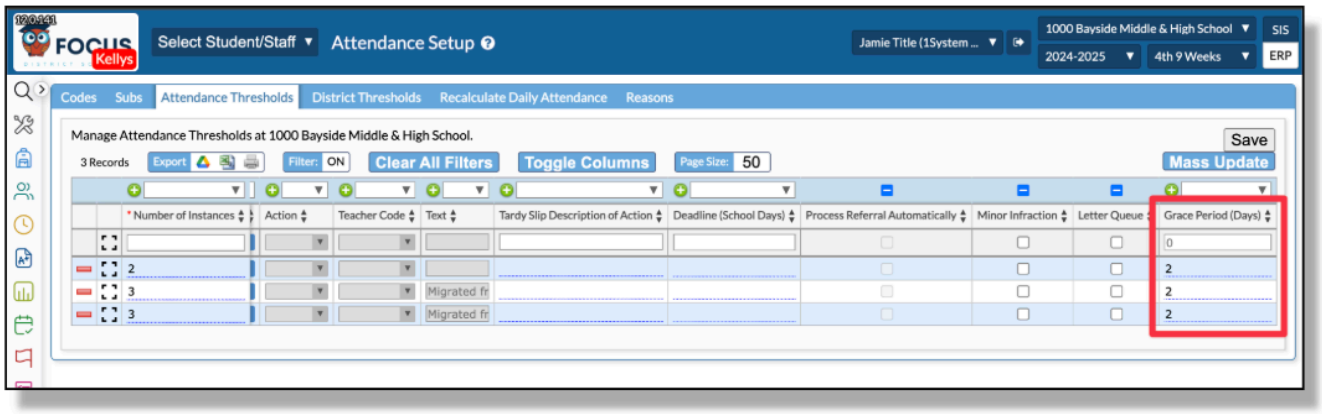
DEDICATED MOBILE APP LOGIN PAGE TEMPLATES [FOCUS-58435]

The Login Page Editor now supports a dedicated Mobile template, allowing districts to create a unique branded login experience specifically for the Community Mobile App. If no Mobile template is configured, the app automatically uses the Default login page, ensuring a seamless fallback experience.



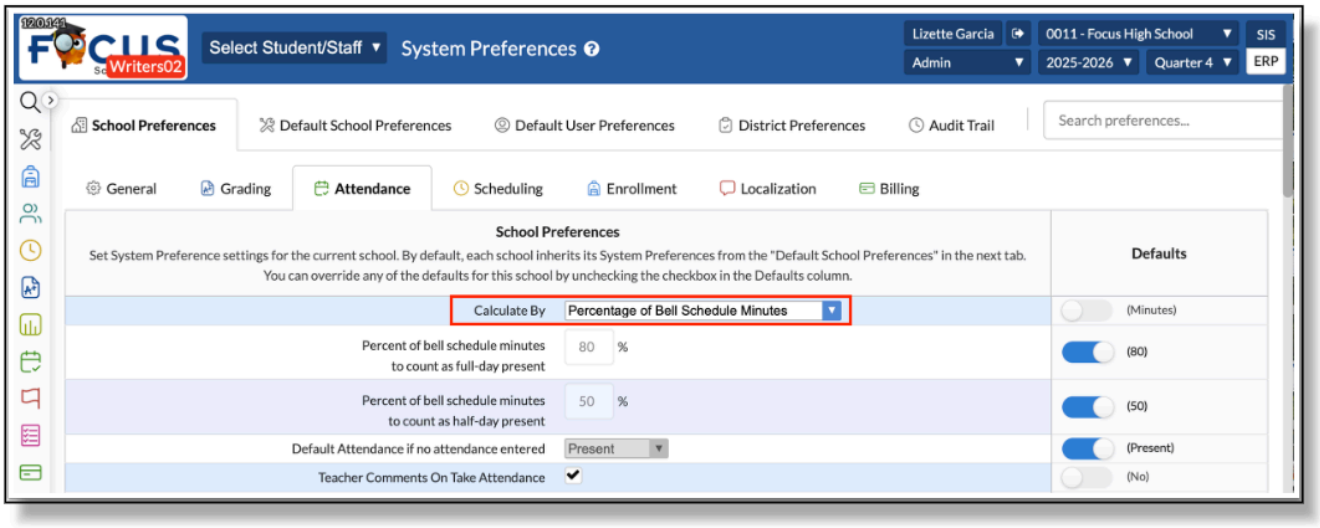
ATTENDANCE THRESHOLD GRACE PERIODS [FOCUS-57995]

Attendance Thresholds now support configurable Grace Periods, allowing districts to delay attendance letters, referrals, and other threshold actions for a specified number of school days. This provides additional time for attendance corrections and excuse processing before automated workflows begin.



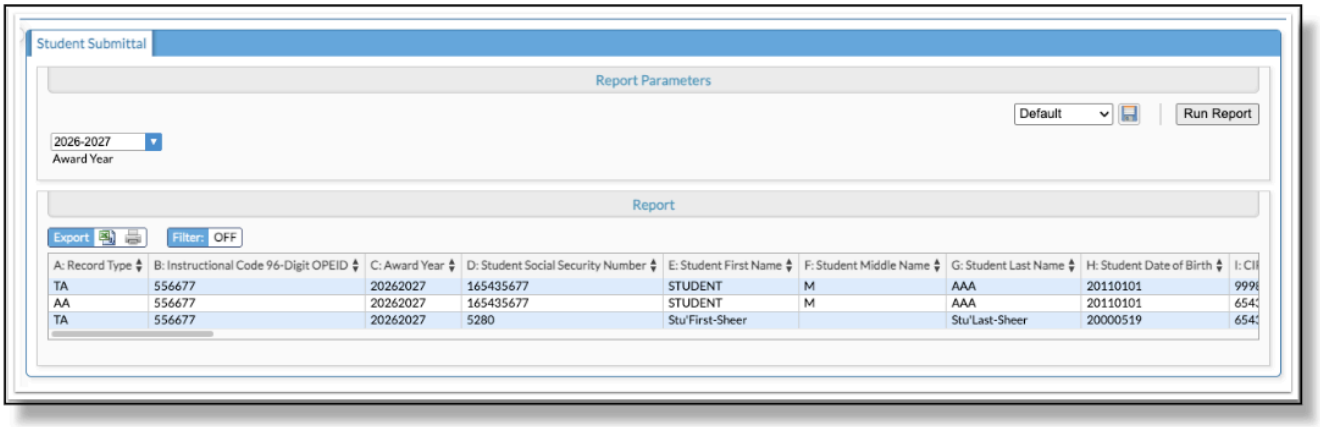
PERCENTAGE-BASED ATTENDANCE CALCULATIONS [FOCUS-57500]

Attendance can now be calculated using the Percentage of Bell Schedule Minutes instead of fixed minute thresholds. This provides more accurate attendance calculations for districts with varying bell schedules, early release days, and other variable instructional schedules.



GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT REPORTING FOR CTE [FOCUS-57998]

Postsecondary and Adult CTE organizations now have access to a new Gainful Employment report designed to support federal reporting requirements. New configuration options throughout Postsecondary allow districts to identify eligible programs, define reporting settings, track required enrollment and placement information, and consolidate student, billing, financial aid, and placement data into a centralized reporting tool. See Billing > Gainful Employment for more information.



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FLORIDA: NEW ENHANCEMENTS

Version 12.0.141 introduces several enhancements designed specifically for Florida districts, strengthening scheduling compliance, improving assessment reporting, and streamlining student transfers between Focus districts.

IMPROVED OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHER VALIDATION

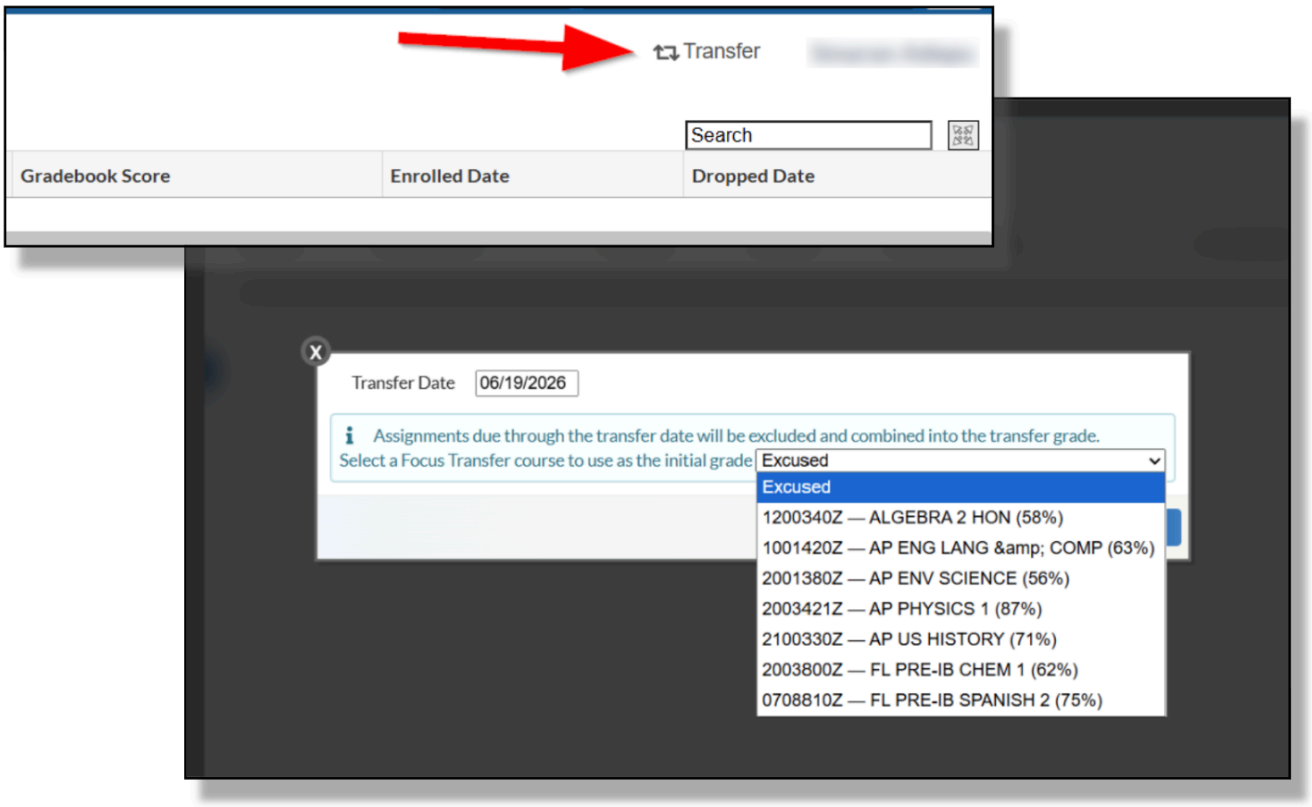
Scheduling now includes a new profile permission that controls whether users can assign teachers who do not meet certification requirements for a course. Districts can restrict this capability to authorized users, helping prevent out-of-field teacher assignments across Scheduling, the Master Schedule Report, Teacher Schedules, and Scheduler tools while supporting Florida certification compliance.

ENHANCED FAST REPORTING & KPI DASHBOARDS

The Florida FAST Report has been expanded with new demographic charts and interactive KPI summary cards, making it easier to analyze assessment performance at a glance. Users can review performance by student populations, compare year-over-year trends, drill into school-level metrics, and even view student-specific score summaries—all within a more visual and interactive reporting experience.

SIMPLIFIED TRANSFER GRADES BETWEEN FOCUS DISTRICTS

The Transfer Student workflow has been enhanced to simplify grade transfers between Florida districts using Focus Transfer. Teachers can now select transferred course history from a student's previous Focus district when assigning an initial transfer grade, even if the student has no prior sections in the receiving district. When a matching course number is found, Focus automatically selects the corresponding transferred course by default, helping streamline the process while ensuring prior coursework is accurately reflected in the student's gradebook.



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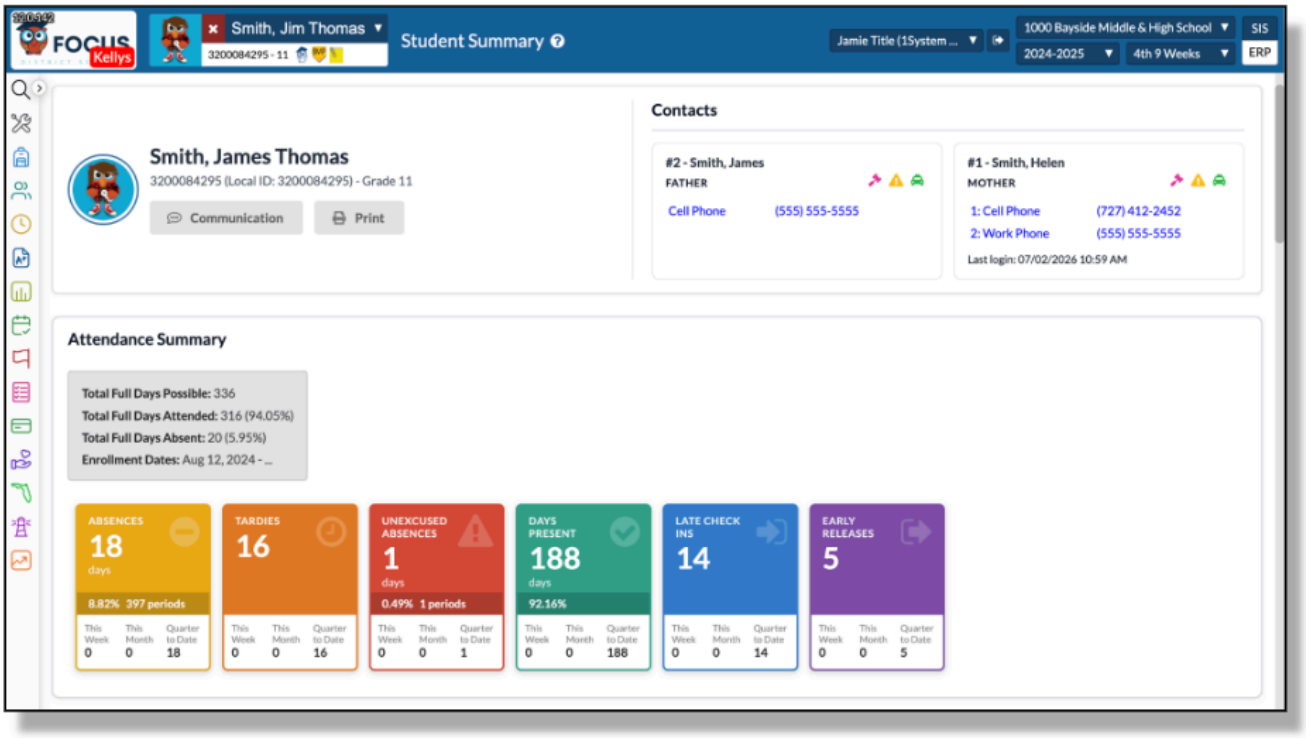
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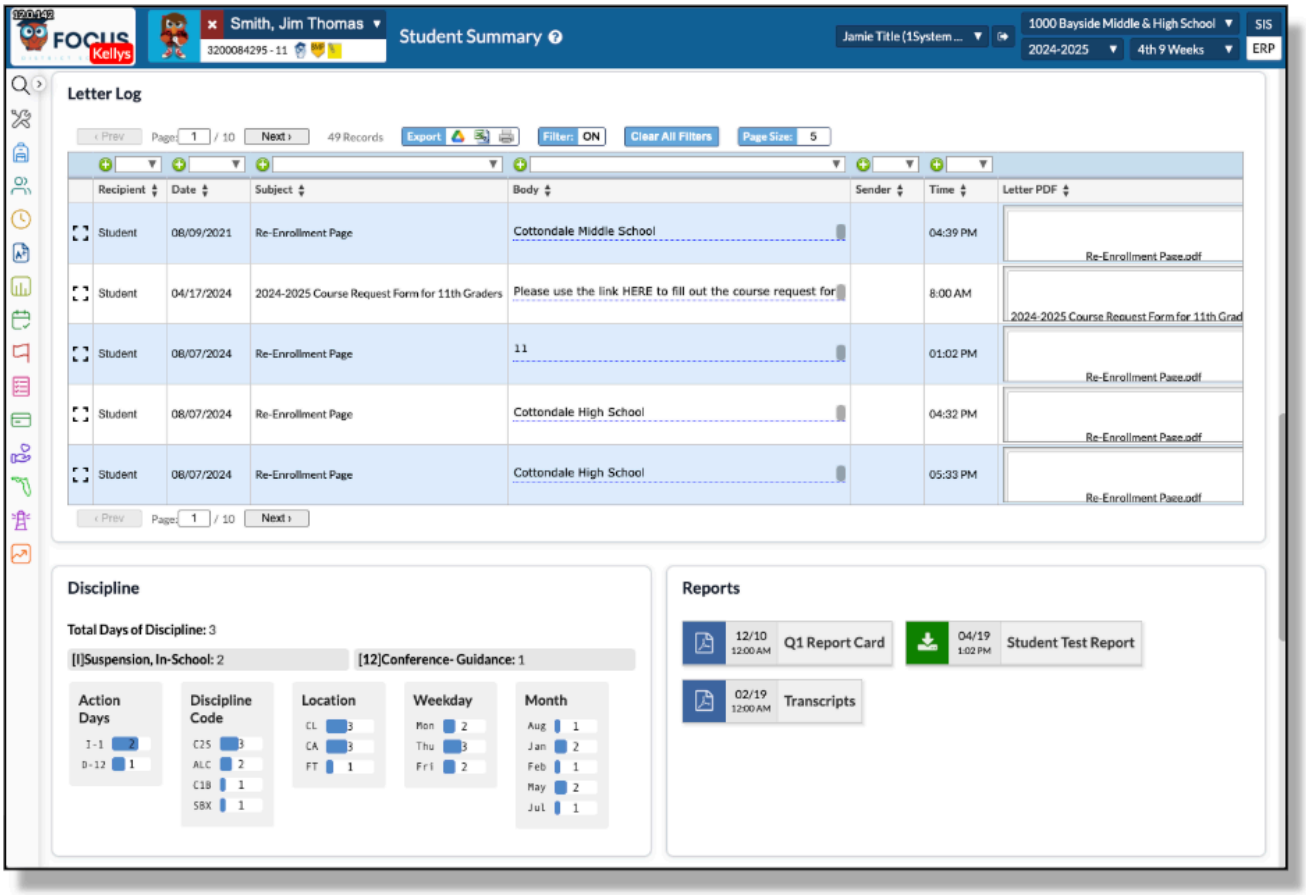
STUDENT SUMMARY, REIMAGINED

The Student Summary page has been refreshed with a cleaner, more organized design that makes important student information easier to find and review. The redesigned layout introduces clearly defined sections with prominent headers, making it easier to navigate key student information at a glance. Highlights include a new Student Information card with quick access to Communication and Print actions, dedicated Contacts and Letter Log sections, an expanded Attendance Summary

featuring the new attendance summary cards, and a reorganized presentation of discipline information and reports.

The updated print layout has also been enhanced by automatically including the student's name and ID in the footer of every page, making printed summaries easier to identify and organize.





See Student Summary (Admin), Student Summary (Teacher), and Child Summary / My Summary (Parent/Student) for more information.

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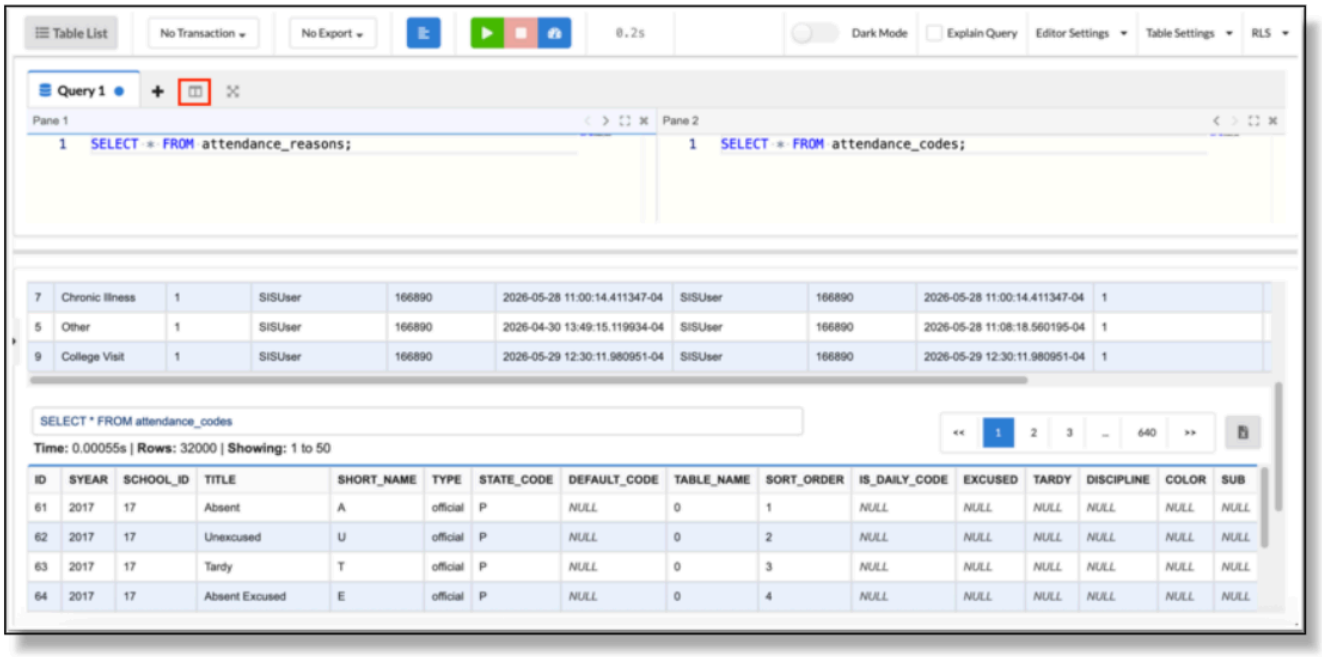
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RUNQUERY: MULTI-PANE EDITOR [FOCUS-58677]

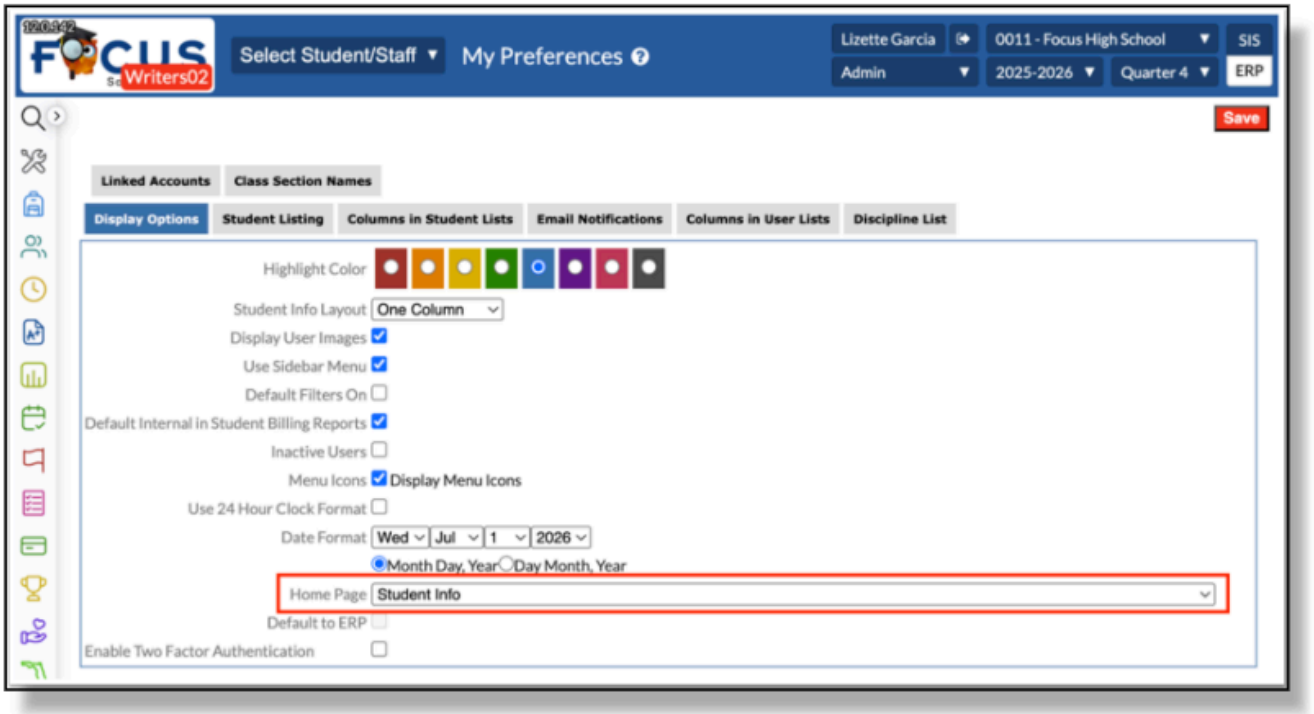
Run Query now includes a powerful multi-pane editor, allowing users to organize and execute multiple queries within a single tab. Individual panes can be renamed, reordered with drag-and-drop, expanded for focused editing, and run independently with separate results displayed for each query. When exporting multiple queries, Focus automatically packages the results into a ZIP file with a separate export for each pane.

The update also introduces new keyboard shortcuts, enhanced tooltips, improved dark mode support, and preserves existing features such as formatting, autocomplete, saved queries, AI Error Assistant, and export functionality. See Run Query > Run Query Text Editor for more information.



MY PREFERENCES: CUSTOM HOME PAGE [FOCUS-58550]

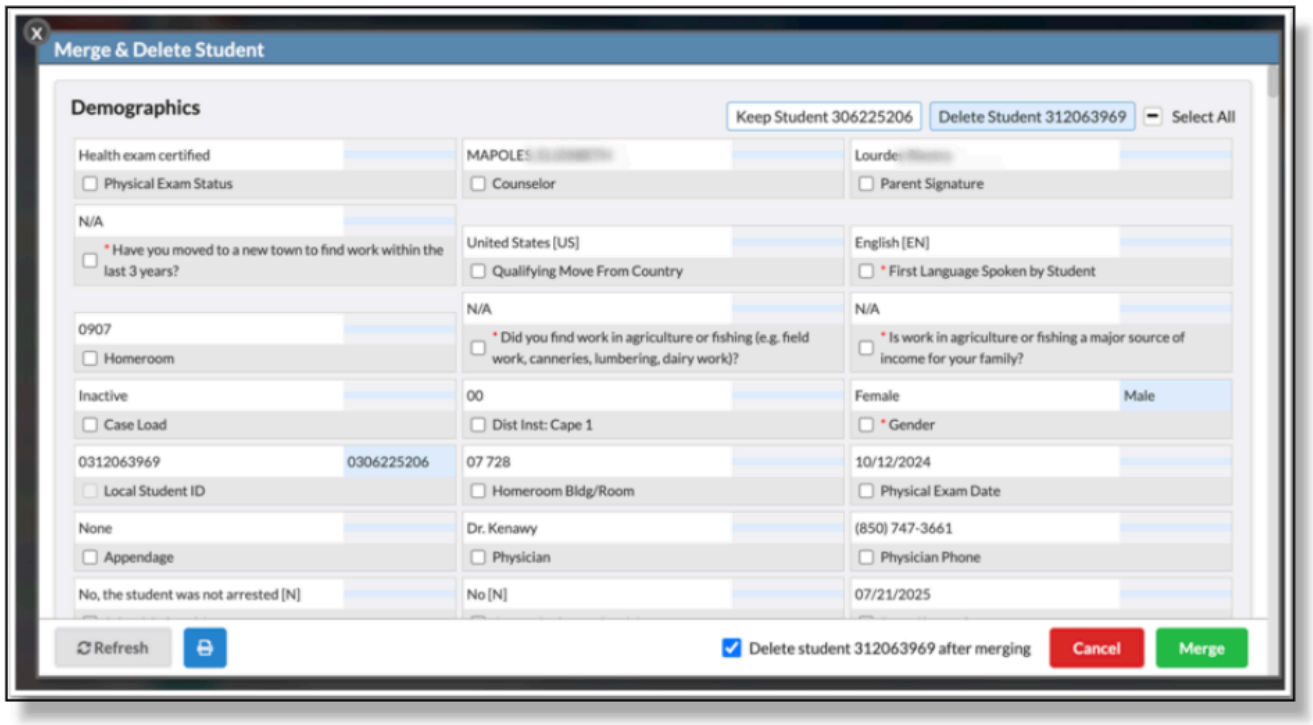
Users can now personalize their login experience by selecting a Home Page in My Preferences. While the Portal remains the default, users can choose any page they have permission to access as their landing page after signing in. ERP users can also select ERP pages, making it easier to jump directly into their most frequently used area. See My Preferences (Admin), Preferences (Teachers), Preferences (Parents/Students), and System Preferences > Default User Preferences for more information.



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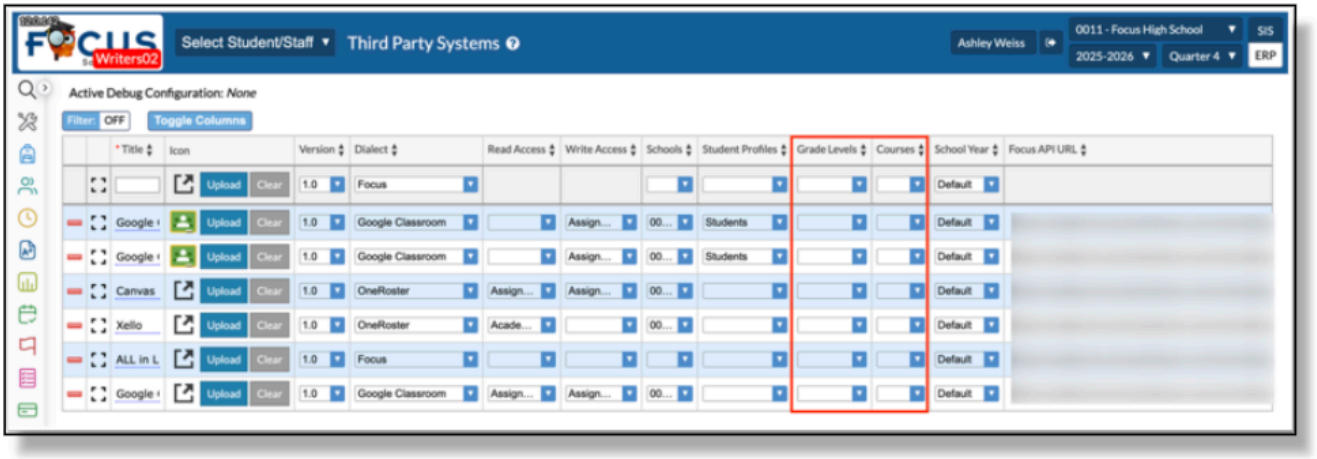
DELETE STUDENT: ENHANCED MERGE EXPERIENCE [FOCUS-57335]

The Merge & Delete Student workflow has been improved with a clearer, more intuitive interface. A visual legend now clearly identifies the Keep Student and Delete Student records, while new Select All options simplify choosing values during the merge process. For data that supports combining—such as logging fields, letter logs, and documents—users can now independently choose to retain records from one student, merge records from both, or exclude records entirely. See Delete a Student > Merging Students from Student Info for more information.



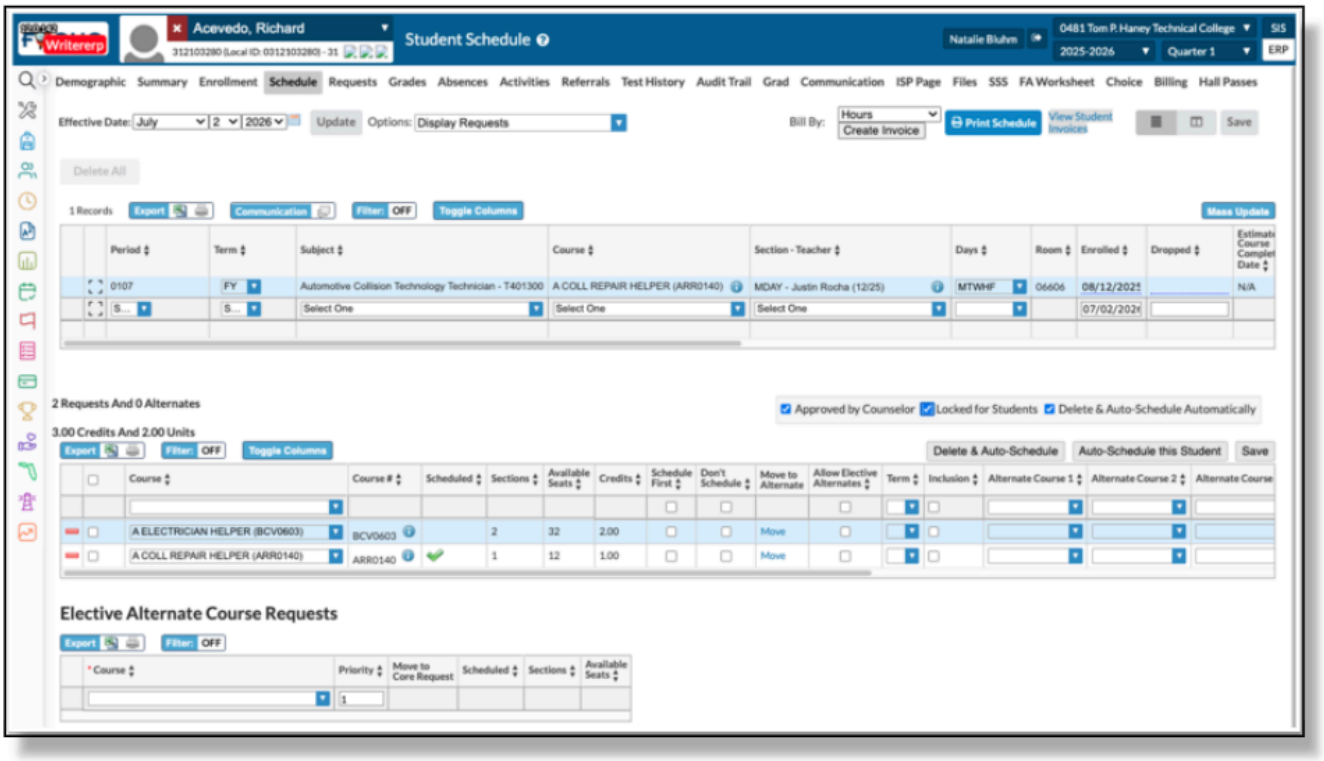
THIRD PARTY SYSTEMS: GRADE LEVEL & COURSE FILTERING [FOCUS-58133]

Third Party Systems now supports optional Grade Level and Course filters for supported API endpoints, including Focus and OneRoster dialects. Districts can limit shared student data to specific grade levels, courses, or a combination of both, helping streamline integrations while reducing unnecessary data exposure. See Third Party Systems > Setting up a Third Party System for more information.



POSTSECONDARY: NEW STUDENT SCHEDULE EXPERIENCE [FOCUS-48370]

The New Student Schedule experience has been extended to Postsecondary schools, bringing the modern scheduling interface to Postsecondary environments while maintaining existing Postsecondary scheduling and billing workflows. See Schedule > Student Schedule > Postsecondary > New Student Schedule for more information.

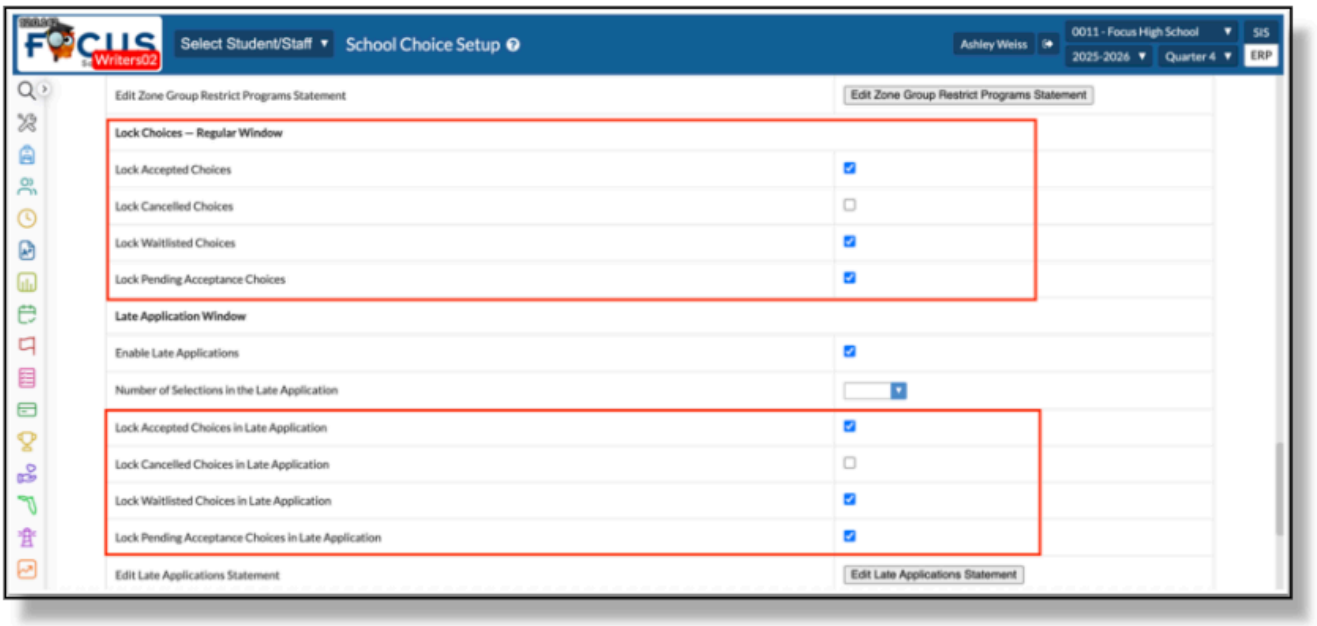


SCHOOL CHOICE: CONFIRMATION EMAILS TO ALL CUSTODIAL CONTACTS [FOCUS-57748]

School Choice applications now support sending confirmation emails to all custodial contacts when configured. A new preference allows districts to expand confirmation emails beyond the submitting parent, helping ensure all custodial contacts stay informed throughout the application process.

SCHOOL CHOICE: FLEXIBLE LATE APPLICATION LOCKING [FOCUS-58402]

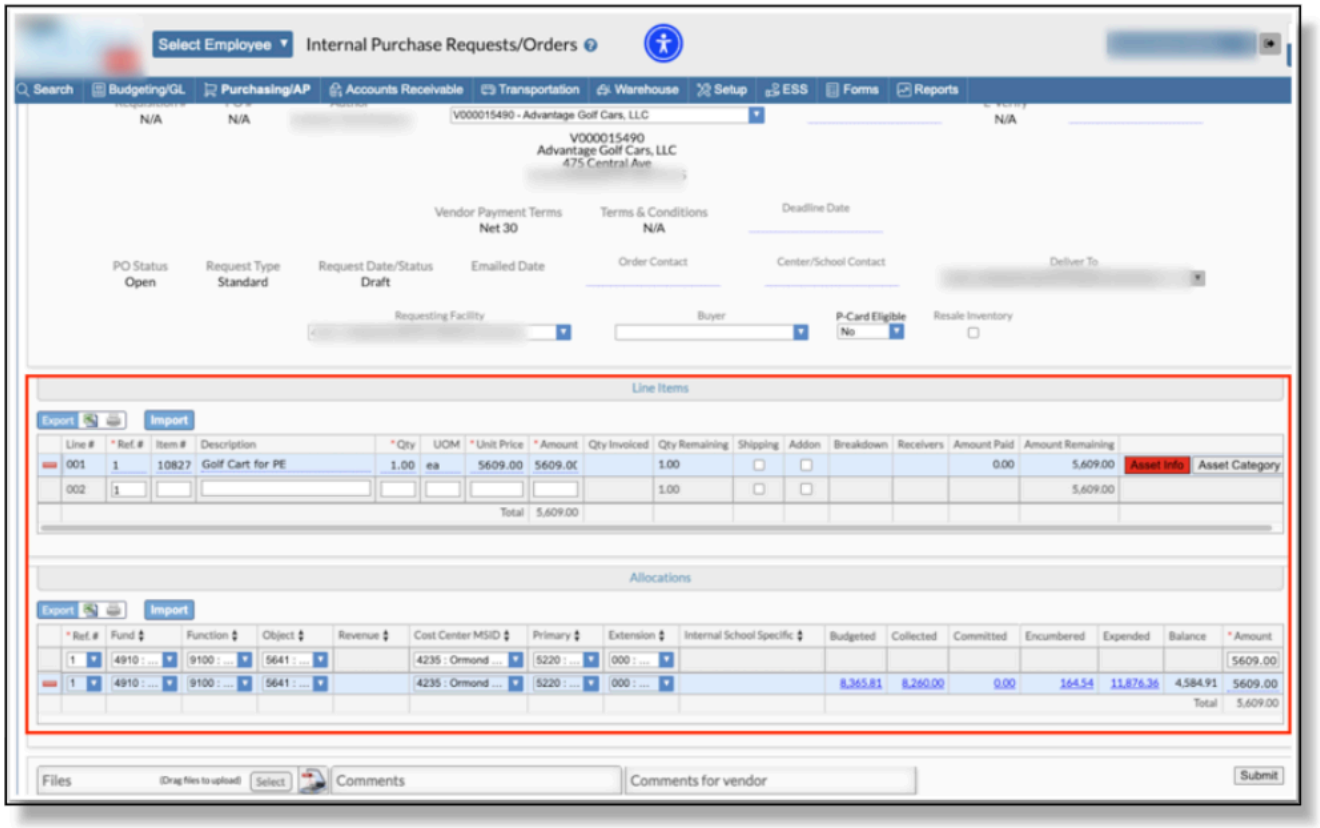
School Choice now includes separate locking preferences for both regular and late application windows. Districts can independently control whether Accepted, Cancelled, Waitlisted, and Pending Acceptance applications remain editable during each phase, providing greater flexibility throughout the School Choice process. Existing configurations are automatically migrated to preserve current behavior.



ERP | Finance and HR Systems

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: FIXED ASSETS FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTS [FOCUS-57815]

Internal Account purchase requests and orders now support Fixed Asset tracking. When a purchase request uses a capitalized object code, users can assign asset categories directly during the purchasing workflow, bringing Internal Account transactions in line with existing Fixed Asset processes and improving asset management across ERP. See Internal Purchase Requests/Orders > Creating an Internal Purchase Request/Order > Line Items and Allocations for Fixed Assets for more information.



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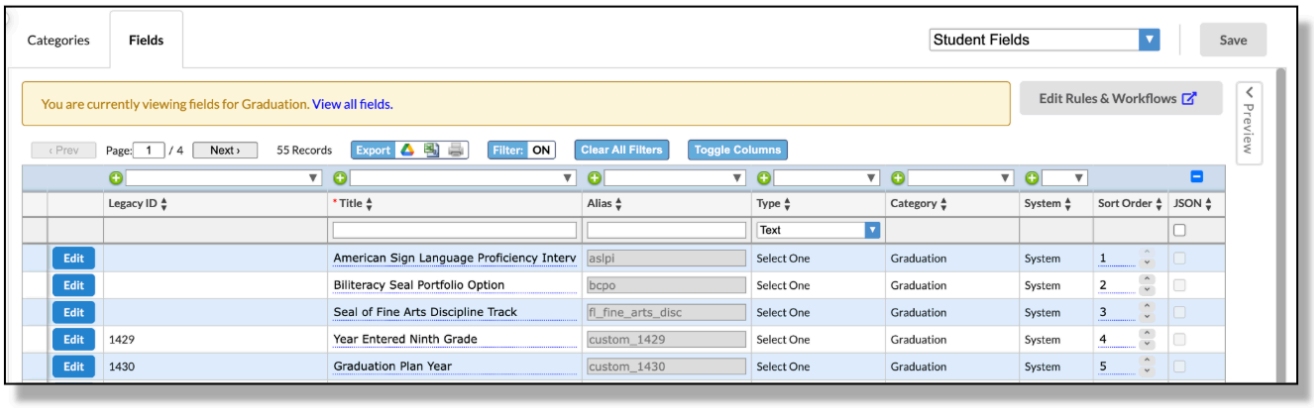
A FASTER FIELDS EXPERIENCE

This release introduces several usability enhancements designed to make configuring fields more intuitive and efficient.

IMPROVED NAVIGATION & VISBILITY

Finding what you need is now easier with several interface improvements:

- Record counts are now displayed at the top of both the **Categories** and **Fields** tabs.
- A new **Toggle Columns** option has been added to the **Fields** tab.
- **Edit Fields** and **Edit** actions have been moved to the left side of the screen for quicker access. Additionally, **Edit Fields** has been renamed to **Edit** for a cleaner, more consistent experience.

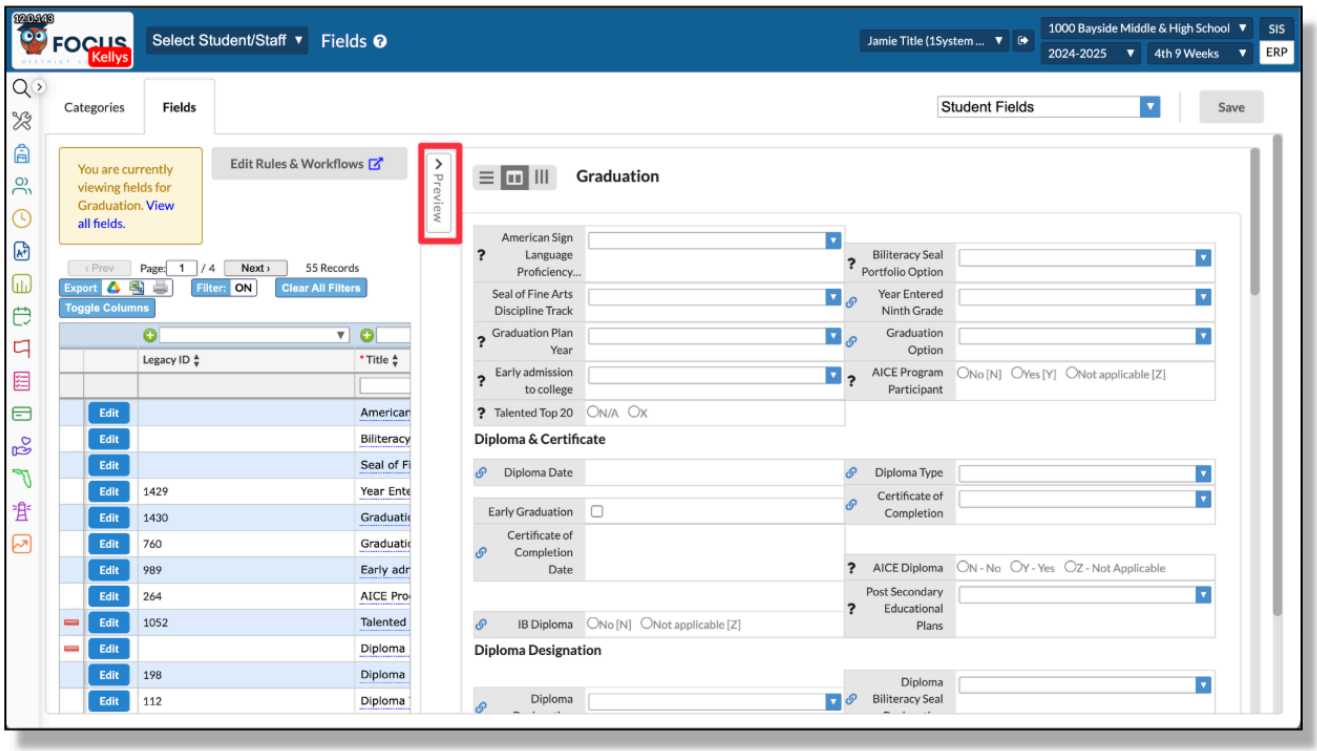


CONFIGURE RULES WITHOUT LOSING CONTEXT

A new **Edit Rules & Workflow** shortcut opens the Rules & Workflow screen with the current field source and category already selected, allowing you to immediately configure validations, linked fields, workflows, and more.

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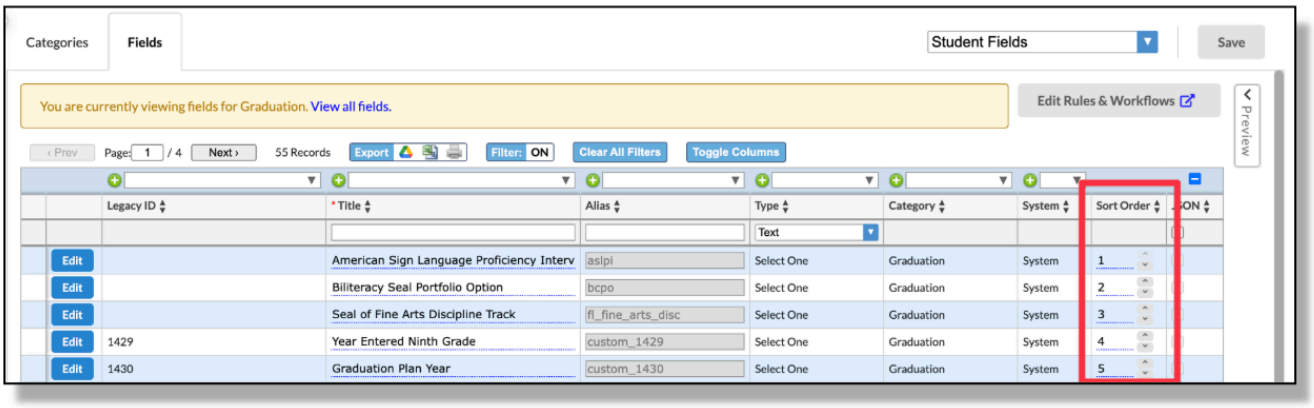
A new **Preview** panel expands from the right side of the screen, allowing you to see exactly how the selected category will appear to end users without leaving the Fields screen.



SIMPLIFIED FIELD ORGANIZATION

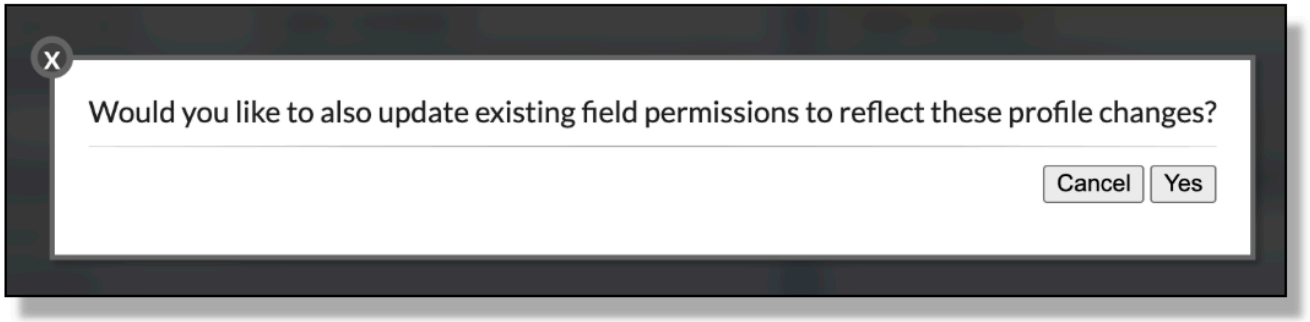
Managing field order is now easier with a new **Sort Order** column. Reorder fields by:

- Entering a sort order value directly.
- Using the up and down arrows to move fields into position.



SMARTER PERMISSION UPDATES

When updating a category's default **View** or **Edit** profiles, you'll now be prompted to apply those changes to all fields within the category. This helps keep category and field permissions synchronized while reducing repetitive updates.



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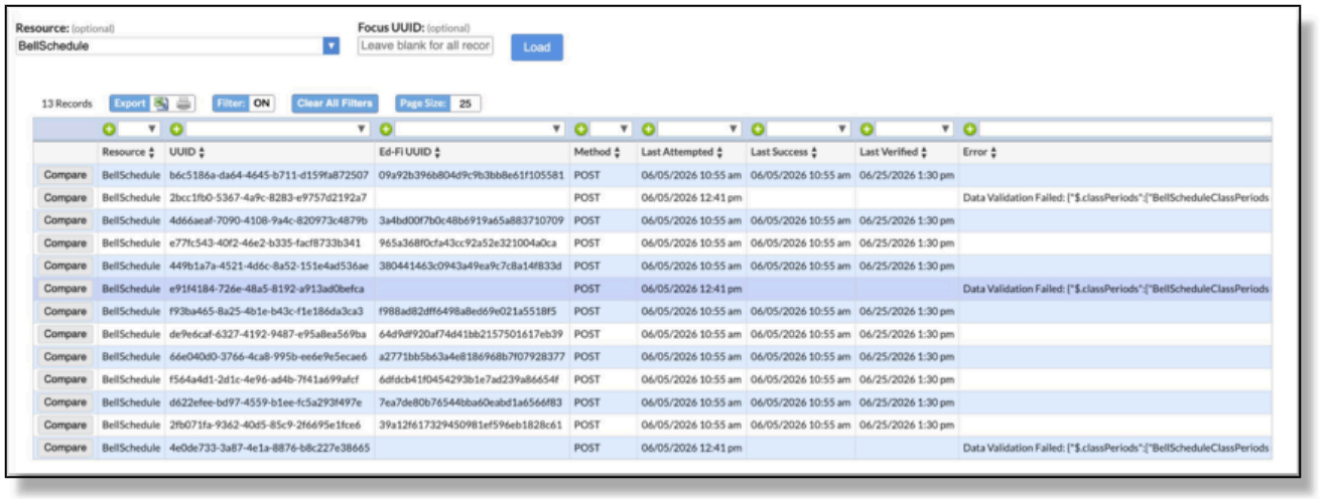
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ED-FI DATA COMPARISON & VALIDATION [FOCUS-57946]

A new Ed-Fi Data Comparison tool provides districts with a side-by-side view of data stored in Focus and the corresponding records published to the Ed-Fi Operational Data Store (ODS). The comparison

highlights matching and mismatched values, identifies records that exist only in Focus or Ed-Fi, and displays publishing details such as the last successful publish and verification dates. When discrepancies are found, users can initiate a Sync with Ed-Fi directly from the tool, streamlining validation and troubleshooting. See Ed-Fi Data Comparison, Scheduled Jobs, and Profiles for more information.



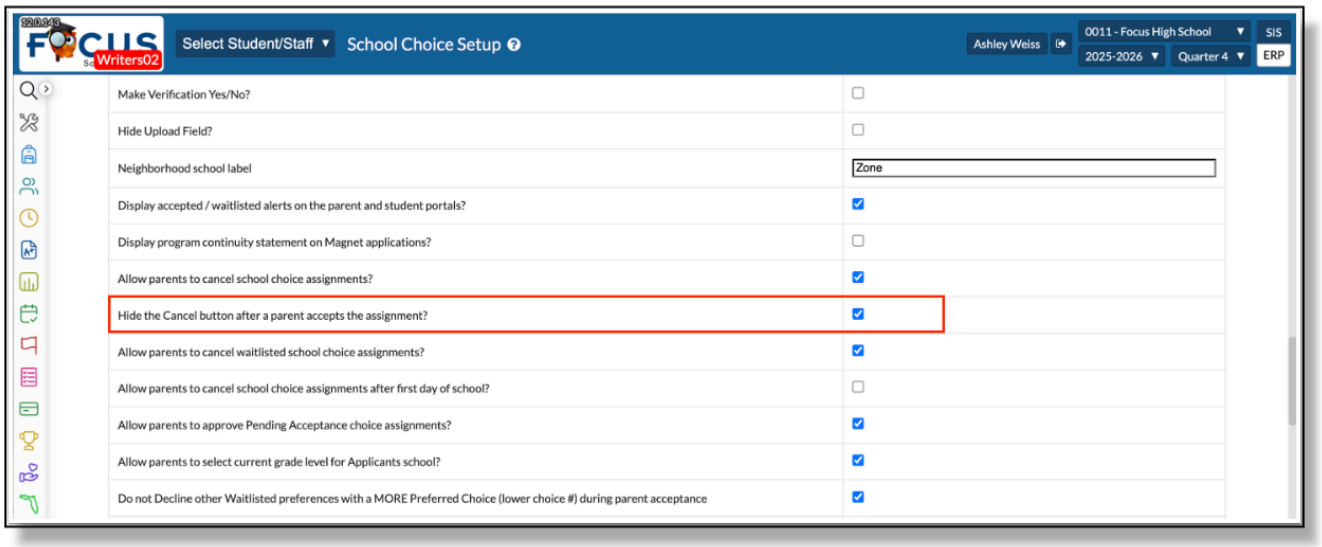
COMMUNITY MOBILE APP: STUDENT LINKING [FOCUS-58007]

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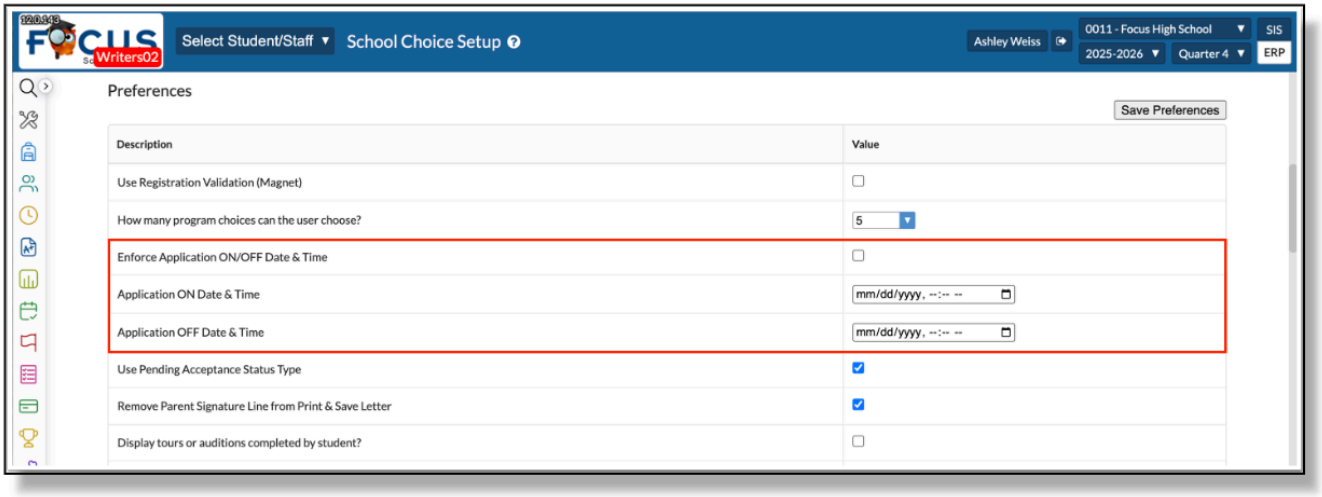
SCHOOL CHOICE: HIDE CANCEL BUTTON AFTER ACCEPTANCE [FOCUS-58829]

A new School Choice preference allows districts to remove the Cancel button once a parent has accepted a School Choice assignment. Parents may still cancel applications while they are in Pending Acceptance status, but once accepted, districts can prevent cancellations through the Parent Portal. Existing behavior remains unchanged when the preference is disabled.



SCHOOL CHOICE: AUTOMATED APPLICATION OPEN & CLOSE DATES [FOCUS-58893]

School Choice now supports configurable Application ON/OFF Dates and Times, allowing districts to automatically open and close application windows without manual intervention. Separate schedules can be configured for Choice, Magnet, and Special Assignment (SPA) applications by school year, while administrators retain full access regardless of application availability. Parents and students receive clear messaging when applications have not yet opened, have closed, or are otherwise unavailable.



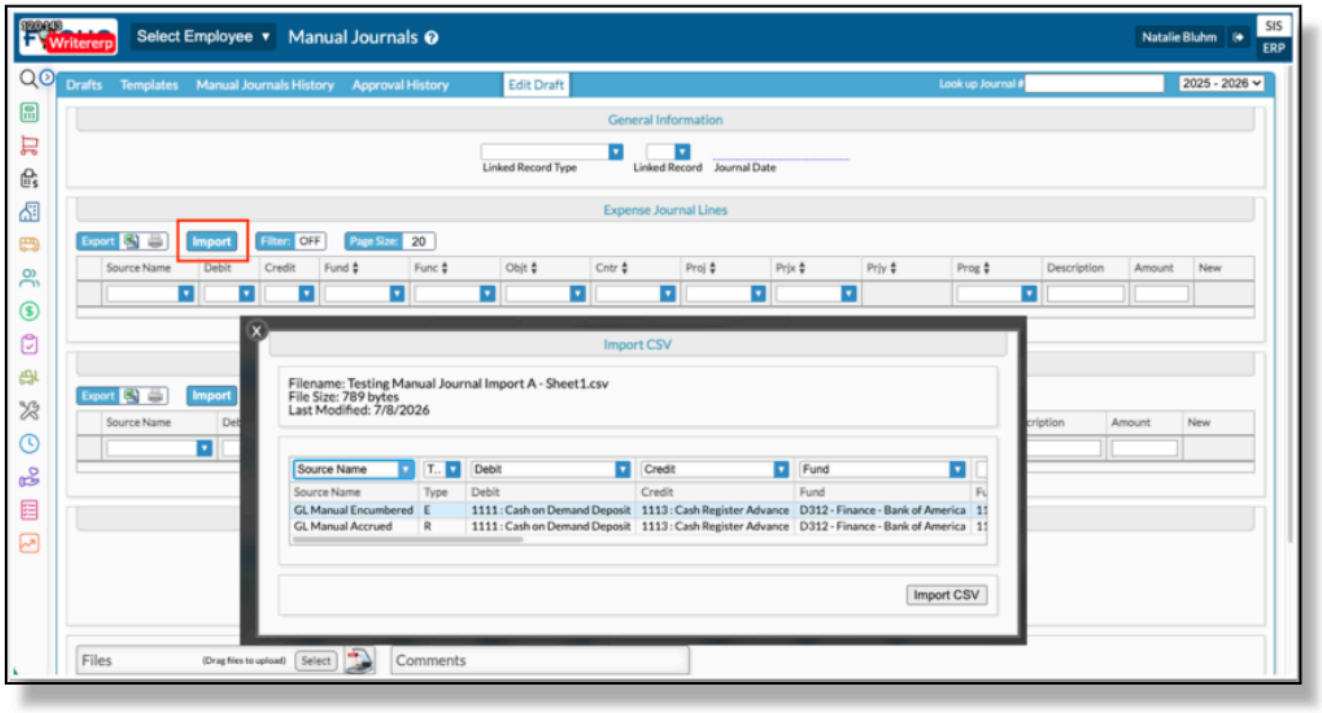
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: POS RECEIPTS INTEGRATION [FOCUS-55498]

The Receipts and Internal Account Receipts modules have been redesigned with a new Point of Sale-style workflow. Users can now create receipts directly within the POS interface, including support for credit card payments, while continuing to use cash, check, EFT, and money order payment types. Legacy Receipts screens remain available for organizations transitioning to the new workflow.

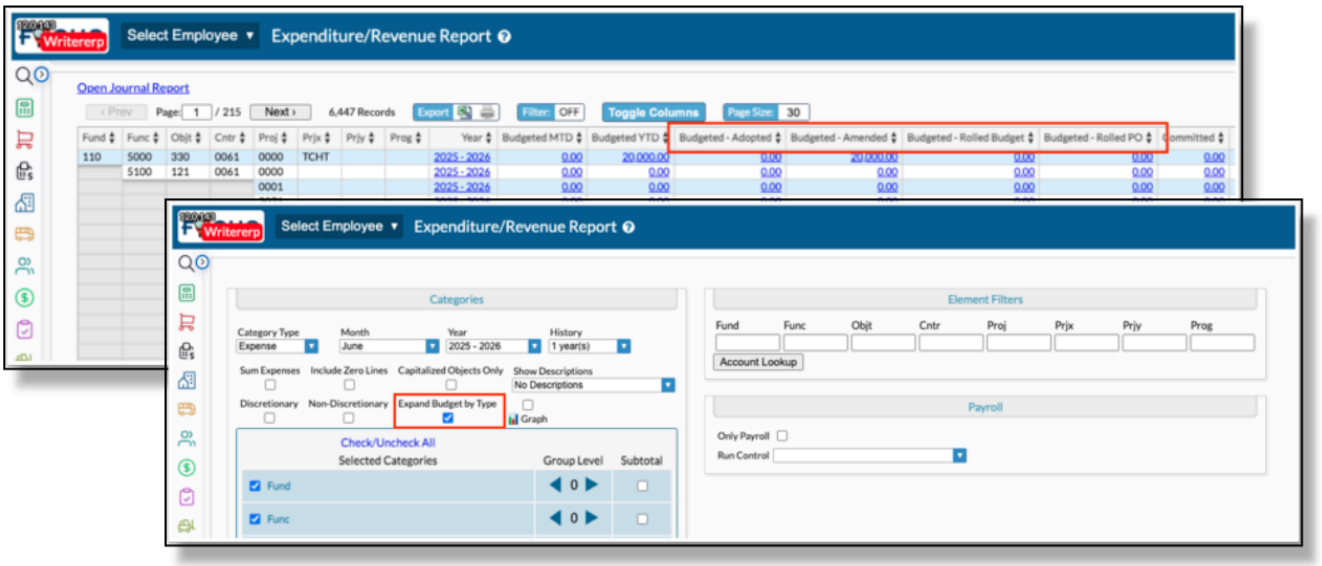
BUDGETING / GENERAL LEDGER: COMBINED MANUAL JOURNAL IMPORTS [FOCUS-58438]

Manual Journal imports now support combined CSV files containing both expense and revenue records. During import, Focus automatically filters and imports only the appropriate record type for the selected section, allowing districts to maintain a single import file without changing their existing journal workflow.



GENERAL LEDGER: EXPANDED BUDGET REPORTING [FOCUS-58471]

The Expenditure/Revenue Report now includes an Expand Budget by Type option that breaks Budgeted YTD totals into separate Adopted, Amended, Rolled Budget, and Rolled PO amounts. Each category supports drill-down reporting, and the additional detail is available in report totals and CSV exports when enabled.

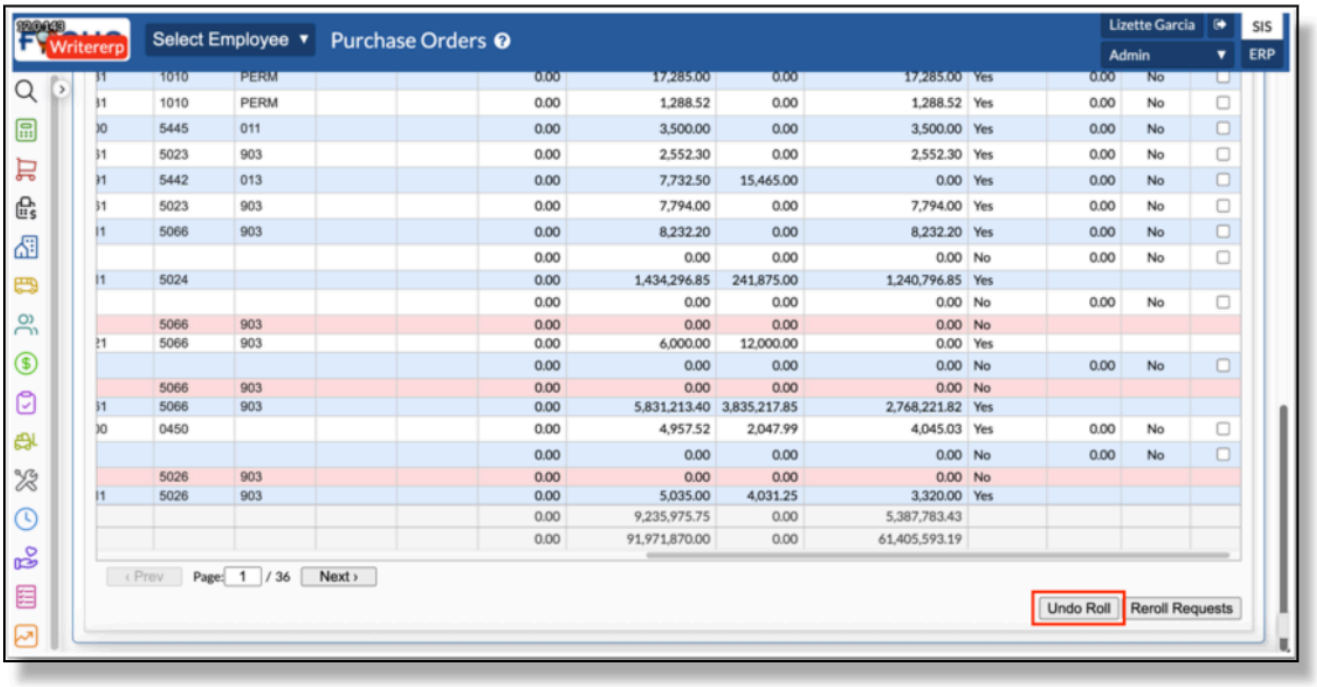


TRANSPORTATION: BILLABLE TIME ON UNOFFICIAL INVOICES [FOCUS-58330]

Unofficial invoices for Bus Requests, Internal Bus Requests, and Outside Bus Requests now include a Billable Time field that reflects the finalized driver hours used to calculate the request's final cost. The enhancement also renames the existing Time column to Scheduled Time for improved clarity while leaving official invoice formats unchanged.

PURCHASE ORDER ROLLOVER: UNDO ROLL [FOCUS-58519]

A new Undo Roll option has been added to Purchase Order Rollover, allowing authorized users to reverse previously rolled purchase orders and restore them to the original fiscal year when needed. Built-in validation prevents undo operations when additional journal activity exists, helping protect financial data integrity.



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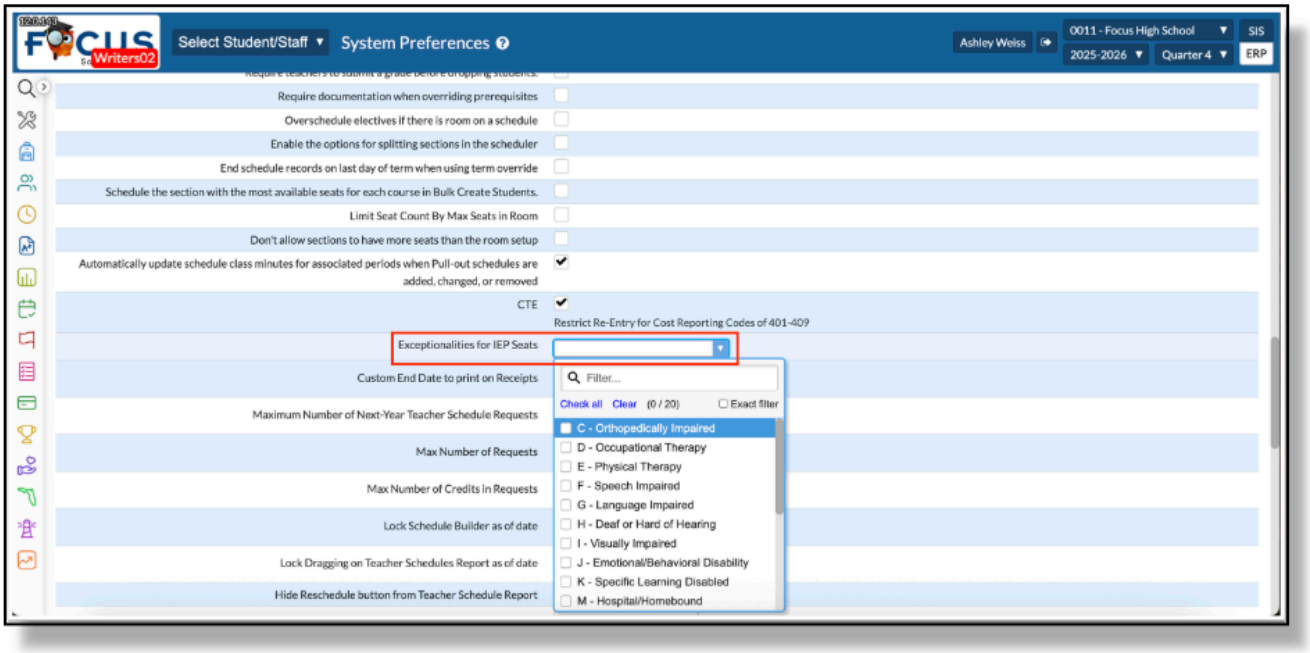
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STATE SPECIFIC ITEMS

FLORIDA: MORE FLEXIBLE IEP SEAT COUNT CONFIGURATION

Florida districts now have greater flexibility in how IEP seat limits are calculated during scheduling.

A new Exceptionalities for IEP Seats system preference allows districts to specify which primary exceptionalities should count toward a section's IEP seat limit. Students whose primary exceptionality matches one of the selected codes are included in the IEP seat count, while students with other exceptionalities continue to count only toward the section's regular seat capacity.



If no exceptionalities are selected, Focus preserves the existing IEP seat counting behavior, allowing districts to adopt the new functionality when they're ready.

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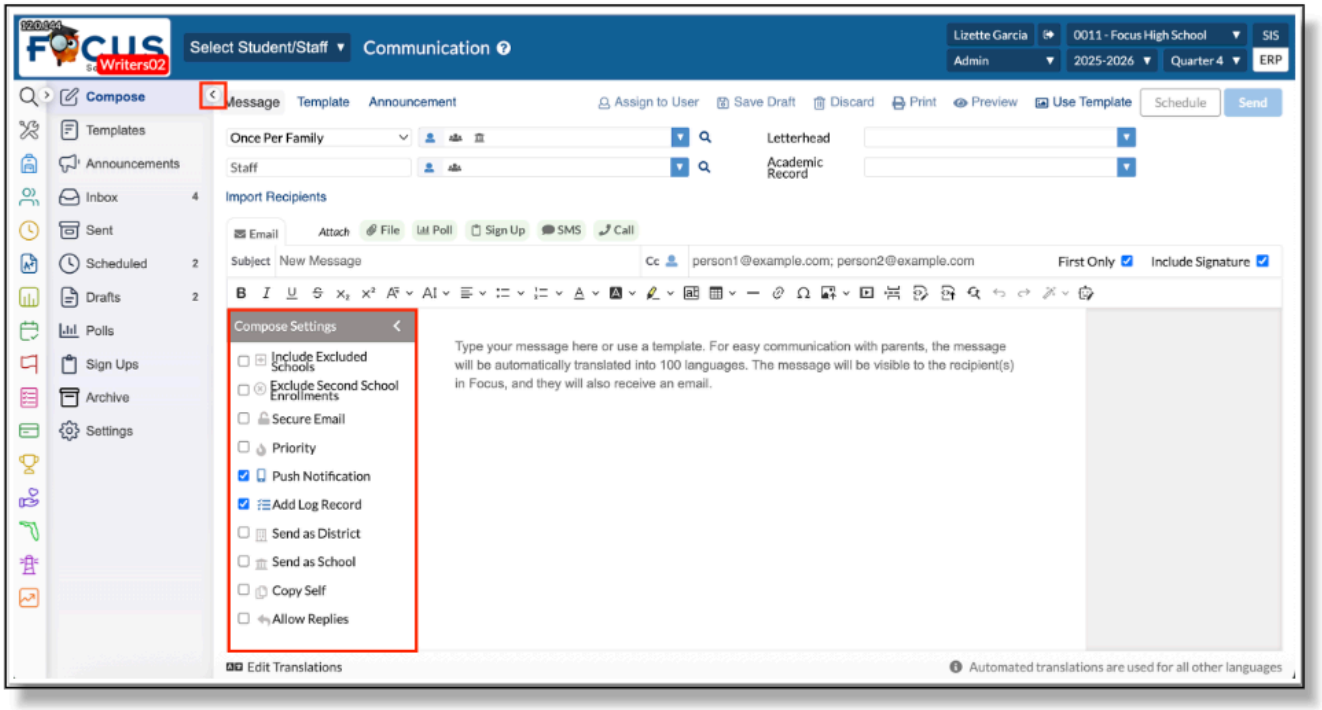
NEW COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENTS

This release introduces several enhancements to the Communication Platform, making it easier to compose messages, engage in conversations, and communicate with larger groups—all while maintaining the familiar workflows users rely on.

IMPROVED COMPOSE USER INTERFACE [FOCUS-57495]

The Communication compose screen has been redesigned with a cleaner, more modern interface.

Frequently used options such as Priority, Secure Email, Add Log Record, Allow Replies, and more have been moved into a collapsible Compose Settings panel, where active settings are clearly highlighted. The updated navigation also features a collapsible menu with notification badges, giving users more room to focus on creating messages while still keeping important communication tools within easy reach.

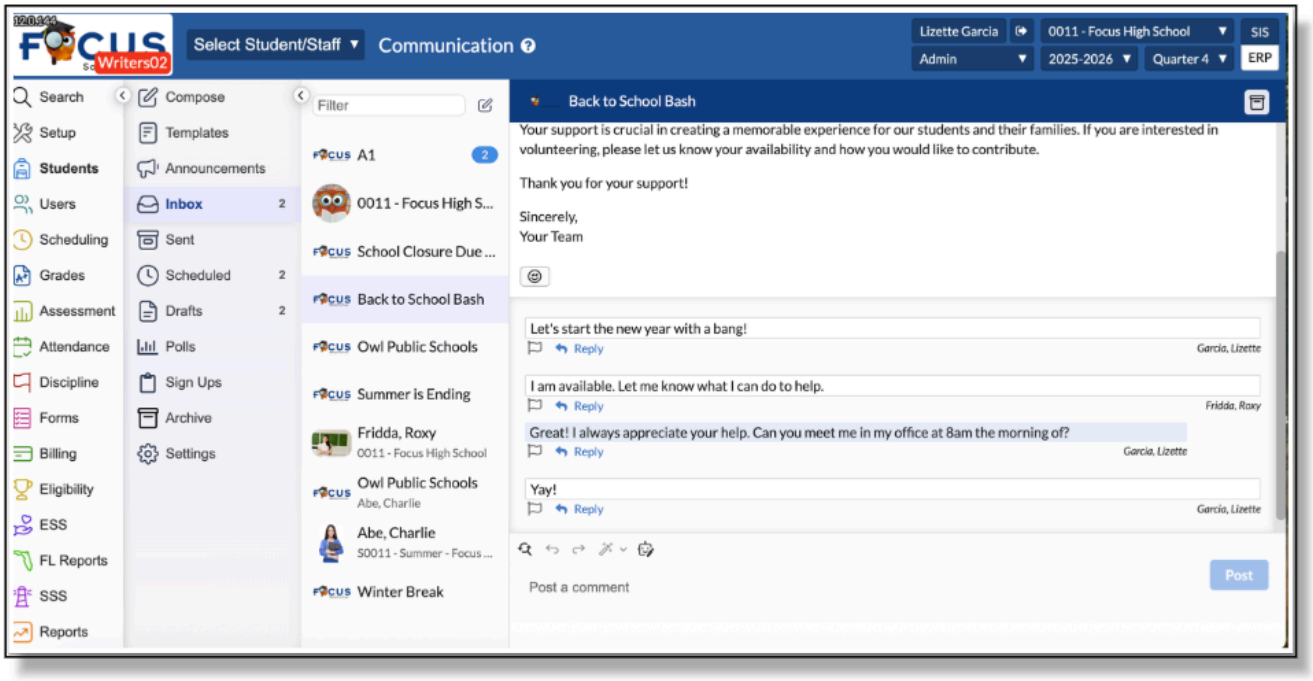


MESSAGE ENTIRE SCHOOLS OR CLASS SECTIONS [FOCUS-57939]

Sending messages to groups is now even easier. Administrators can quickly address all active students at one or more schools, while teachers can send messages to entire class sections with just a few clicks. Recipient lists are generated dynamically at send time, ensuring communications always reach the students who are actively enrolled or scheduled, even as schedules change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BECOME CONVERSATIONS [FOCUS-54882]

Announcements with Allow Comments enabled now appear directly in users' Inbox, creating a seamless conversation experience. Recipients can read and reply from either the Portal announcement or their Inbox, with discussions automatically staying synchronized between both locations. The result is a more engaging and organized communication experience while preserving the existing behavior for informational announcements.



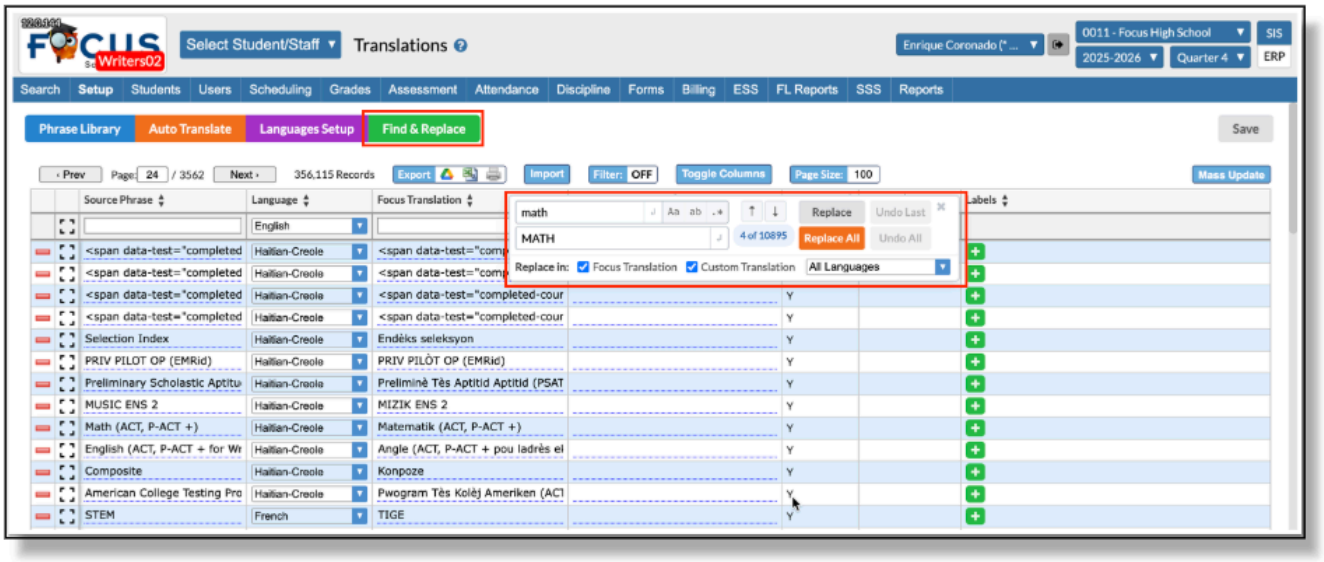
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TRANSLATIONS: FIND & REPLACE [FOCUS-58552]

The Translations editor now includes a powerful Find & Replace tool that allows administrators to quickly locate and update translation text across multiple records. Features include real-time search, highlighted results, match counts, advanced search options, and the ability to replace individual or all matching values without leaving the page.



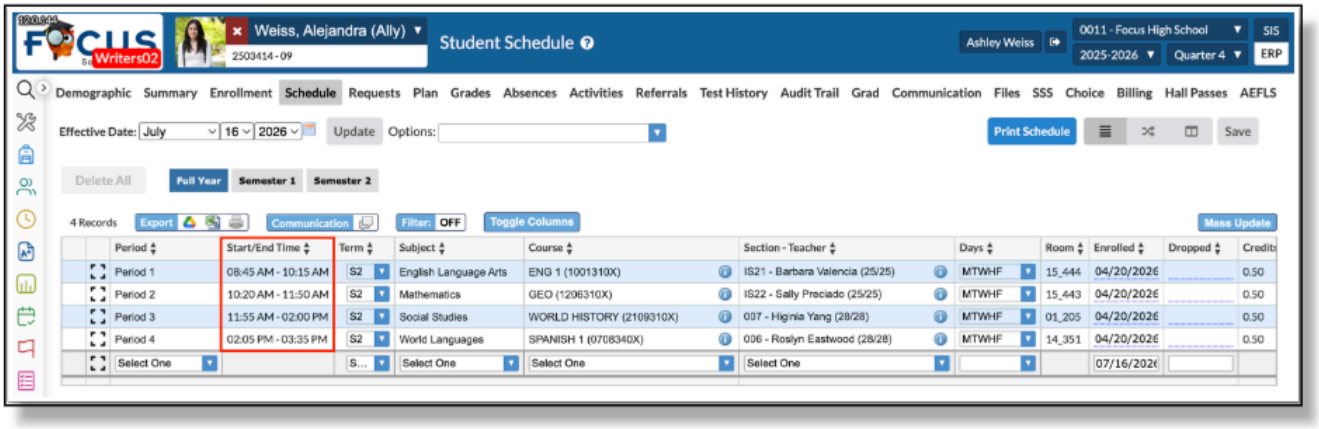
STUDENTS: LOG IN AS LINKED USER [FOCUS-58656]

Authorized users can now quickly Log In as Linked User directly from a student's hover card. Focus automatically signs users into the highest-priority linked parent account, making it easier to troubleshoot and review the parent portal experience while continuing to respect existing profile permissions.



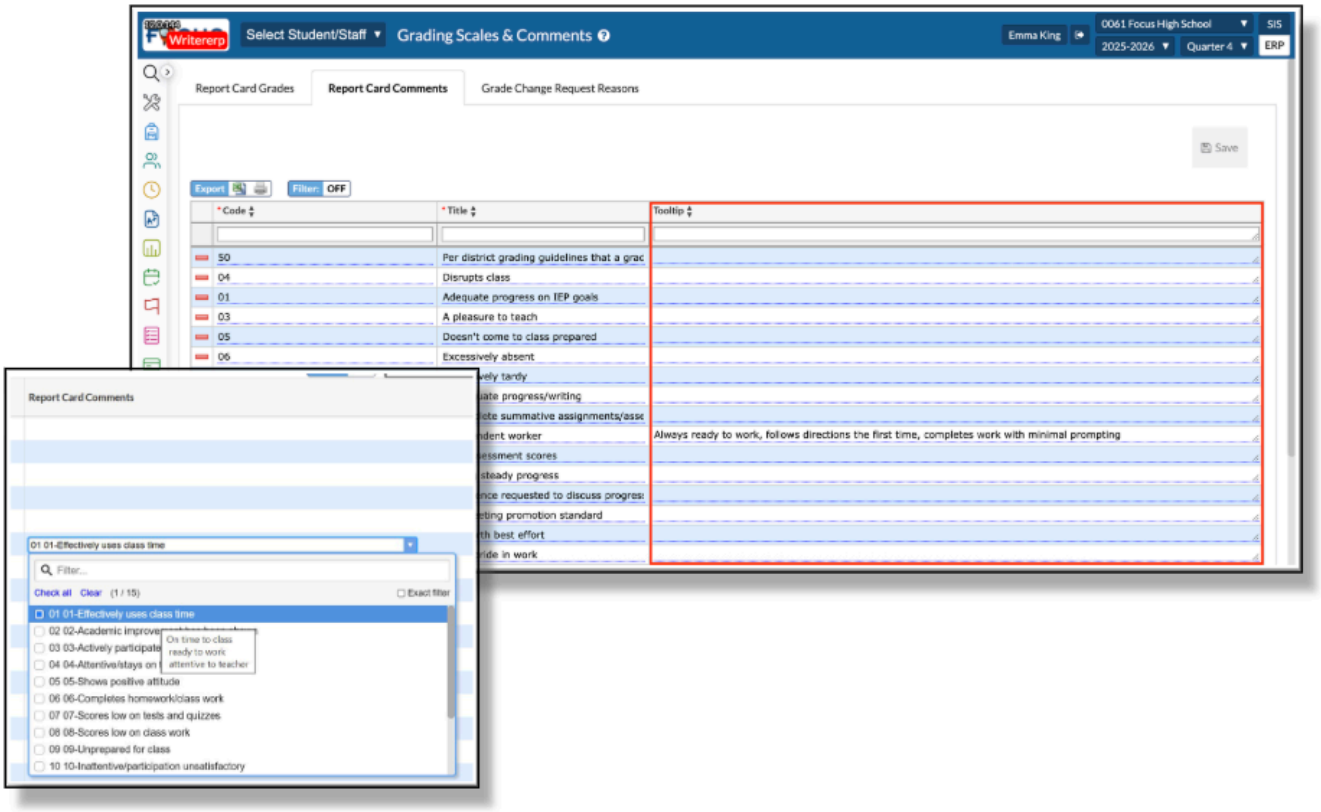
STUDENT SCHEDULE: START & END TIMES [FOCUS-58085]

A new scheduling preference adds a Start/End Time column to the Student Schedule, displaying each course's scheduled meeting times based on the applicable bell schedule. Multi-period courses also display the full instructional time range when Ending Periods are enabled, giving students and staff clearer visibility into daily schedules.



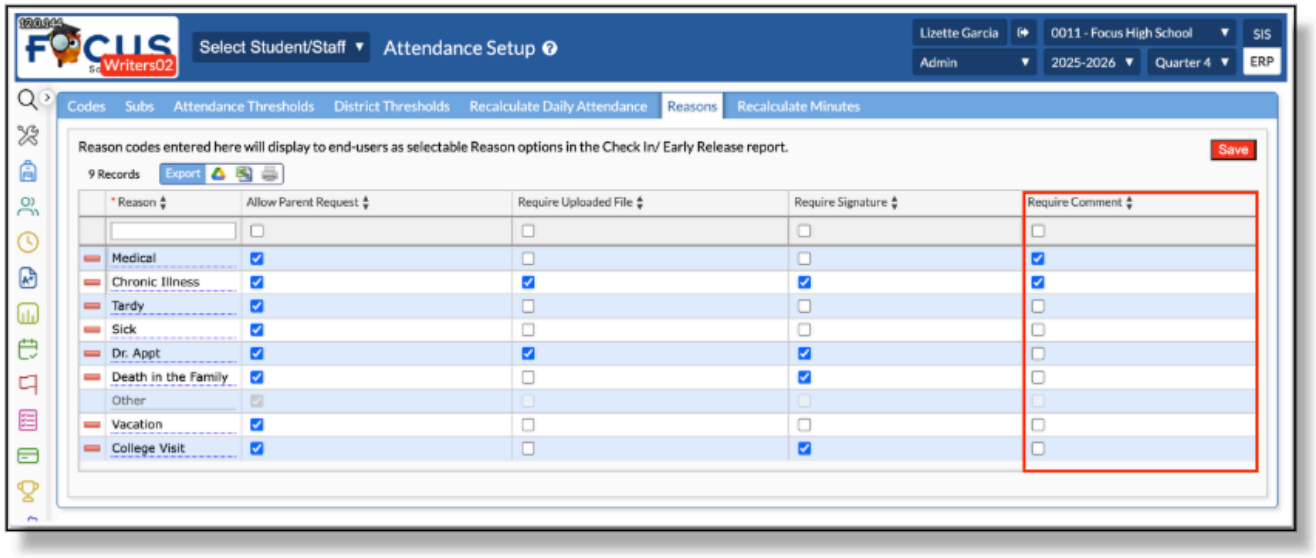
REPORT CARD COMMENTS: TOOLTIPS [FOCUS-59019]

Report Card Comments now support optional tooltips, allowing administrators to provide additional guidance for individual comments. Teachers can simply hover over a comment during grade entry to view helpful context, encouraging more consistent and informed comment selection.



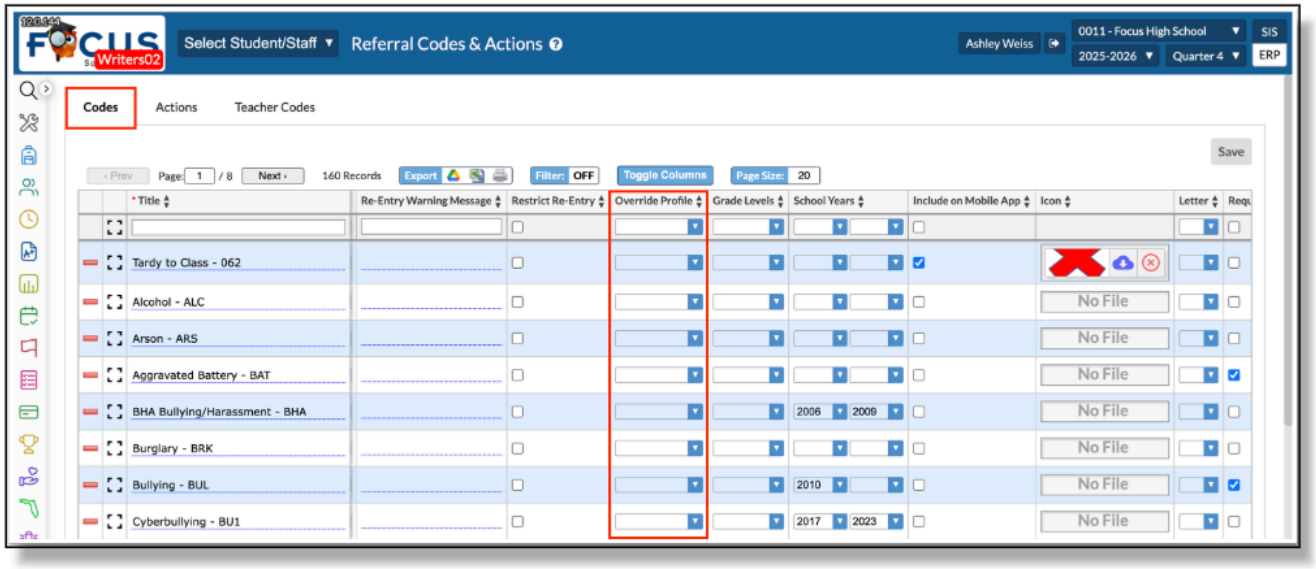
PARENT ABSENCE REQUESTS: ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY [FOCUS-59044]

Parent Absence Requests now support required comments for selected attendance reasons, giving districts greater control over the information submitted with requests. The submission process has also been improved for partial-day attendance by allowing parents to continue submitting requests when attendance has already been recorded, while notifying them that existing attendance may need to be reviewed.



DISCIPLINE: ESE/504 OVERRIDE PROFILES [FOCUS-57555]

Referral Code Override Profiles can now bypass the ESE/504 suspension limits configured in Discipline System Preferences. This allows authorized users to exceed configured ISS/OSS limits when appropriate, while maintaining existing restrictions for all other users.



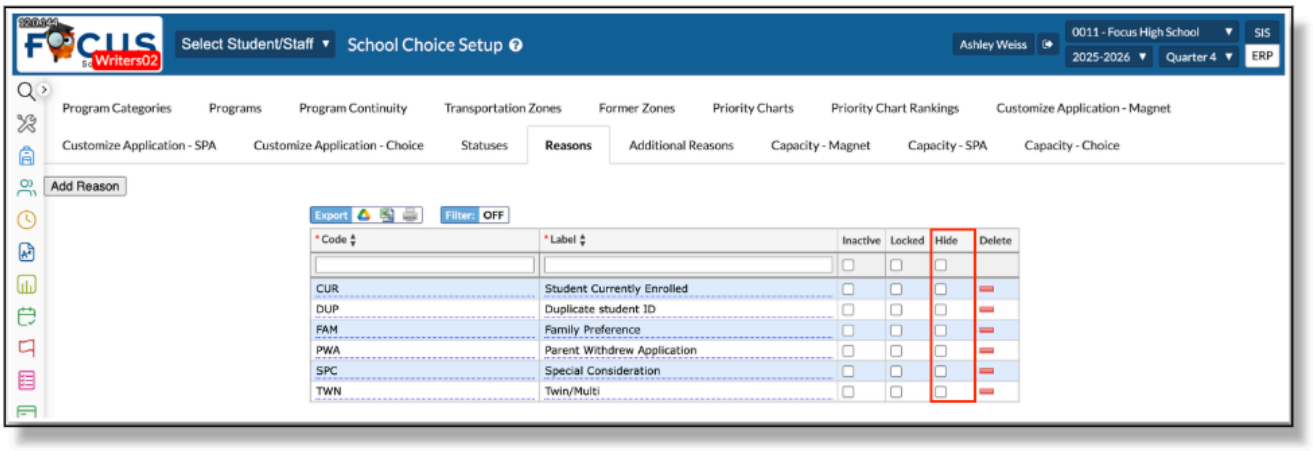
SCHOOL CHOICE: SIBLING VERIFICATION [FOCUS-57745]

School Choice applications now include flexible Sibling Verification tools. Districts can require sibling names, birth dates, and/or student IDs, with optional validation against existing student records before an application can be submitted. These enhancements support more accurate sibling preference verification during the application process.

SCHOOL CHOICE: HIDE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS [FOCUS-58293]

A new Hide option for School Choice Reasons and Additional Reasons allows districts to prevent specific School Choice records from appearing in the Parent and Student Portal Choice results. This

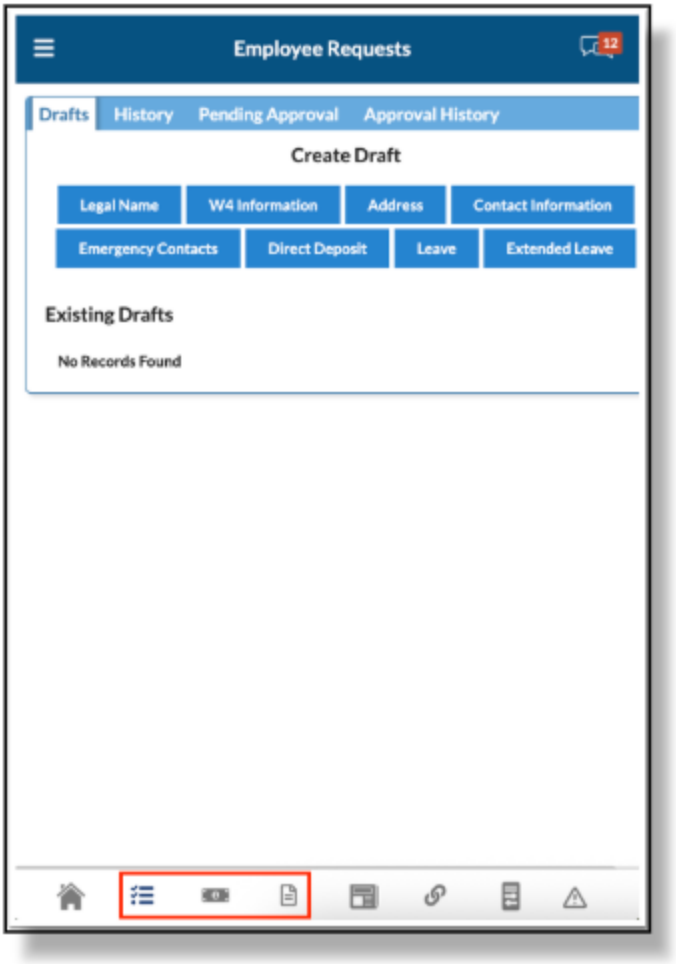
provides additional control over what information families see while leaving School Choice applications themselves unaffected.



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COMMUNITY MOBILE APP: ERP EMPLOYEE SELF-SERVICE [FOCUS-58157]

The Community Mobile App now provides staff with access to additional ERP Employee Self-Service features, including Employee Requests, Pay History, and W-2 Tax Forms. Authorized employees can securely access these modules directly from the mobile app without an additional login, making important payroll and HR information more accessible while on the go.



New Online Application Improvements

This release includes several enhancements to the New Online Application experience. Highlights include improvements to the automatic save and resume functionality, allowing applicants to seamlessly continue an application from where they left off, enhanced validation logic, new guided workflows for returning student address updates, additional configuration options for managing addresses and contacts, and updated Online Enrollment notification preferences.

For a complete list of enhancements included in v12.0.144, see the New Applications Module release notes.

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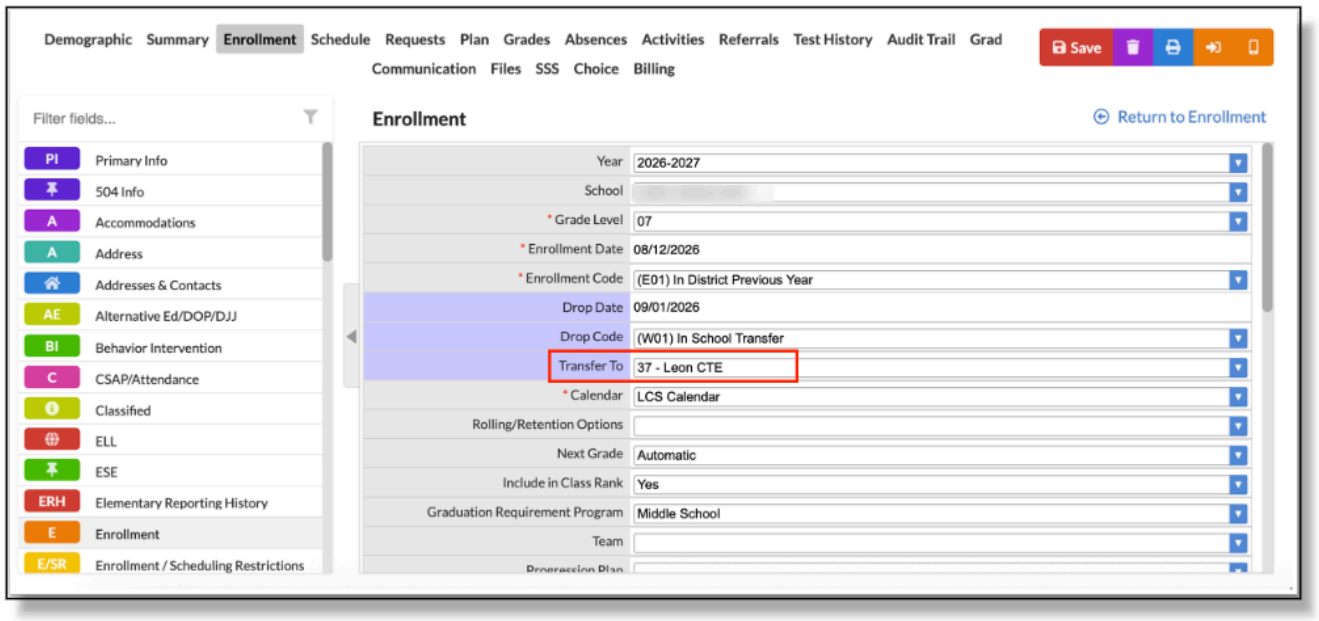
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FLORIDA: FOCUS TRANSFER CTE SITES

Florida districts with separate K-12 and Focus CTE sites can now transfer students directly between systems using the existing Focus Transfer workflow. A new -CTE transfer option allows K-12 staff to designate the district's CTE site as the transfer destination, making it easier to share student records and streamline enrollment between paired Focus environments. Districts without a separate CTE site continue to use the existing transfer process with no changes.



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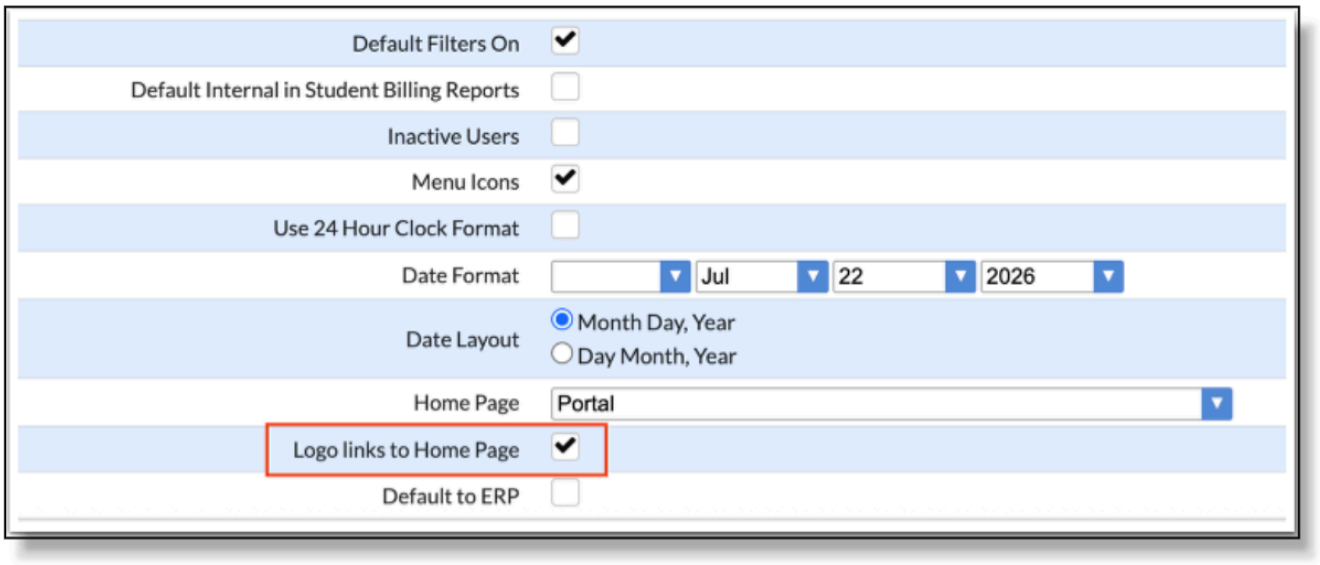
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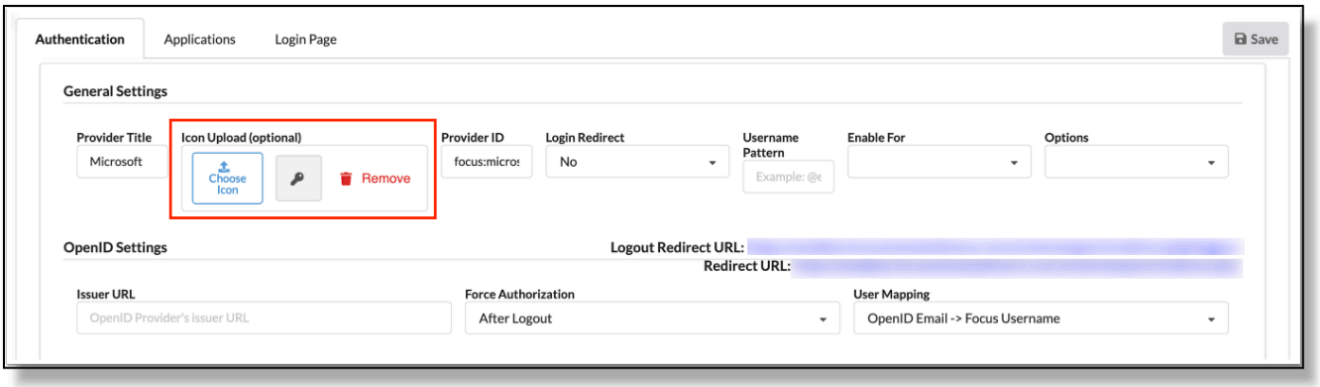
USER PREFERENCES: LOGO LINKS TO HOME PAGE [FOCUS-59189]

Users can now choose where the Focus logo takes them after clicking it. A new Logo Links to Home Page preference allows the logo to navigate directly to the user's configured Home Page instead of always returning to the Portal. This behavior also applies when using Log In As, providing a more personalized navigation experience.



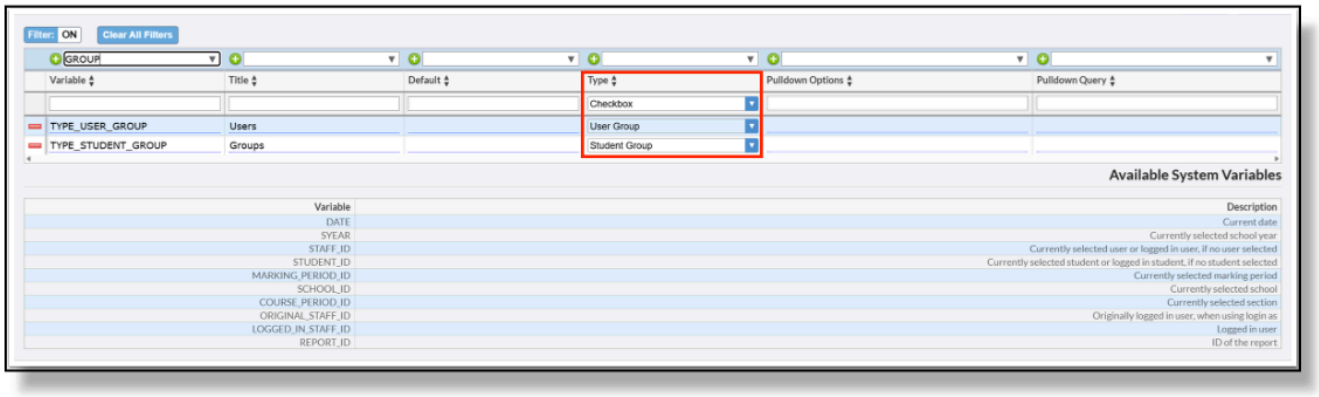
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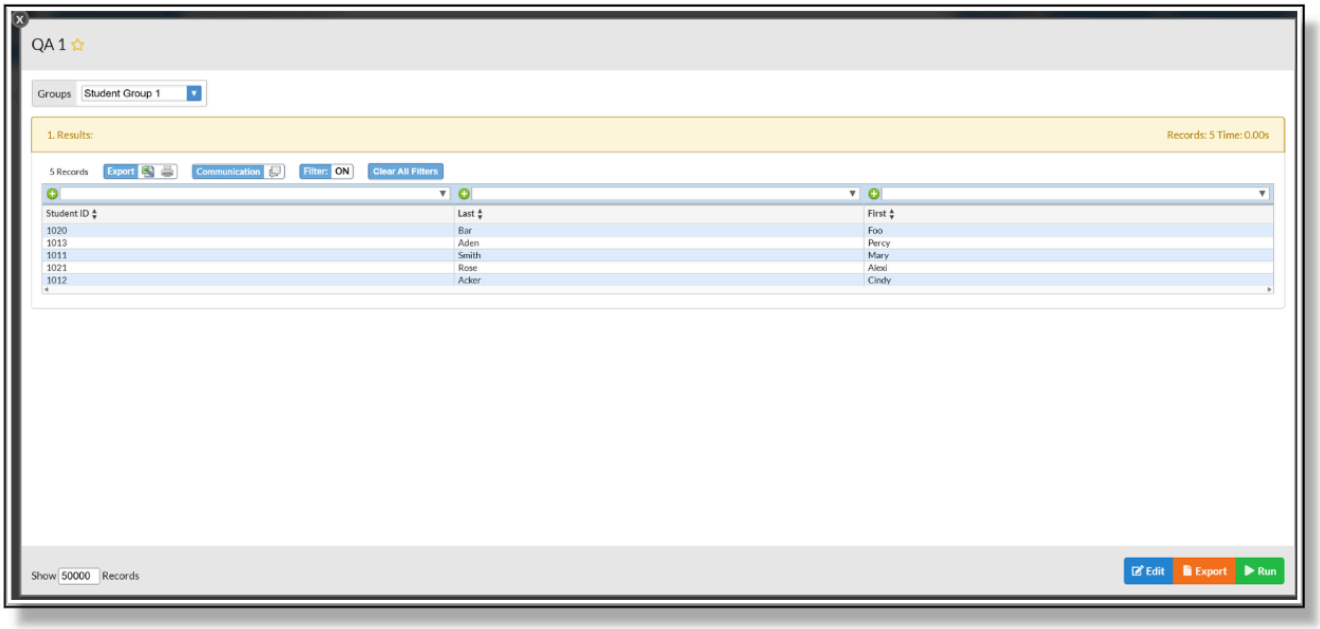
Single Sign-On profiles now support custom icon uploads, allowing districts to replace the default key icon with their own branding or provider-specific image. Uploaded icons appear directly on the login page alongside the associated SSO button, making authentication options easier to recognize. Standard Google and Apple sign-in buttons continue to use their official provider icons.



DISTRICT REPORTS: SAVED GROUP FILTERS [FOCUS-58875]

District Reports now support Student Group and User Group variable filters. Report authors can configure reports to use saved or dynamic groups, allowing users to quickly run reports against predefined groups without maintaining manual lists of student or user IDs.

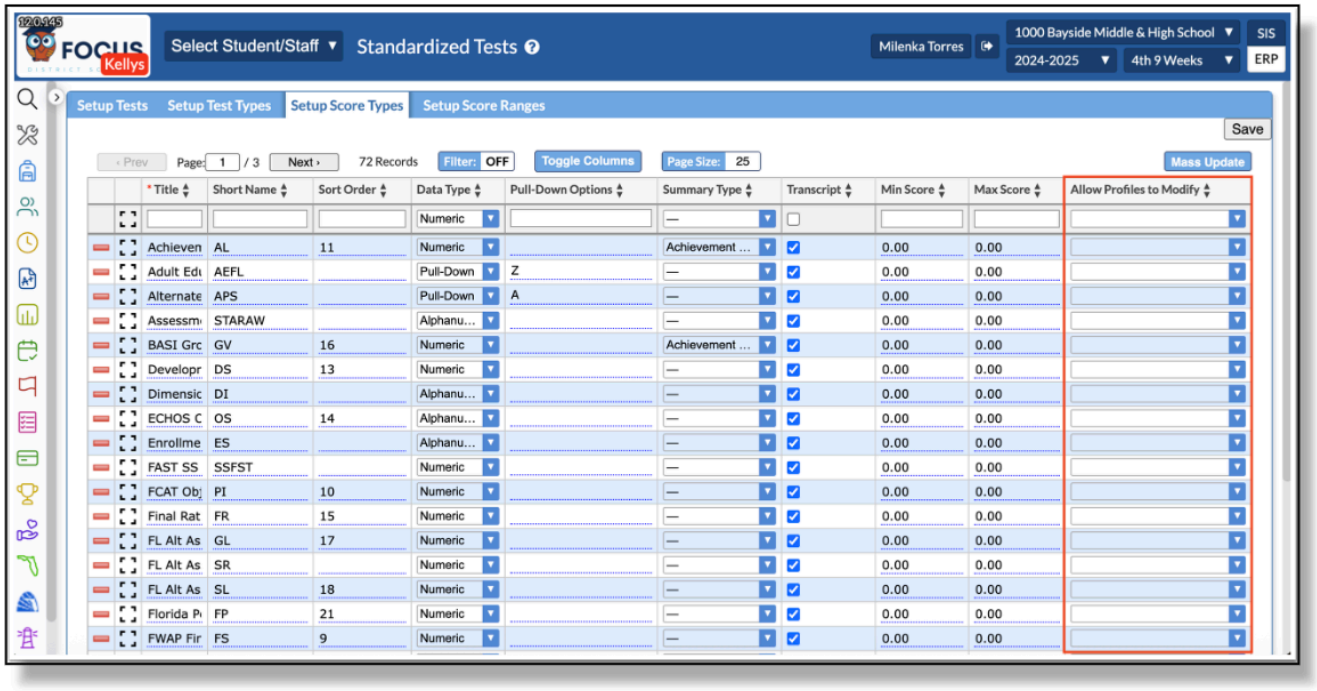




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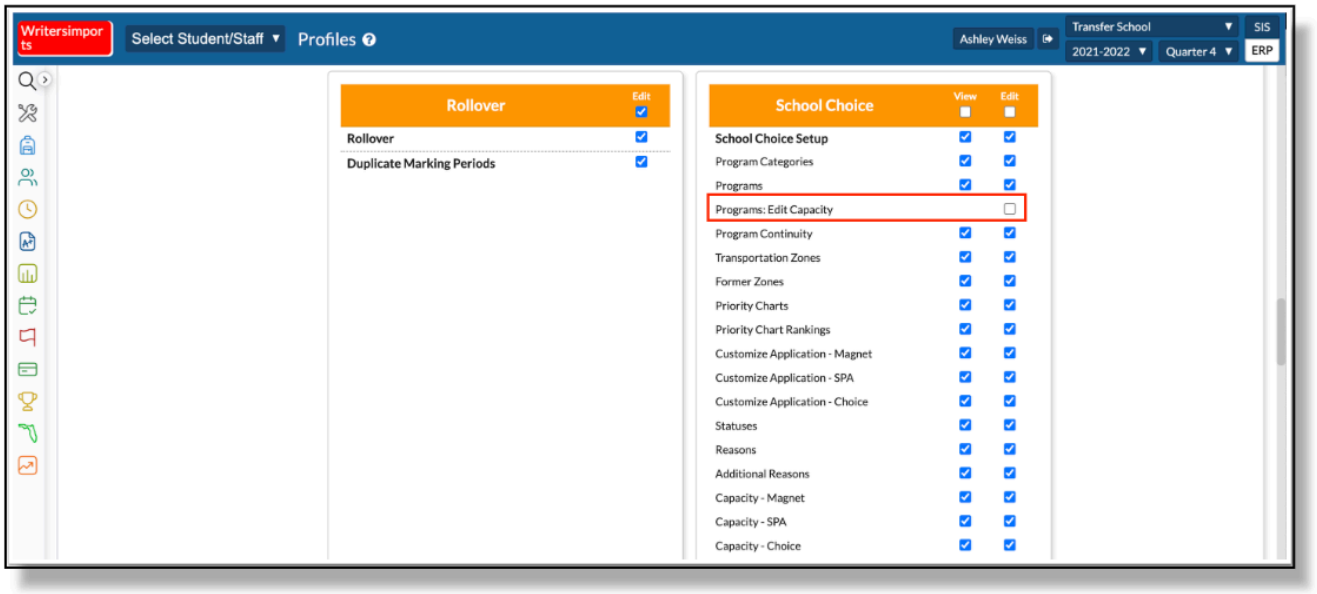
TEST HISTORY: SCORE TYPE EDIT PERMISSIONS [FOCUS-59086]

Test History now supports profile-based edit permissions for individual Score Types. Districts can specify which profiles are allowed to modify specific assessment fields while preserving existing behavior for score types without configured restrictions, providing more granular control over sensitive testing data.



SCHOOL CHOICE: CAPACITY-ONLY PERMISSIONS [FOCUS-57842]

School Choice now includes a dedicated Programs: Edit Capacity permission. This allows users to update program capacity without granting full edit access to School Choice program settings, giving districts greater flexibility when managing enrollment capacity.

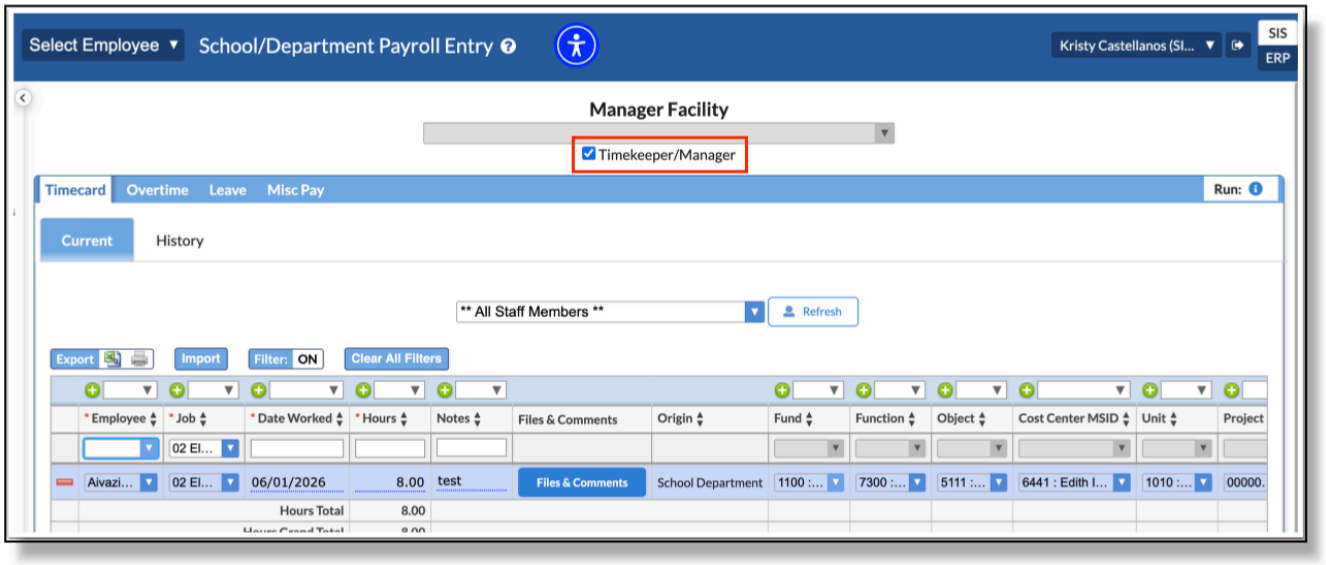


ERP | Finance and HR Systems

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT PAYROLL: TIMEKEEPER & MANAGER MODE [FOCUS-55301]

School/Department Payroll now includes a new Timekeeper/Manager Mode, allowing authorized users to enter payroll information for employees assigned to them through established timekeeper or manager relationships—without requiring direct facility access. All payroll tabs automatically

display the appropriate employees based on these assignments while continuing to honor existing employee eligibility rules.

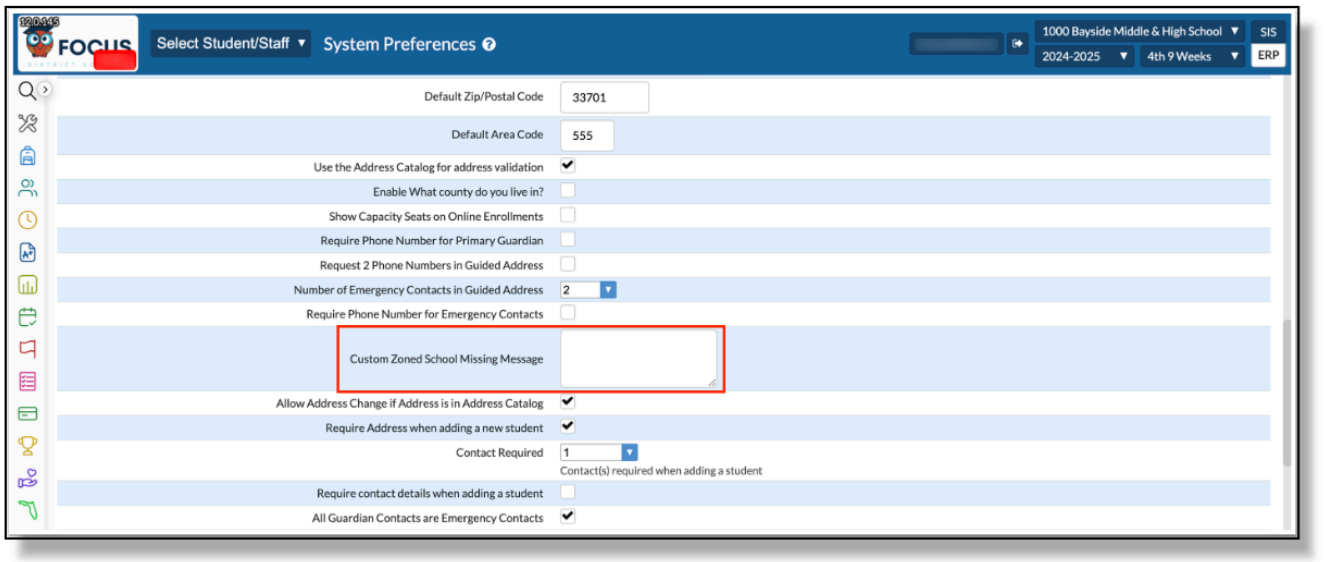


New Online Application Improvements

This release continues to enhance the New Online Application experience with improvements focused on enrollment processing, parent registration, application management, and district configuration. Updates include customizable messaging for unmatched addresses, expanded parent registration options, streamlined re-enrollment for previously withdrawn students, improved navigation to enrolled students, clearer application status handling, restored enrollment processing options, and other usability enhancements that simplify day-to-day enrollment workflows.

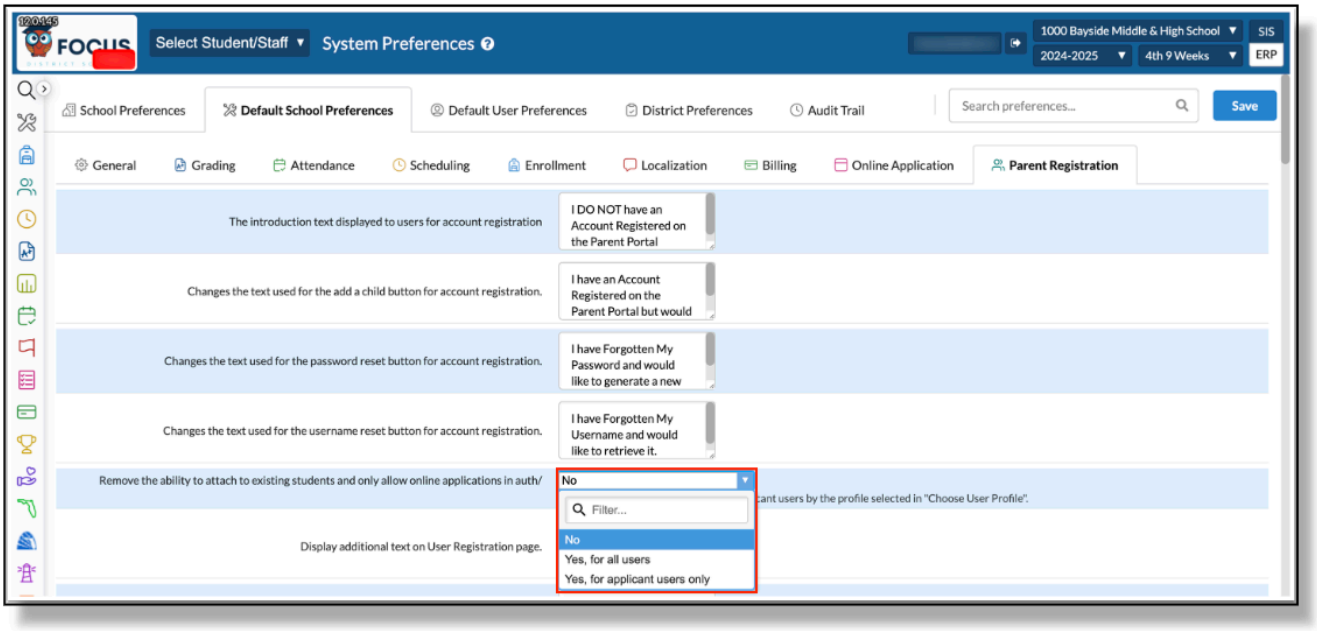
CUSTOM ZONED SCHOOL MESSAGES [FOCUS-59397]

Districts can now customize the message displayed when an applicant enters an address that cannot be matched to the Address Catalog, providing a more personalized experience for families when no zoned school can be determined.



EXPANDED RE-ENROLLMENT & PARENT REGISTRATION OPTIONS [FOCUS-59367, FOCUS-58907]

Parents can now begin re-enrollment applications for students who were withdrawn in a previous school year when a re-enrollment application is available. Districts also gain more flexibility by allowing parent users to attach existing students while preventing applicant users from doing so, if desired.



For a complete list of enhancements included in v12.0.145, see the New Applications Module release notes.

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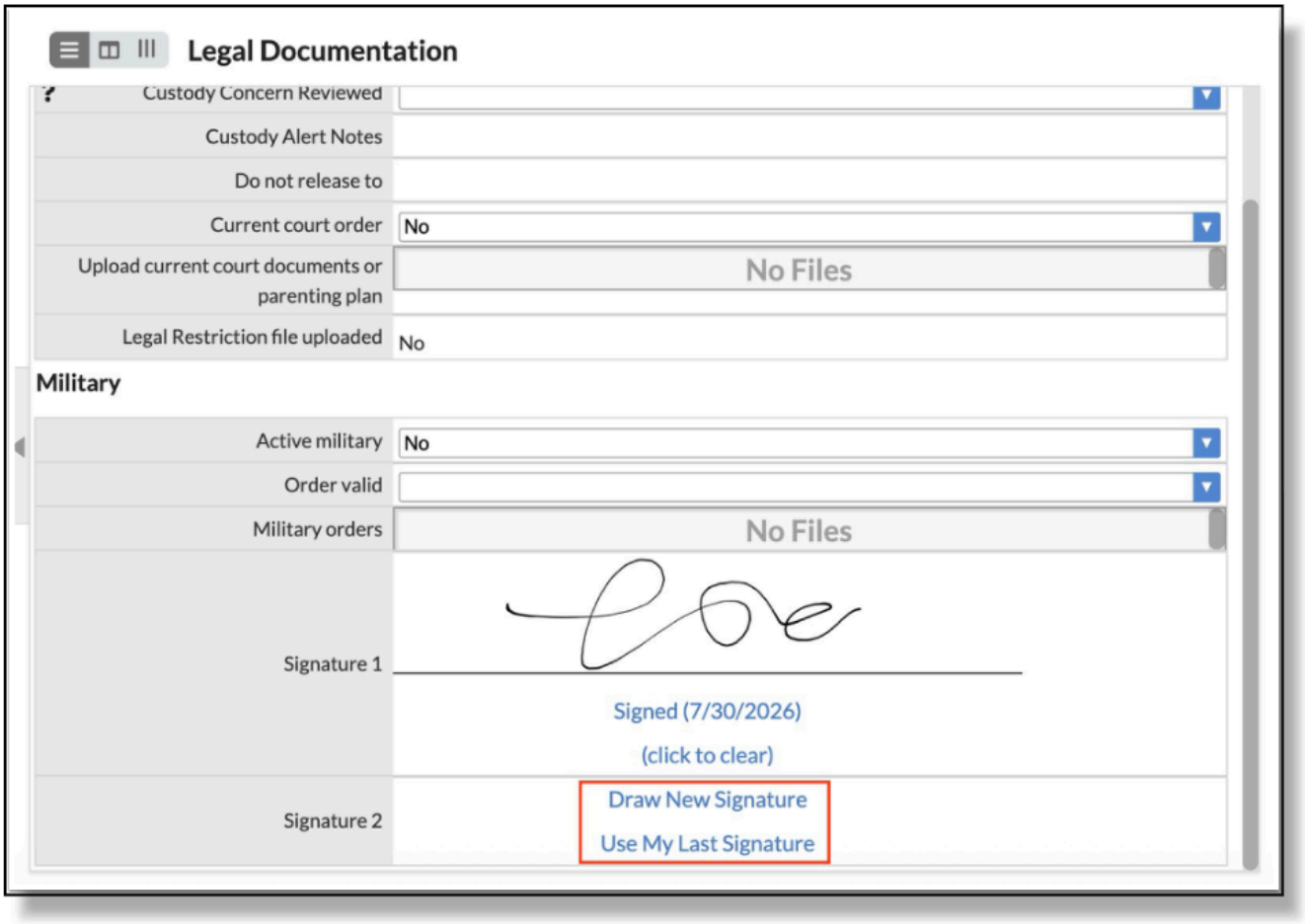
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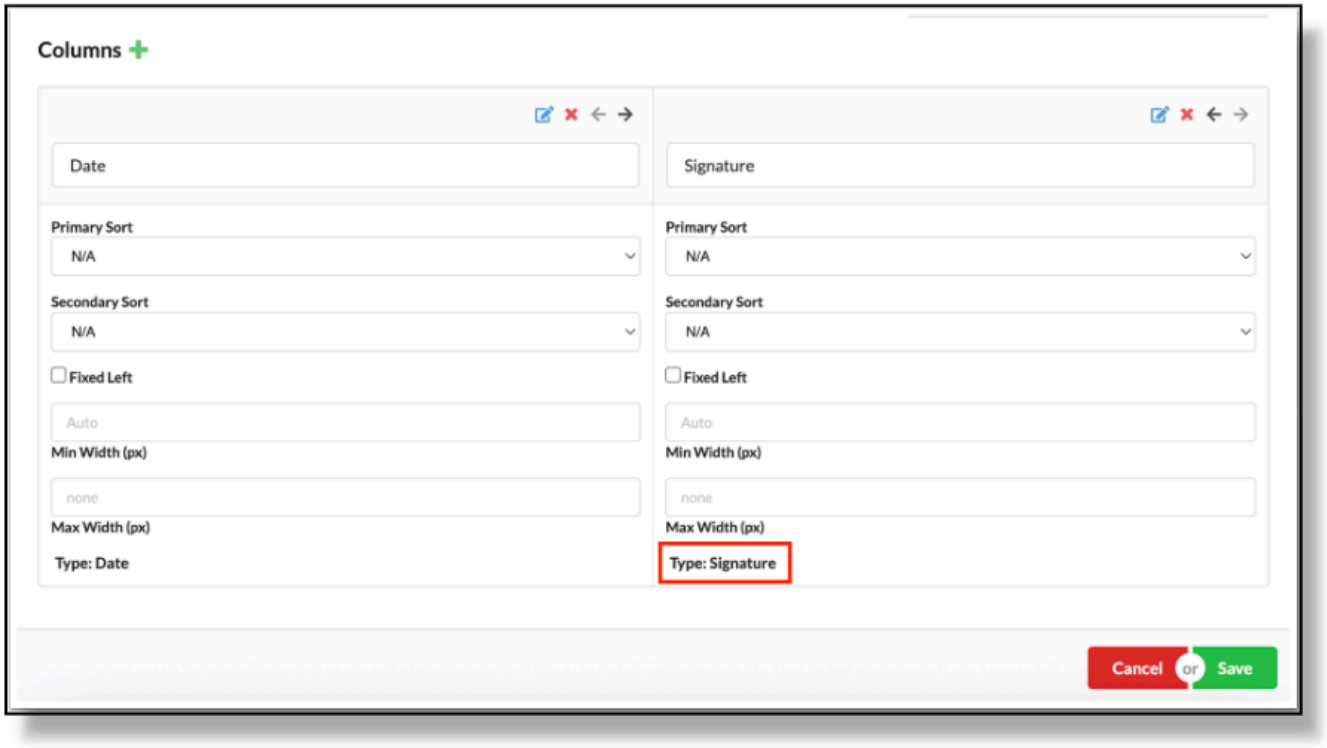
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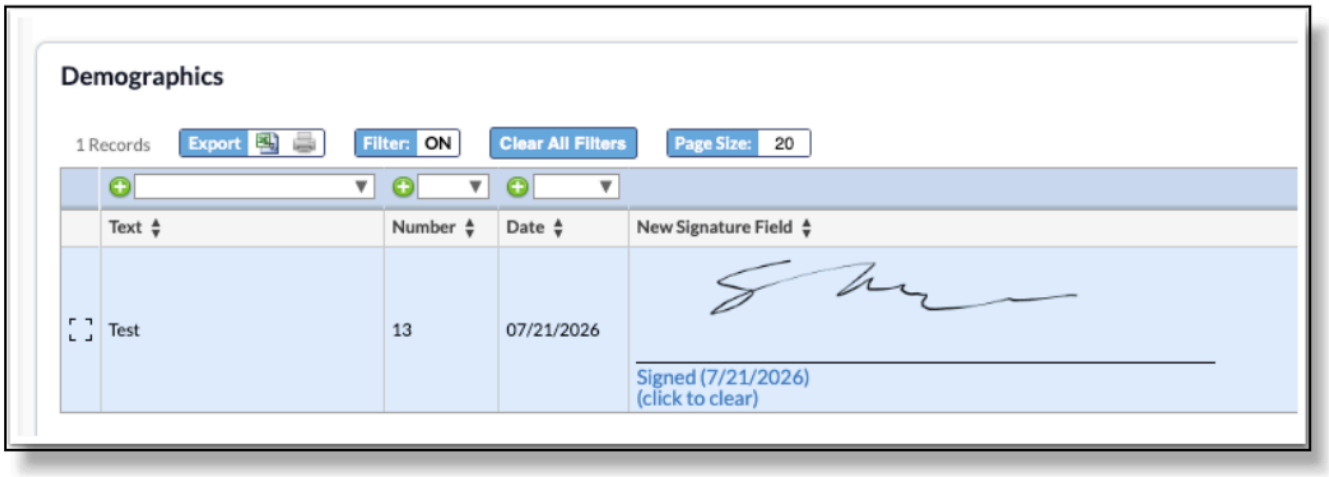
Signature fields now support reusing a previously entered signature when multiple signature fields appear on the same page. After completing the first signature, users can simply choose Use My Last Signature or Draw New Signature, reducing repetitive signing while continuing to honor authentication requirements for signature fields that require verification.



LOGGING FIELDS: SIGNATURE COLUMN SUPPORT [FOCUS-59457]

Logging Fields now support Signature as a column type for Student, User, School, and Discipline Referral custom fields. This enhancement expands digital signature capabilities across custom logging workflows, making it easier to capture acknowledgements and approvals directly within log records. Please note that signature logging fields are not supported on Student Enrollment forms in the Legacy App or on Legacy Forms in the New App. See Fields > Logging Fields for more information.





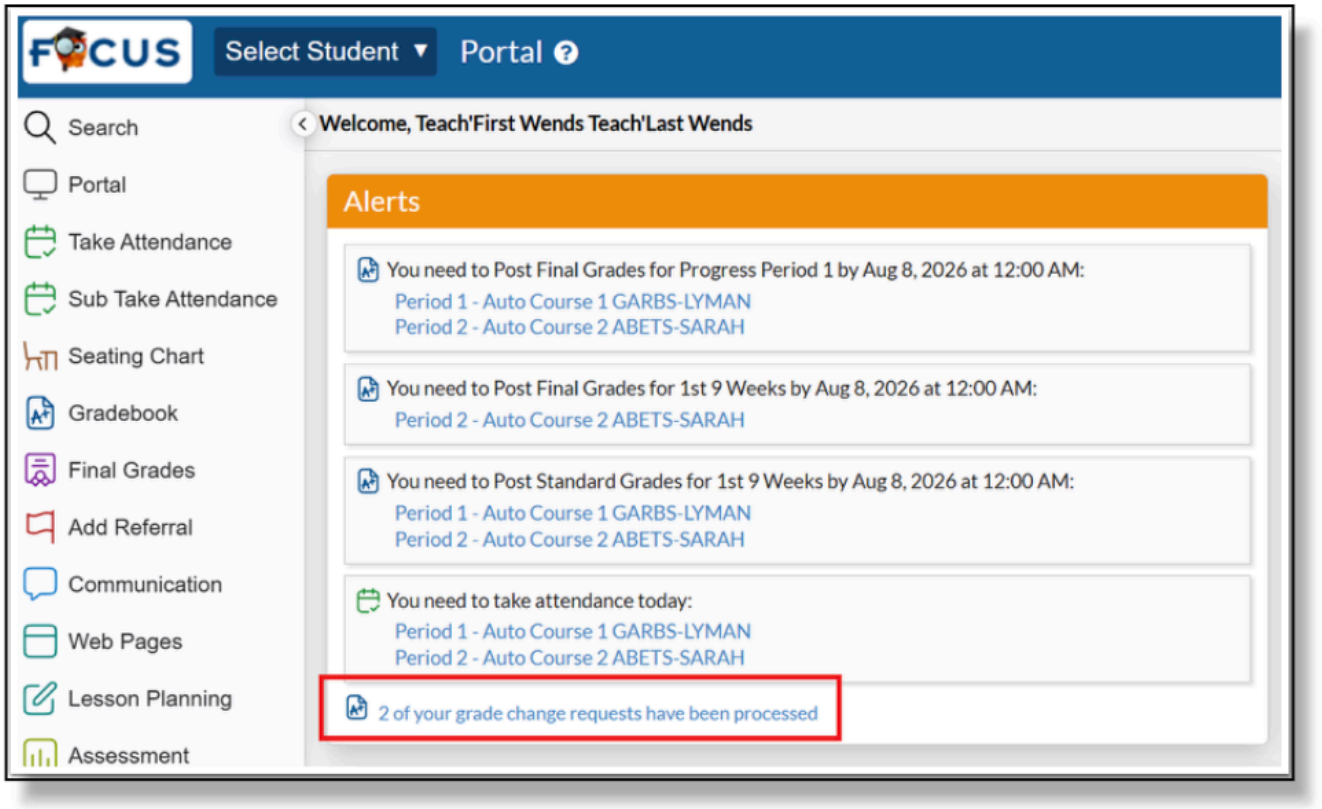
DISTRICT REPORTS: CUSTOM RESULT LABELS [FOCUS-59615]

District Reports now support custom result labels for reports containing multiple SQL queries. Report authors can define descriptive titles for each result set, making multi-query reports easier to read and interpret while preserving existing functionality for reports that do not specify custom labels. See District Reports > Did You Know? for more information.

SIS | Student Information System Updates

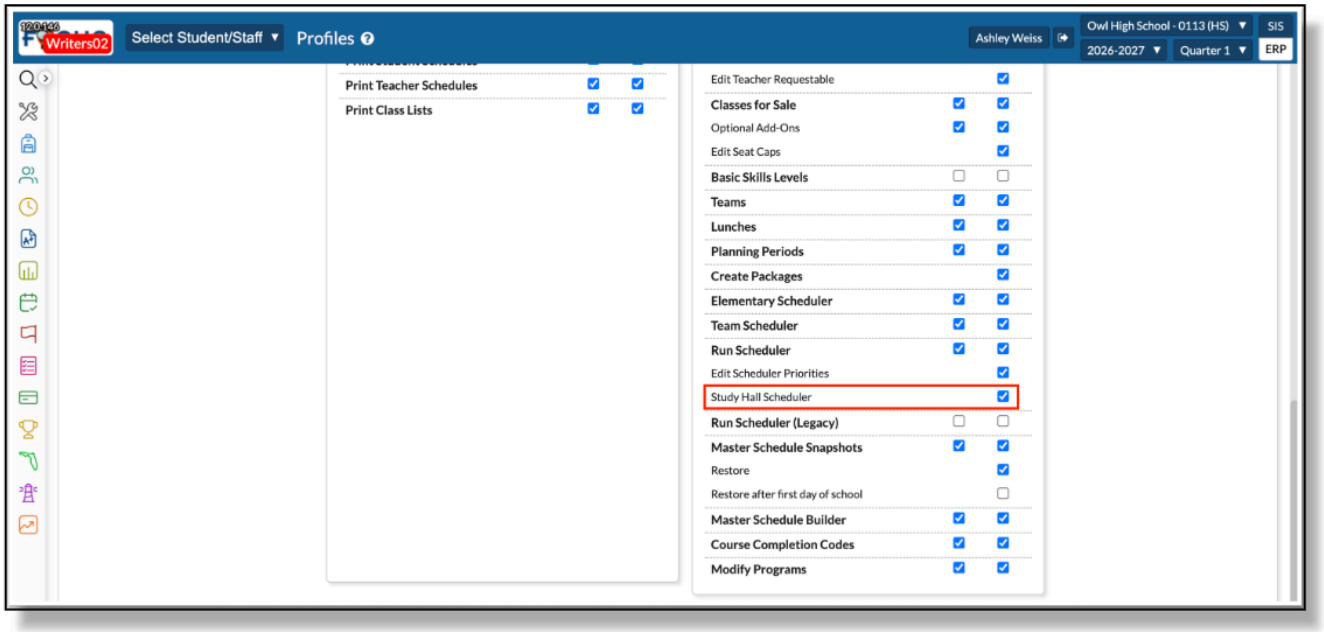
GRADE CHANGE REQUESTS: TEACHER NOTIFICATIONS [FOCUS-59579]

Teachers are now automatically notified when a submitted grade change request has been approved or denied. A new portal alert provides quick access to a read-only view of the processed request, allowing teachers to easily review the outcome and dismiss the notification when finished.



RUN SCHEDULER: STUDY HALL PERMISSIONS [FOCUS-59504]

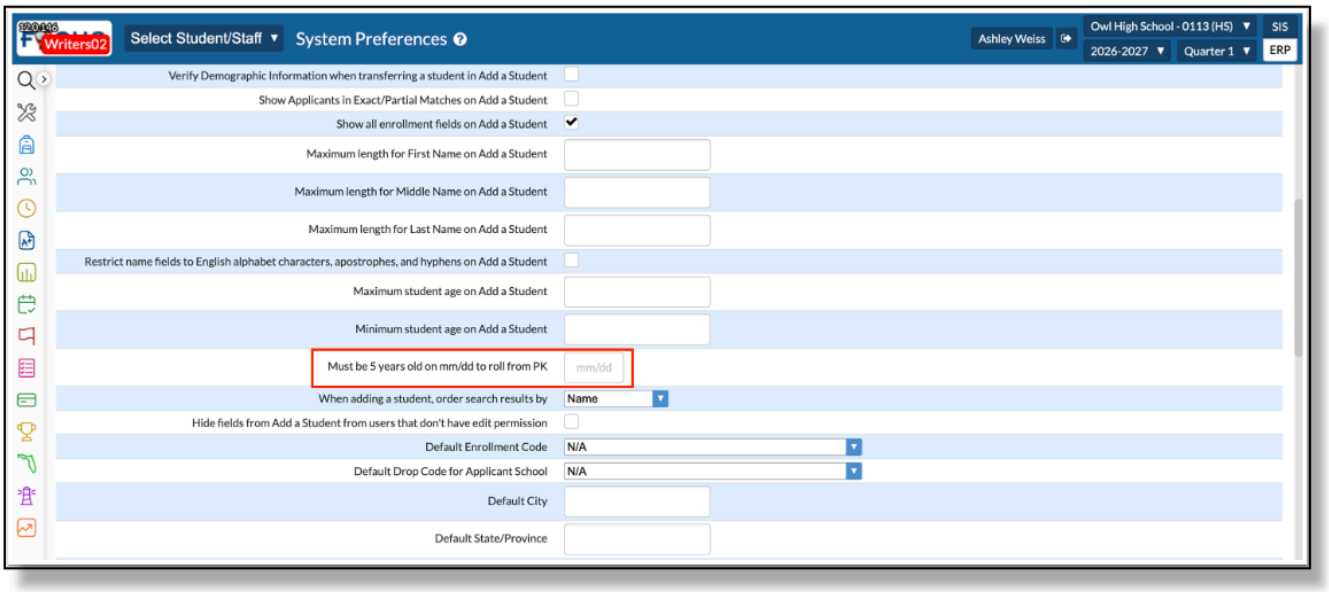
Run Scheduler now includes a dedicated Study Hall Scheduler permission, giving districts more granular control over which users can access this scheduling tool. The new permission is disabled by default and can be enabled for individual profiles as needed. See Profiles and Run Scheduler > Study Hall Scheduler for more information.



ROLLOVER: PRE-K PROMOTION AGE REQUIREMENT [FOCUS-59443]

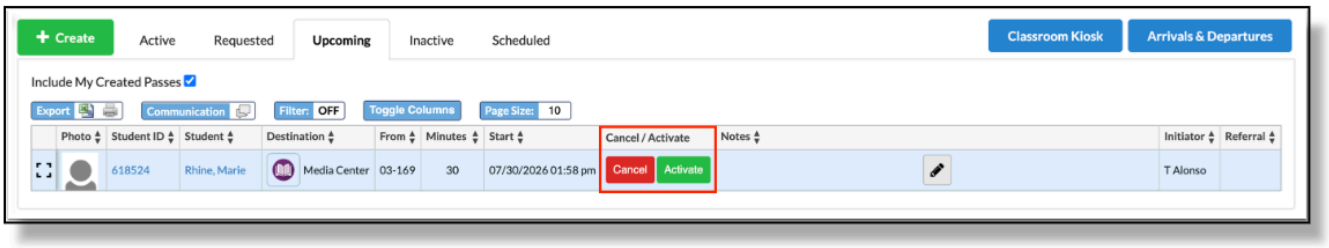
A new enrollment preference allows districts to define the minimum age required for Pre-K students

to advance to Kindergarten during Rollover. Students who do not meet the configured age requirement remain in their current Pre-K grade level, while eligible students continue through the normal rollover process. This enhancement applies to both manual and scheduled rollover operations.



HALL PASS: MANUAL ACTIVATION FOR SCHEDULED PASSES [FOCUS-50608]

Hall Passes now support manual activation for scheduled passes through a configurable activation grace period. Instead of activating automatically, scheduled passes can be activated by authorized administrators, teachers, or students within the configured window. The same activation option is also available through the Classroom Kiosk, providing greater flexibility while maintaining existing scheduling restrictions. See System Preferences, Hall Pass Setup, Hall Passes (Admin), Hall Passes (Teacher), Hall Passes on the Kiosk and Mobile App (Admin), and Hall Passes on the Kiosk for Teachers (Teacher) for more information.

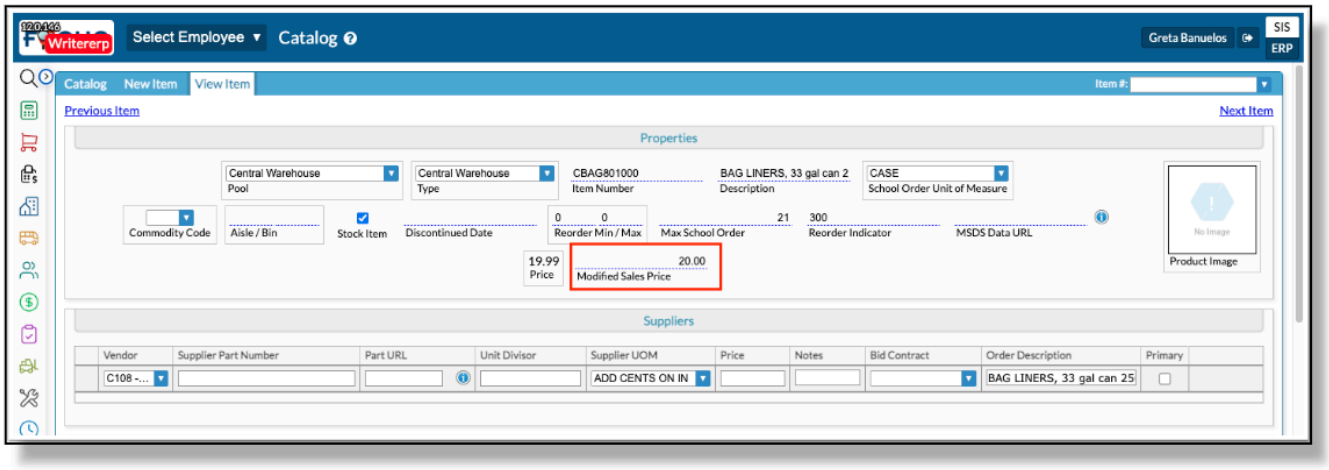


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WAREHOUSE: MODIFIED SALES PRICE OVERRIDES [FOCUS-59555]

Warehouse Catalog items now support a Modified Sales Price that overrides the system-calculated price used on Warehouse Purchase Orders. When configured, Focus automatically accounts for the pricing difference through additional warehouse journal entries while preserving original calculated pricing in the Warehouse Transaction Log. Items without a modified sales price continue to function exactly as before. See Warehouse > Catalog > Viewing an Item, Purchasing/Accounts Payable >

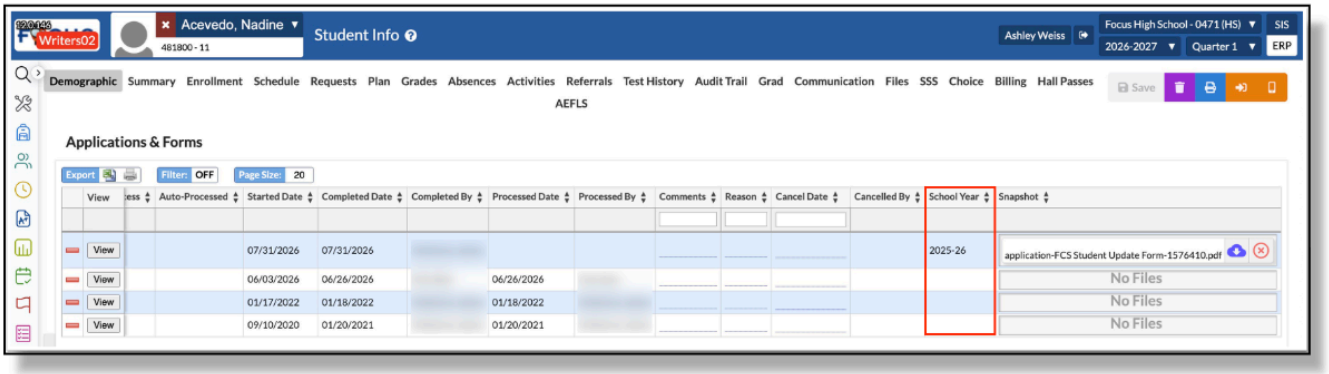
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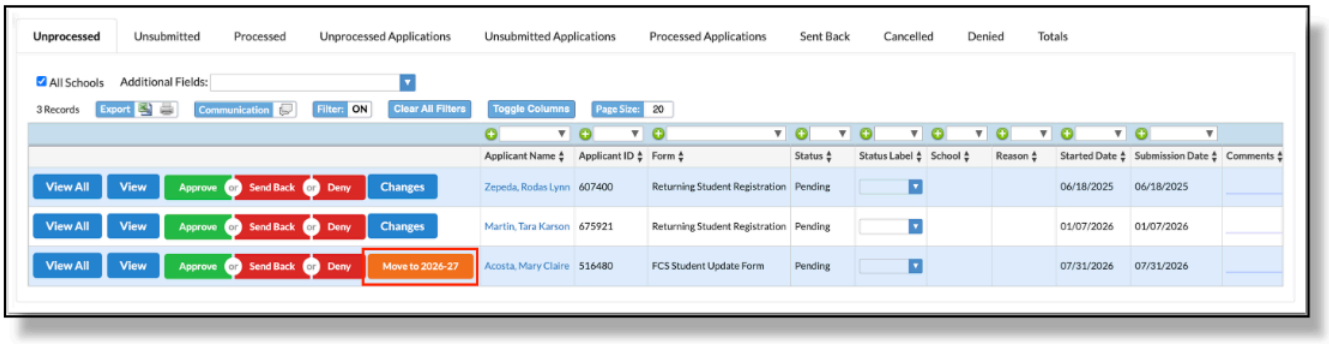


New Online Application Improvements

This release continues to enhance the New Online Application experience with improvements focused on application recovery, enrollment automation, and document review. Districts can now recover applications submitted to the wrong school year, automatically assign transfer forms when out-of-zone addresses are entered during re-enrollment, and review uploaded documents individually before they are committed to student records, providing greater flexibility and oversight throughout the enrollment process.

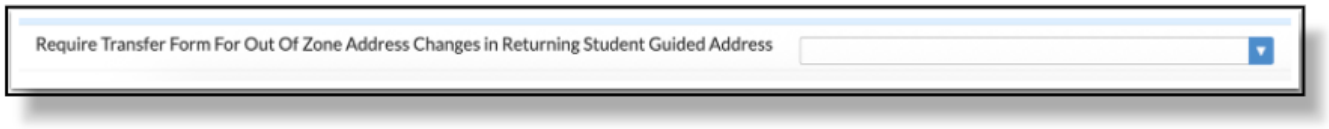
RECOVER APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE WRONG SCHOOL YEAR [FOCUS-59597]
Applications accidentally submitted under the wrong school year no longer require support intervention. Administrators can now easily identify the school year associated with each application from Student Info > Applications & Forms and, when eligible, move applications directly to the active school year from the Unprocessed page. This allows applications to be returned to the normal processing workflow with just a few clicks.





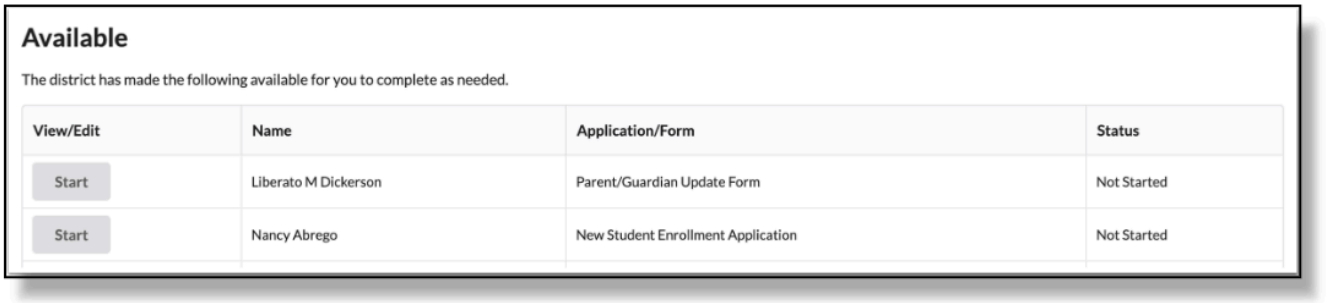
AUTOMATICALLY REQUIRE TRANSFER FORMS OUT-OF-ZONE ADDRESS CHANGES [FOCUS-59506]

A new system preference helps automate transfer requests during returning student registration. When enabled, parents updating a student's address through the Returning Student Guided Address field will automatically receive a required transfer form if the new address is zoned for a different school. This helps ensure districts consistently capture transfer requests without requiring manual review.



REVIEW UPLOADED DOCUMENTS BEFORE THEY ARE APPLIED TO STUDENT RECORDS [FOCUS-59601]

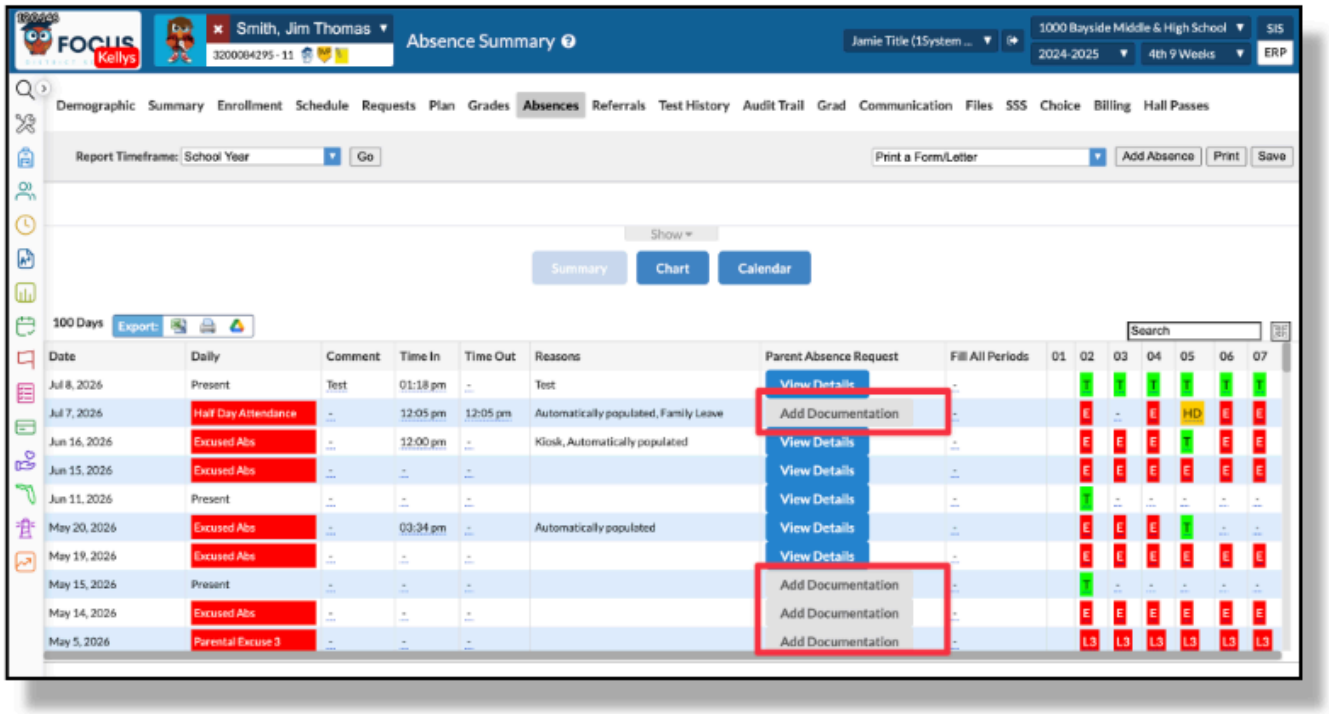
Uploaded documents submitted through forms configured with Commit Changes = Approved are now displayed individually within Review Changes. Staff can review, approve, or deny each uploaded document independently before it is committed to the student's record, providing additional oversight during the enrollment review process.



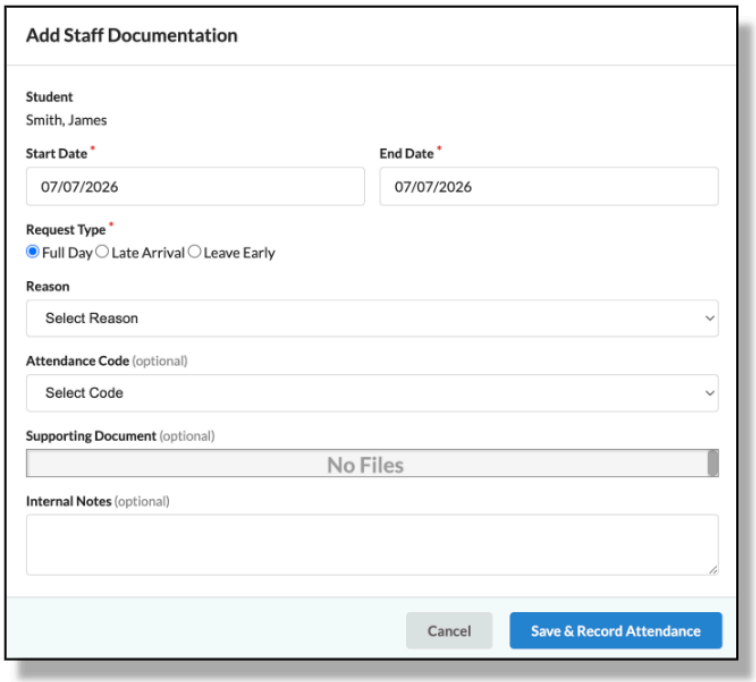
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PARENT ABSENCE REQUESTS NOW SUPPORT STAFF SUBMISSIONS

Managing absence documentation just became easier for school staff. When Parent Absence Requests are enabled, authorized users can now submit absence requests directly from the Student Absence Summary without waiting for a parent to initiate the process.



Staff can create Full Day, Late Arrival, or Leave Early requests, assign attendance codes and reasons, upload supporting documentation, and include notes—all from a single screen. Once submitted, the request is tracked alongside parent-submitted requests in the Parent Absence Requests report, and parents can view the processed request from the Parent Portal without needing to submit duplicate documentation.



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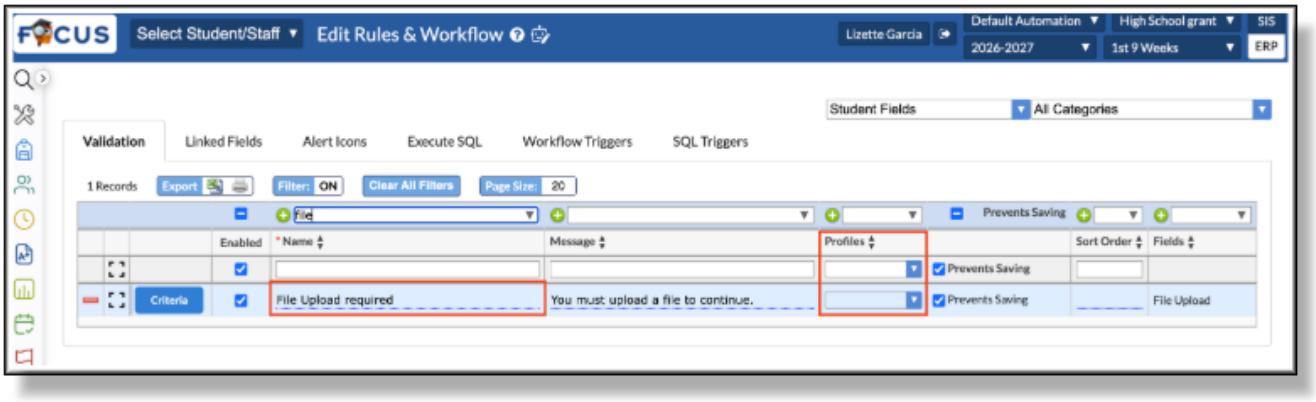
SMARTER CUSTOM FIELD MANAGEMENT [FOCUS-59040]

Managing Custom Fields is now more flexible when updating newly created fields that still use their default database column names. When changing a field alias, administrators are prompted to choose whether to update only the display alias or rename both the alias and the underlying database column. This provides greater control over field organization while preserving the existing option to leave the database structure unchanged. See Fields, Custom Screen Setup, and Employee Fields for more information.



PROFILE-BASED VALIDATION RULES [FOCUS-59572]

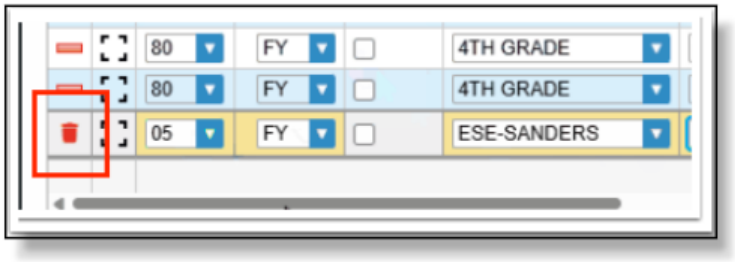
Validation Rules are now even more configurable with the addition of a new Profiles column on the Validation tab within Edit Rules and Workflow. Administrators can target validation rules to specific user profiles—including the Parent profile—making it easier to tailor workflows and file upload requirements for different audiences. See Edit Rules & Workflow > Validation tab for more information.



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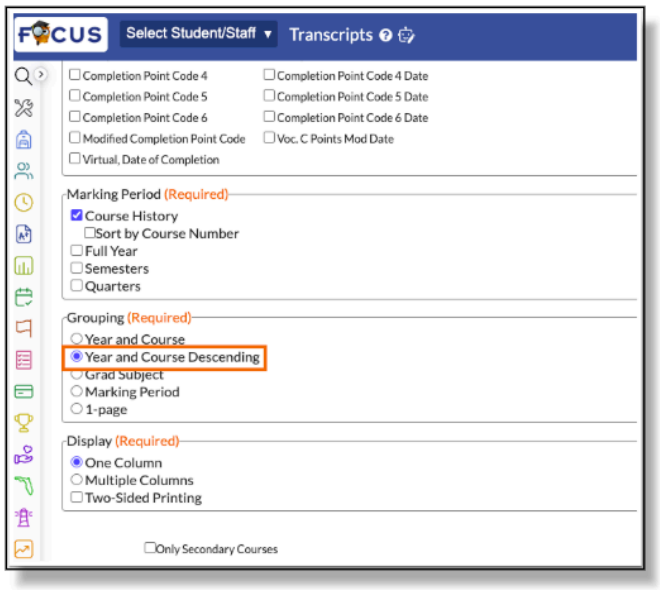
CLEAR NEW SCHEDULE ENTRIES WITH A SINGLE CLICK [FOCUS-59789]

Scheduling staff can now quickly reset the add-row in the New Student Schedule using a new Clear button. Instead of manually removing each field, the button clears only the unsaved course search in the insert row while preserving any pending edits made elsewhere in the schedule, allowing users to immediately begin a new section search.



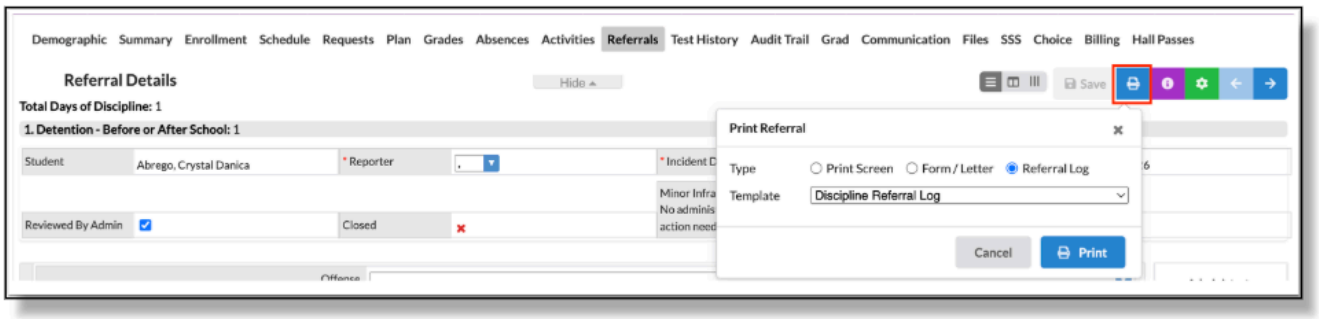
NEWEST COURSES FIRST ON TRANSCRIPTS [FOCUS-45820]

Transcripts now include a Year and Course Descending sort option, making it easy to display the most recent school year first. The existing ascending sort remains available, giving districts greater flexibility in how transcript information is presented. See Transcripts for more information.



SIMPLIFIED DISCIPLINE REFERRAL PRINTING [FOCUS-56806]

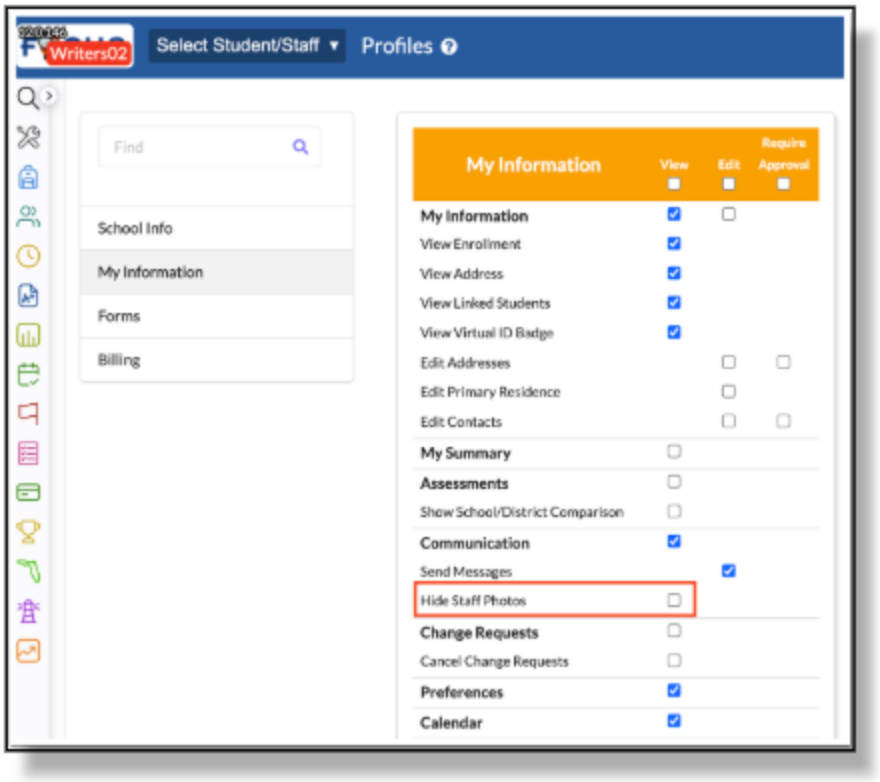
Printing Discipline Referrals has been consolidated into a single Print menu for a more streamlined experience. Staff can print the current screen, generate forms or letters, or use saved Referral Log print settings when they have the appropriate permissions, while parent and student printing options continue to work as before. See Referrals for more information.



CONTROL STAFF PHOTO VISIBILITY FOR STUDENTS [FOCUS-59452]

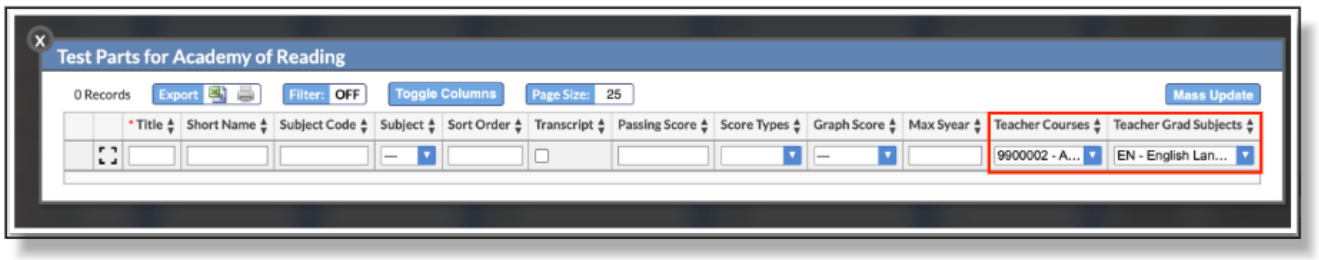
A new Show Staff Photos permission gives districts more control over what students see within

Focus. When disabled for a student profile, staff photos—such as teacher images displayed in messages—are hidden, while administrators and other unrestricted users continue to see photos normally.



MORE ACCURATE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS IN ASSESSMENT REPORTS [FOCUS-59565]

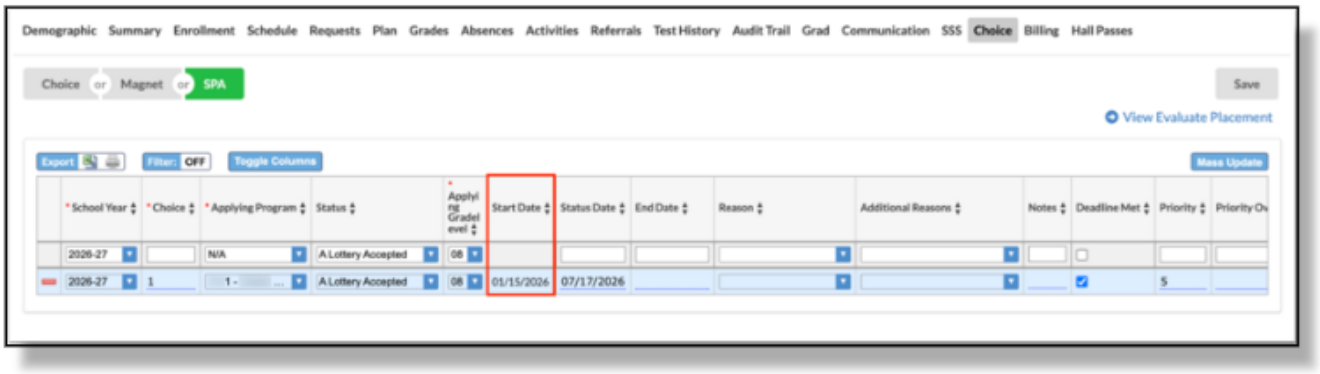
Assessment Reports now offer more precise teacher identification through new Teacher Courses and Teacher Graduation Subjects settings on Standardized Test Parts. When configured, reports—including the Florida FAST Report—identify teachers based only on the selected courses or graduation subjects rather than every teacher associated with participating students. Existing behavior remains unchanged when these options are not configured. See Standardized Tests > Test Parts, FAST Report (Admin), FAST Report (Teachers), Assessment Report > Running the Report (Admin), and Assessment Report > Running the Report (Teacher) for more details.



TRACK WHEN SCHOOL CHOICE STATUSES BEGIN [FOCUS-59711]

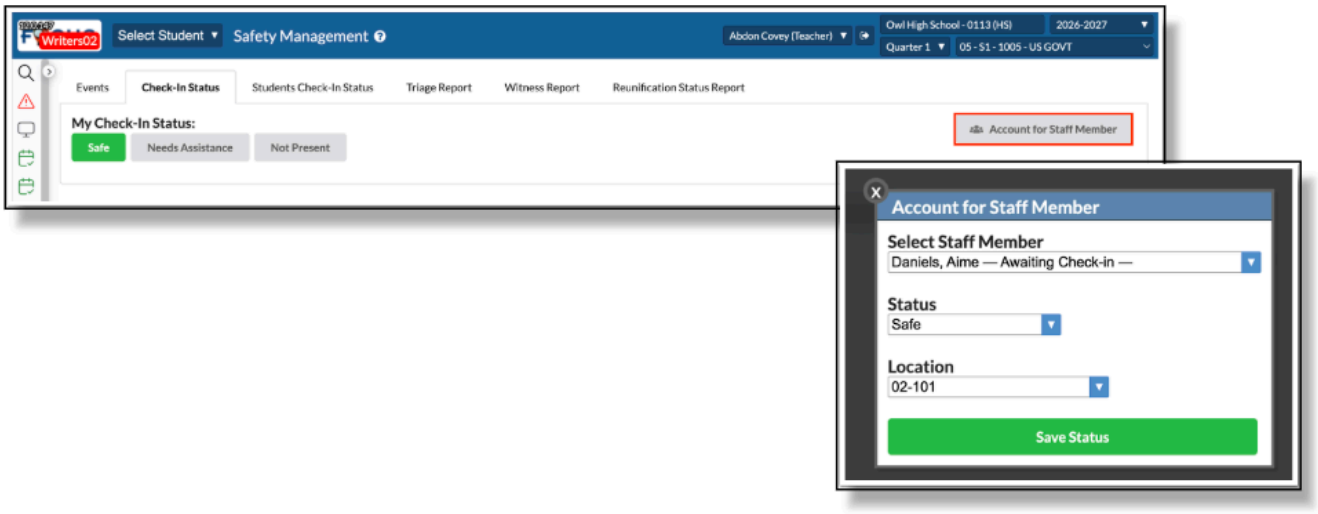
School Choice administrators now have additional visibility into application history with a new read-only Start Date column on the Magnet/Special Assignment screen. Unlike the existing Status Date,

which updates whenever a status changes, the Start Date permanently records when that status was originally assigned. See Magnet/Special Assignment for more information.



EXPANDED SAFETY MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR TEACHERS [FOCUS-58955]

Teachers have new capabilities during active safety events to help manage both students and staff more effectively. New permissions allow designated teachers to account for staff members, view and manage another teacher's roster, temporarily add students to custom rosters, assign safe locations, and benefit from an improved accounting workflow with confirmation prompts and enhanced roster organization. See Profiles, Safety Management Setup, Safety Management (Teacher), Safety Management (Admin), Safety Management in the Mobile App for Teachers, and Safety Management in the Mobile App for Administrators for more information.





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REISSUE INDIVIDUAL DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS [FOCUS-59783]

Payroll processing is now more flexible with the ability to void and reissue a single direct deposit check for employees who receive multiple deposits within the same payroll run. The new Reissue option allows payroll staff to move the reimbursement into a selected payroll run while automatically creating the appropriate ACH Return and Employee Net Reissue journal entries. Both transactions are reflected in the Journal Report and the employee's Check History, providing a complete audit trail. See Check Voids and Reallocatons > Check History for more details.

New Online Application Improvements

This release includes several refinements to the New Online Application experience designed to improve enrollment accuracy and reduce administrative effort behind the scenes. Guided Address functionality has been enhanced to better support future school year enrollments and allow authorized staff to make address corrections even after an application has been processed. Automatic sibling linking has also been improved to more reliably associate newly enrolled students with existing family members when parents enroll additional children.

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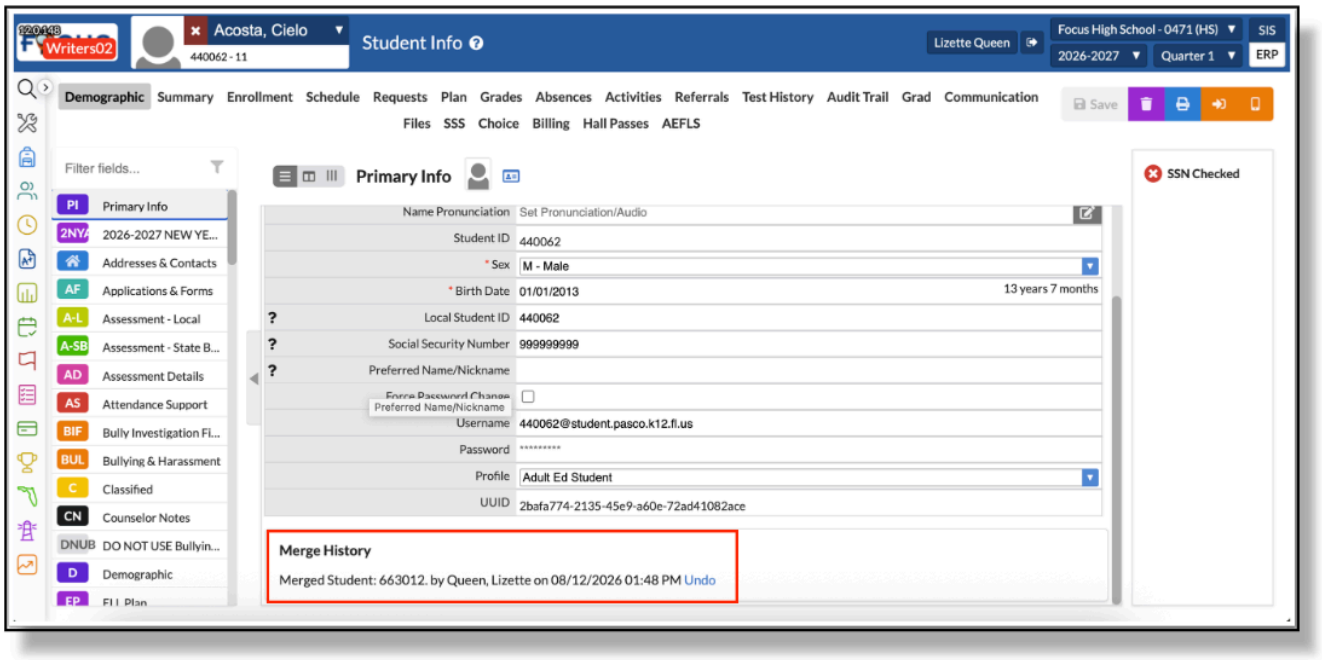
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REVIEW & UNDO STUDENT MERGES WITH EASE

Managing student merges is now more transparent and flexible with new enhancements that make it easier to review merge activity and recover from accidental merges. A new Merge History section has been added to Students > Student Info > Primary Info, giving authorized administrators immediate access to key details about each merge, including which student was merged, who performed the merge, and when it occurred.

When a merge is eligible to be reversed, administrators with permission to Delete a Student can now undo the merge directly from the student's record—eliminating the need to navigate elsewhere in the system.



These improvements also expand undo support to include eligible merges completed through Online Enrollments and Add a Student workflows. Previously, merges performed through these processes could not be reversed. When an eligible merge is undone, the original student record is restored and the associated merge changes are automatically reversed, helping districts quickly recover from accidental merges while reducing manual data correction.

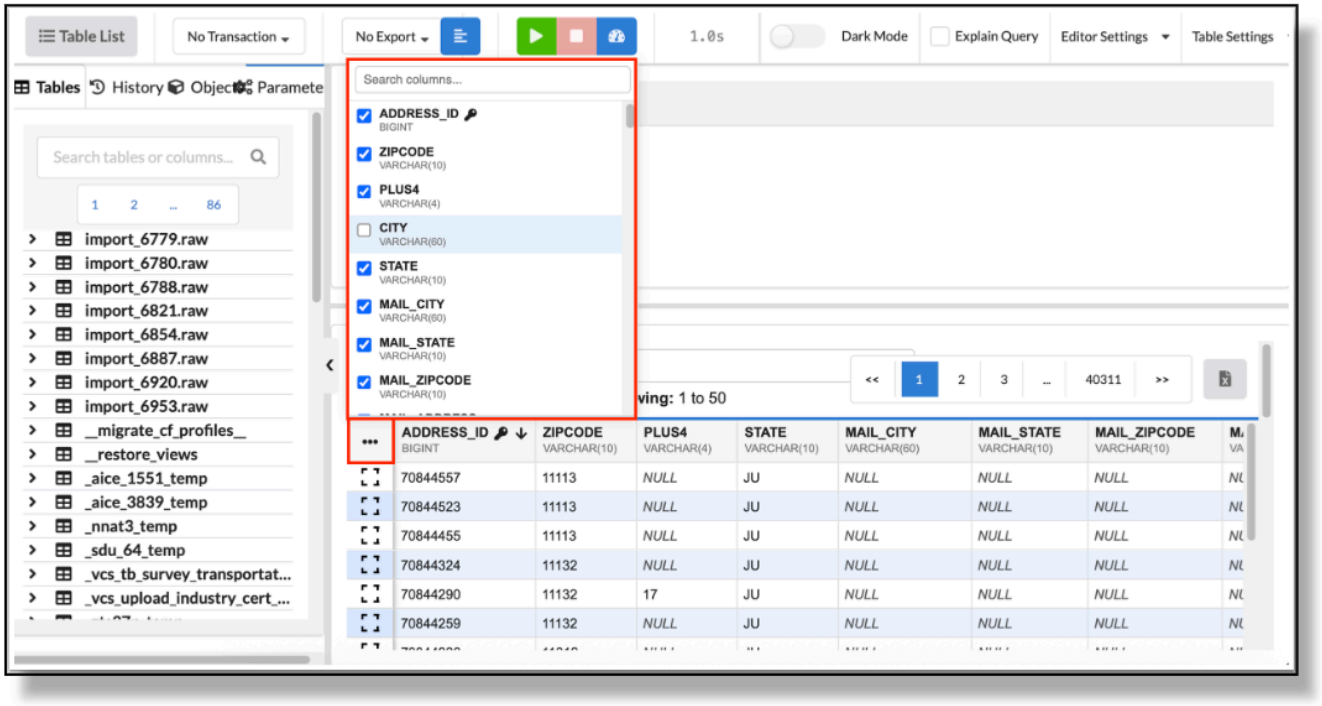
See Delete a Student > Undoing a Student Merge from Student Info for more details.

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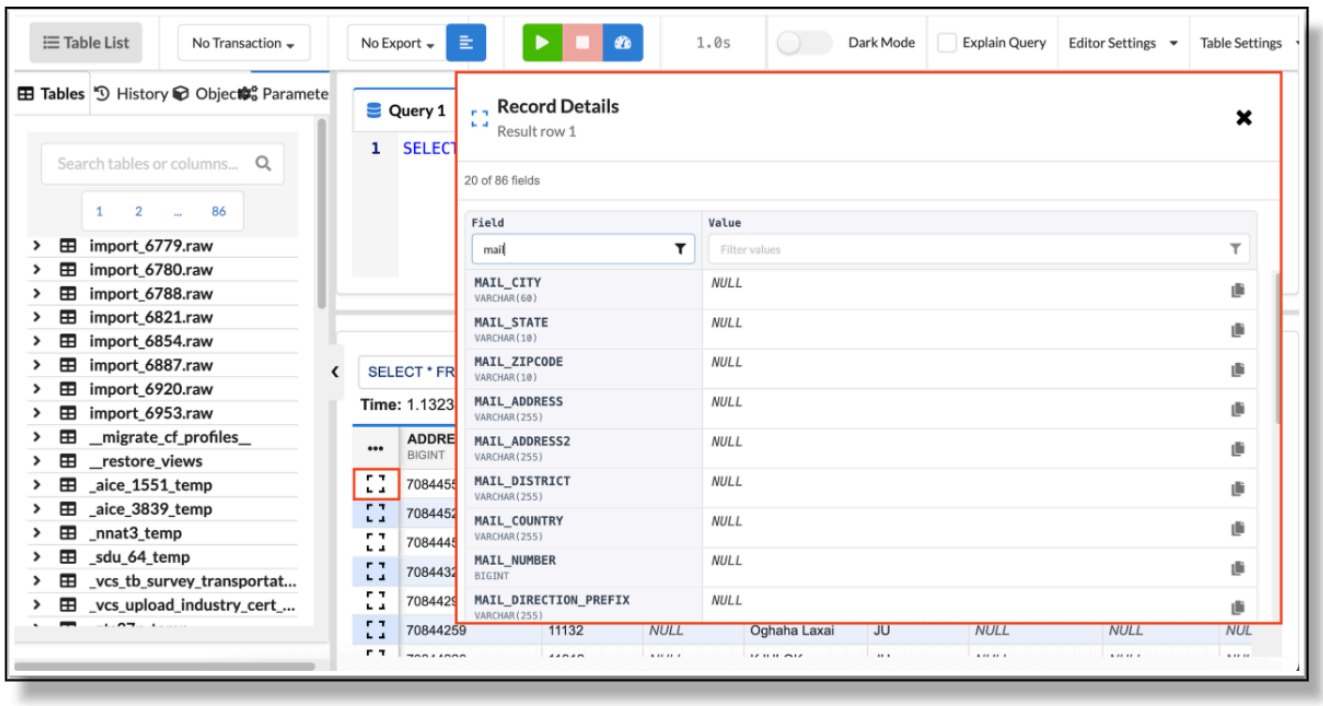
Run Query has been significantly enhanced with a refreshed editing and results experience designed to help administrators write SQL more efficiently and analyze data with less effort. Whether you're building a simple lookup or working through a complex query, the updated interface makes it easier to write, review, and explore your results.

The SQL editor now includes smarter autocomplete, offering suggestions for SQL keywords, tables, and columns as you type, along with syntax highlighting and line numbers to improve readability and simplify troubleshooting.

Query results have also become much easier to work with. Columns can now be resized, while the enhanced Show/Hide Columns menu includes a searchable selector, making it simple to find and display specific fields—even in very large result sets.



A new Record Details view provides a cleaner way to inspect individual records without endless horizontal scrolling. Instead of scanning across dozens of columns, fields are presented in an easy-to-read vertical layout with built-in filtering and one-click copying of field values.



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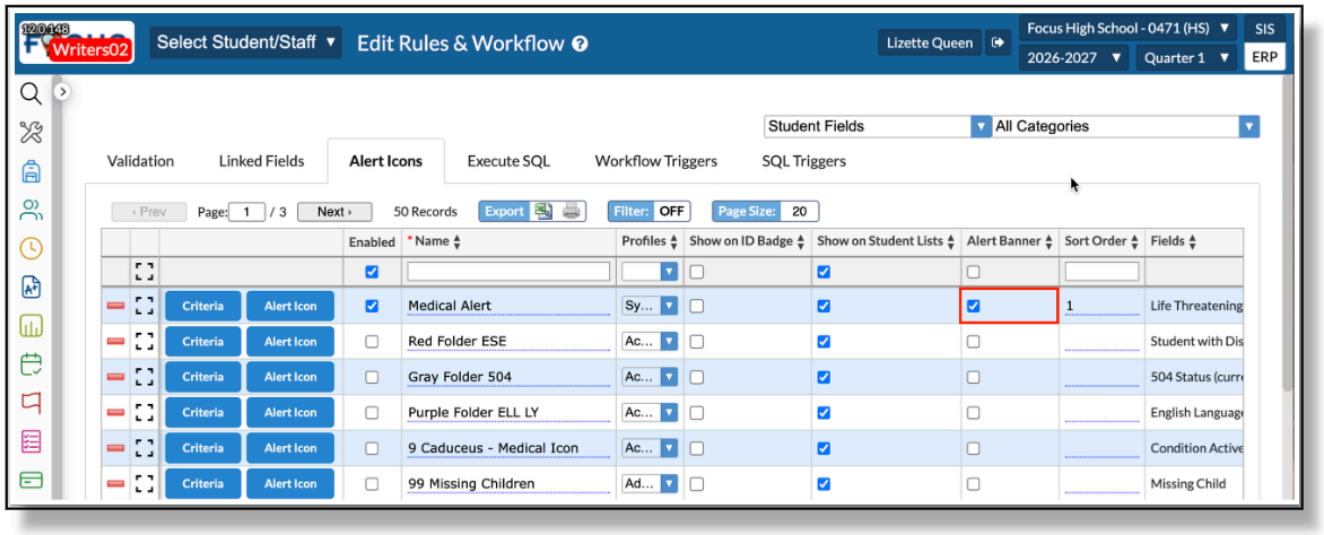
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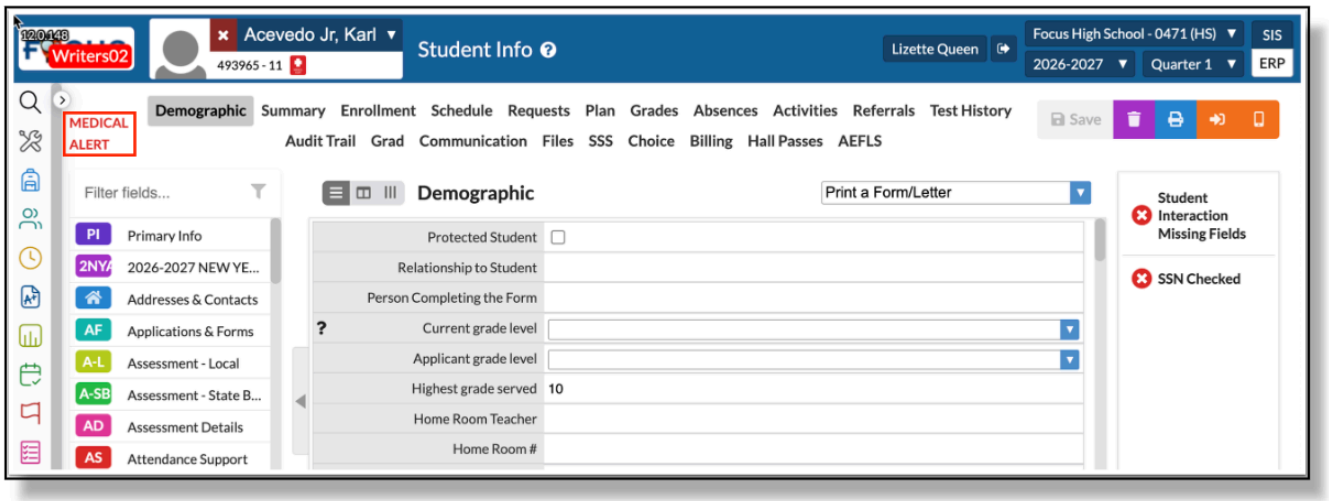
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Focus Core | Enhancements for All Users

DISPLAY IMPORTANT ALERTS WITH NEW BANNER NOTIFICATIONS [FOCUS-57812]

Edit Rules & Workflow now supports Alert Banners for Student Info and User Info. Administrators can designate Alert Icon rules as banner notifications, displaying important information prominently at the top of a student's or user's record for selected profiles. Multiple banners are displayed according to their configured sort order, providing greater visibility while preserving existing Alert Icon functionality. See Edit Rules & Workflow > Alert Icons, Student Info > Viewing Student Information, and User Info > User Quick Search From Any Screen for more information.



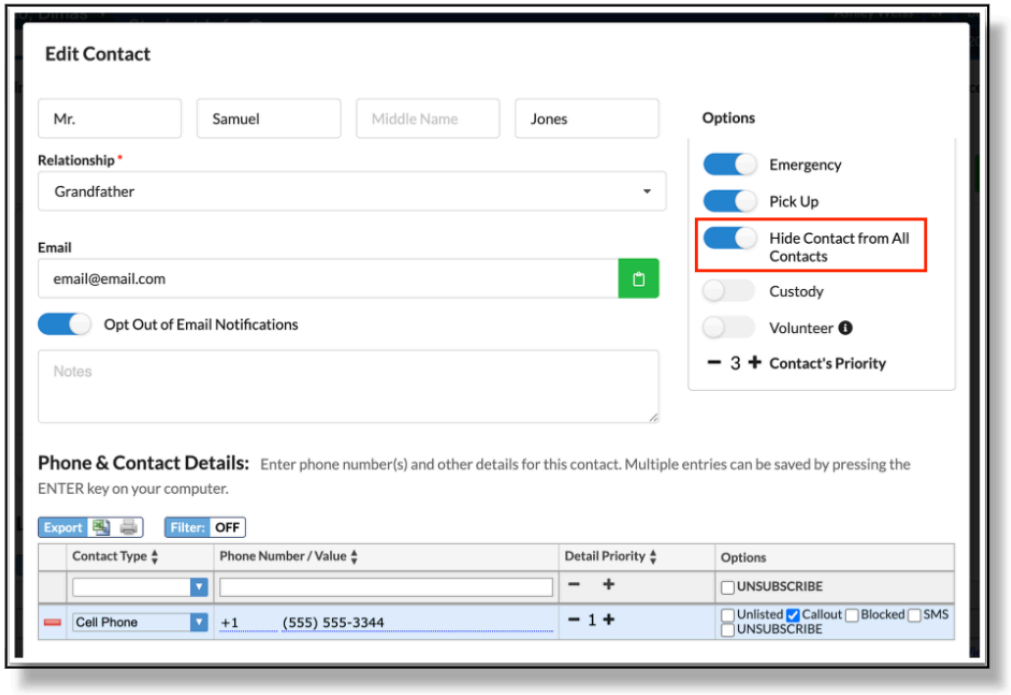


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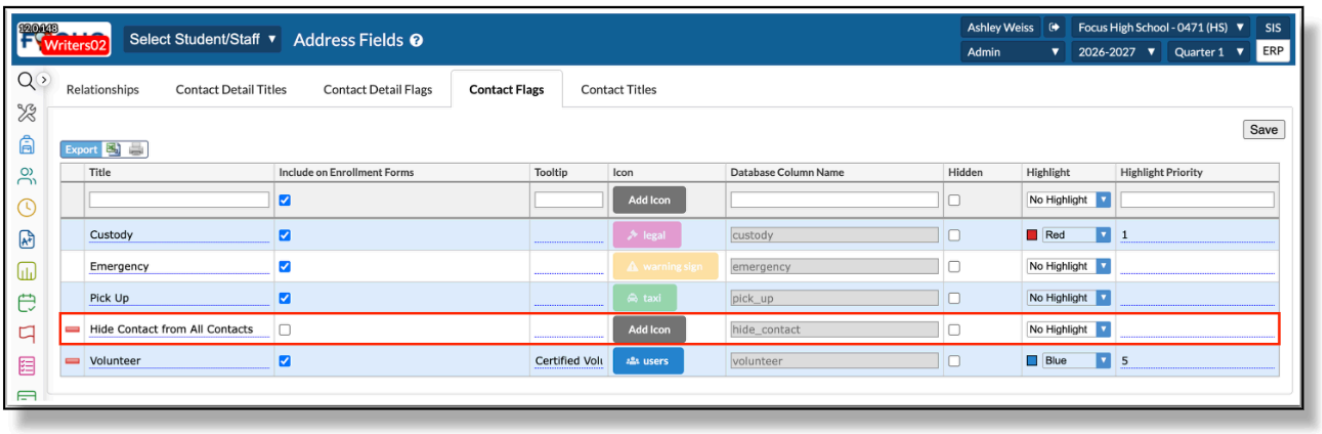
PROTECT SENSITIVE CONTACT INFORMATION [FOCUS-59803]

A new Hide Contact from All Contacts option gives districts additional flexibility when protecting

sensitive family information. When enabled by school staff, a contact's personal details—including address, phone numbers, email, birthdate, notes, and other contact information—are hidden from other parent portal users while still displaying the contact's name. This feature is especially useful for custody restrictions, restraining orders, and other privacy-related situations.



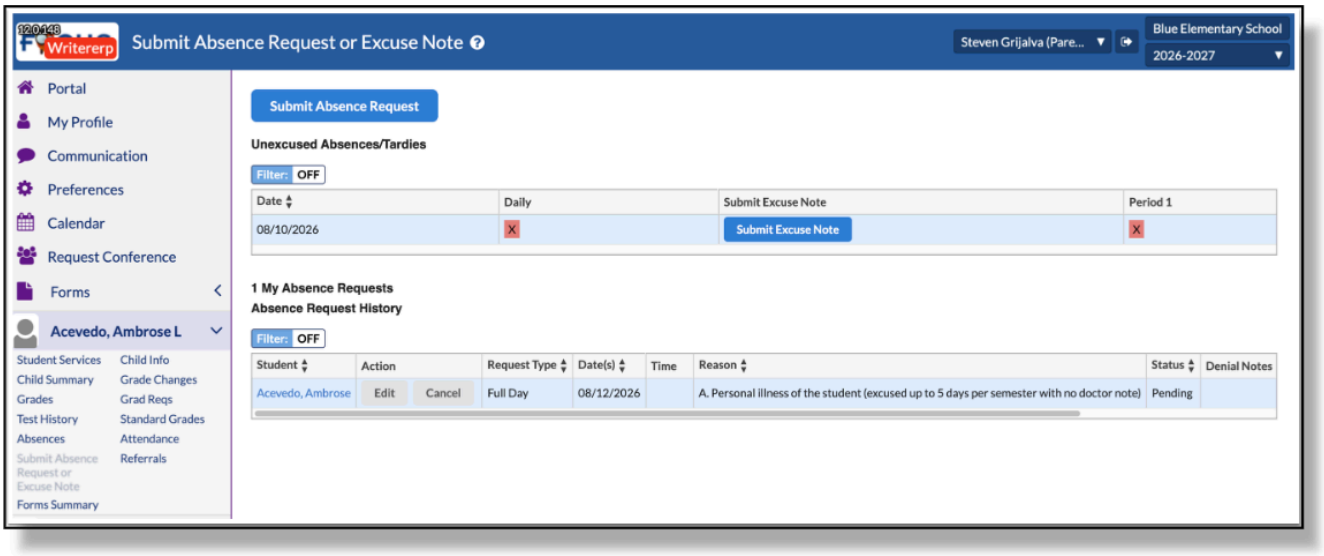
Districts that do not wish to use this feature can hide the contact flag through Address Fields setup. See Student Info > Adding a Contact (Admin), Address Fields > Setting Up Contact Flags, and Student Info > Adding a Contact (Teacher) for more information.



CLEARER ABSENCE REQUEST AND EXCUSE TERMINOLOGY [FOCUS-60018]

The Parent Portal and Community Mobile App have been updated with clearer terminology to better distinguish between submitting a new absence request and submitting an excuse note for an existing absence. Navigation labels, buttons, and forms have been renamed for consistency, and the Community Mobile App now includes the Unexcused Absences/Tardies table to match the Parent Portal experience. These changes apply only to the parent-facing experience; administrative

workflows remain unchanged. See Users > Profiles > Parents > My Child > Submit Absence Request or Excuse Note, Submit Absence Request or Excuse Note (Parents), Absences (Parents), Attendance (Parents), Attendance Calendar (Parents); Using the Mobile App for Parents/Students > Parents > Submitting a New Absence Request and Submitting an Excuse Note for Unexcused Absences/Tardies for more information.

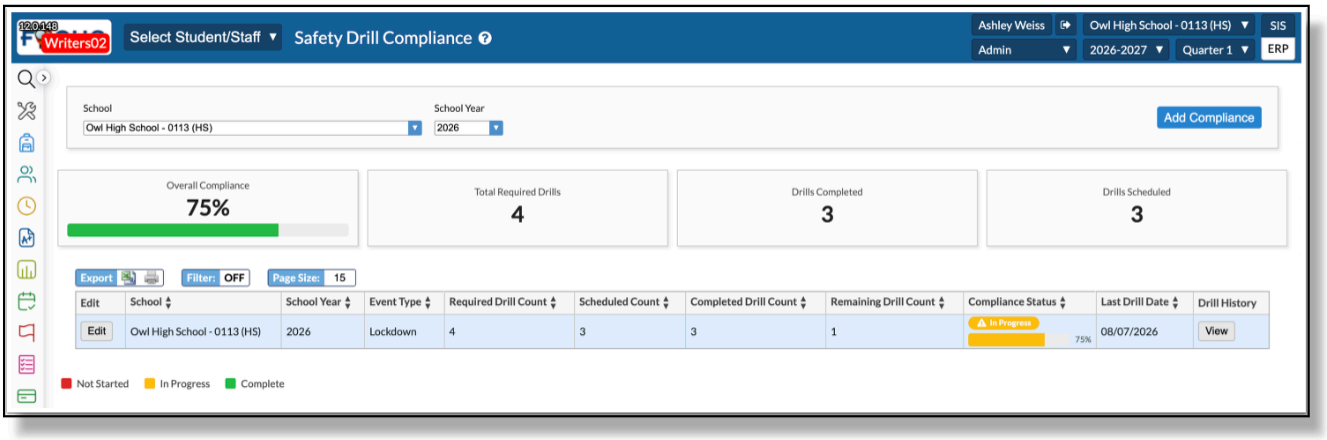


MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR 1-PAGE TRANSCRIPTS [FOCUS-59859]

Transcript printing now includes a new Hide Yr Column option for 1-page transcript templates. When enabled, the Year (Yr) marking period column is omitted from printed transcripts, giving districts additional control over transcript formatting. This option is available only when the 1-page by marking period format is not selected.

TRACK SAFETY DRILL COMPLIANCE IN ONE PLACE [FOCUS-59741]

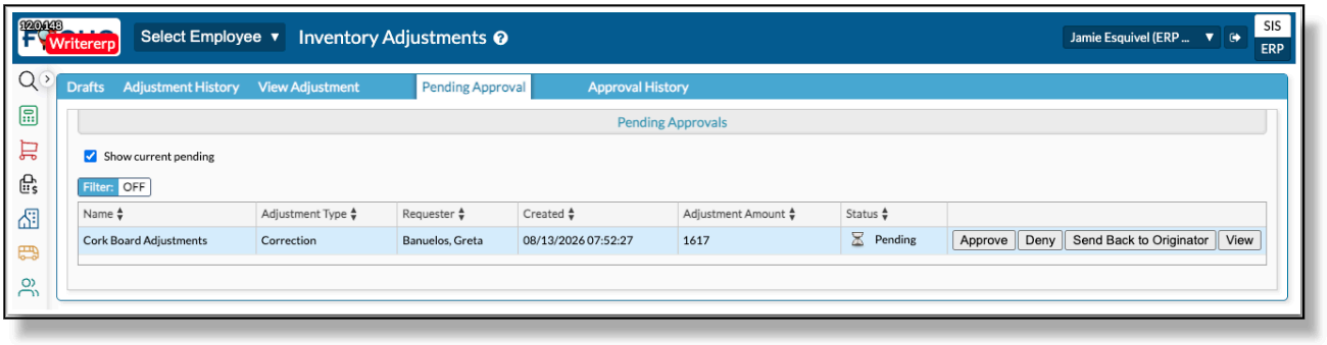
Safety Management now includes a dedicated Safety Drill Compliance screen that helps districts monitor required drills by school and school year. Staff can quickly review compliance percentages, required and completed drill counts, upcoming scheduled drills, and drill history by event type. Users with appropriate permissions can also configure compliance requirements directly from the screen, making it easier to manage safety readiness throughout the year. See Safety Drill Compliance and Profiles for more information.



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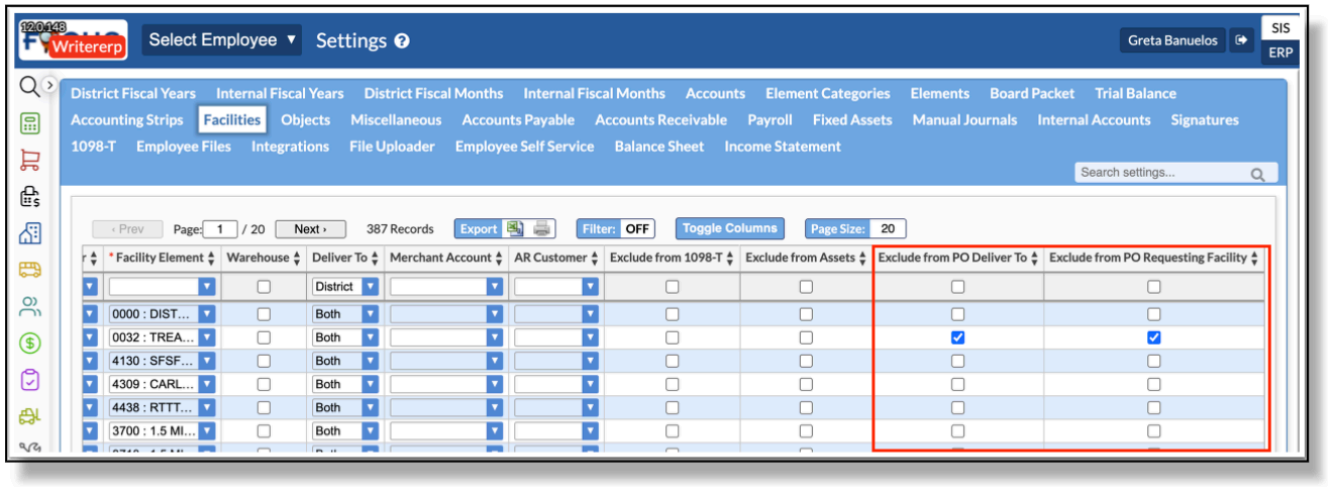
APPROVAL WORKFLOWS FOR INVENTORY ADJUSTMENTS [FOCUS-55884]

Warehouse Inventory Adjustments can now participate in configurable approval workflows instead of being automatically approved. Districts can define approval tiers, assign approvers and substitutes, track approval history, receive portal alerts for pending requests, and allow approvers to approve, deny, or return requests for revision. This enhancement brings Inventory Adjustments in line with other ERP approval processes while providing a complete audit trail. See Warehouse > Inventory Adjustments > Pending Approval and Approval History for more information.



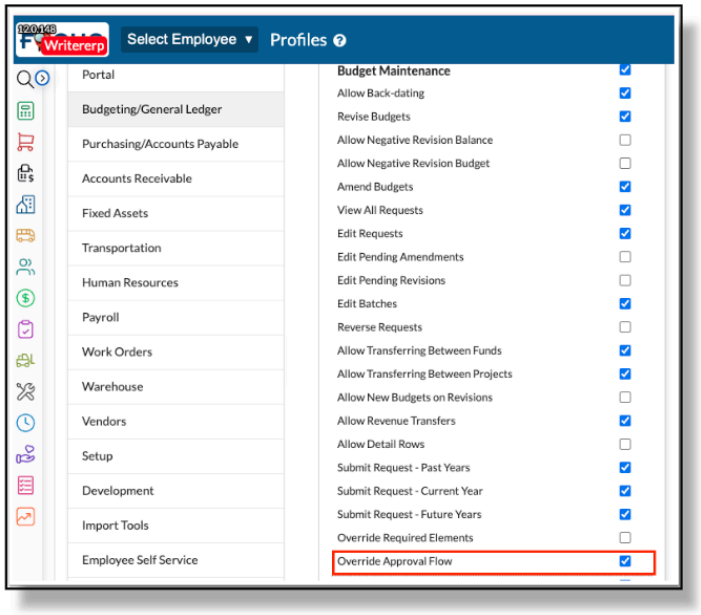
EXCLUDE FACILITIES FROM PURCHASE ORDERS [FOCUS-57565]

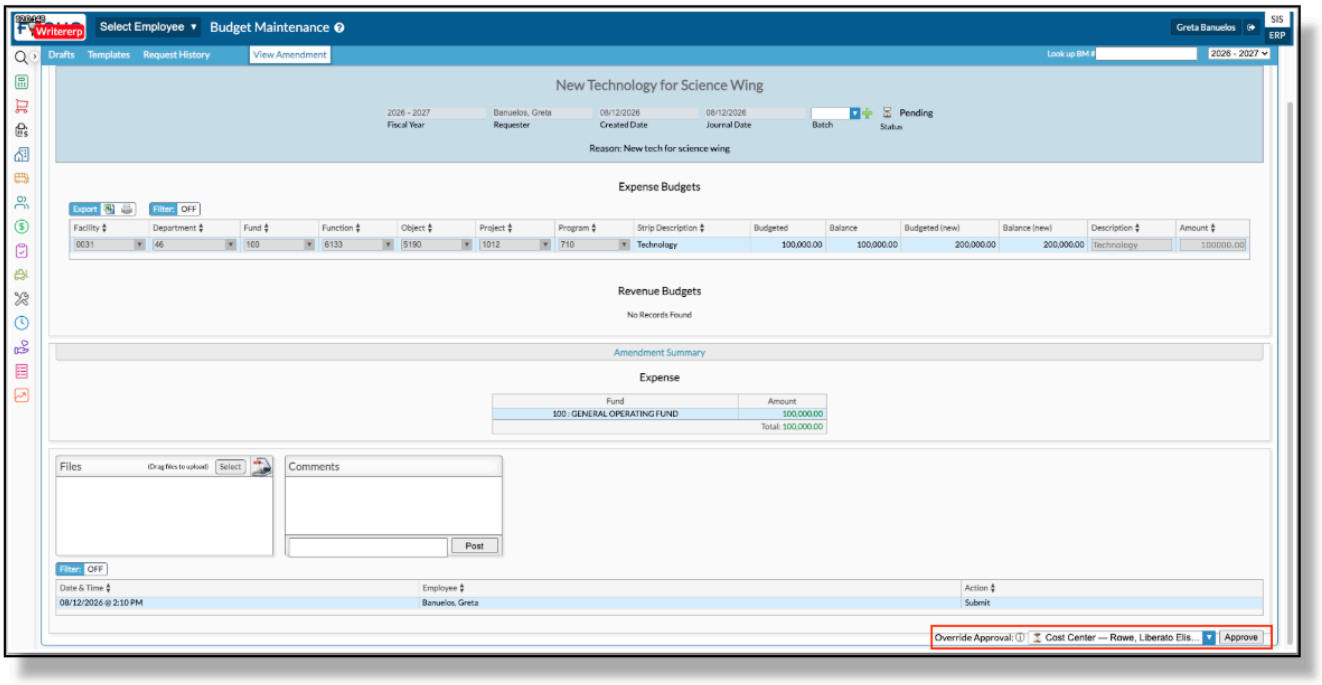
Facilities can now be excluded from the Deliver To and Requesting Facility selections used in Purchase Orders. These new configuration options help districts control which facilities are available during PO creation, approval, and P-Card imports, reducing selection errors and ensuring only appropriate facilities are used throughout the purchasing process. See Setup > Settings > Facilities for more information.



OVERRIDE APPROVAL FLOWS WHEN NEEDED [FOCUS-59541]

A new permission-controlled Override Approval Flow feature gives authorized users the ability to bypass pending approval tiers when necessary. Available across several ERP modules—including Budget Maintenance, Manual Journals, Purchase Orders, and Accounts Receivable Receipts—the enhancement introduces a unified override interface that displays pending approvers by approval tier while maintaining visibility into the full approval chain. Standard approval behavior remains unchanged for users without the new permission.



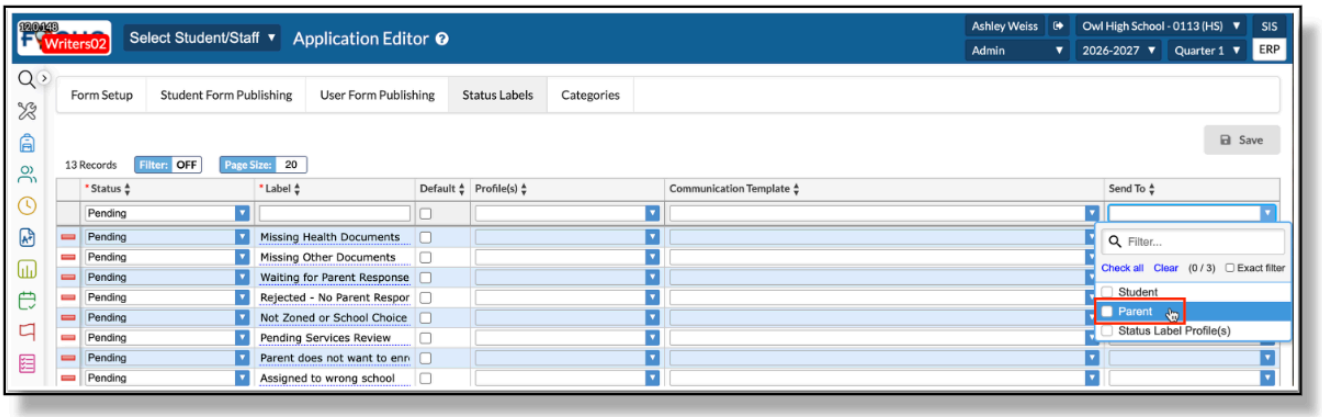


New Online Application Improvements

This release includes a targeted enhancement that improves communication with families by making status notification emails more precise. When application status updates are configured to notify the parent, email notifications are now sent only to the individual who submitted the form, ensuring communications reach the intended recipient.

SEND STATUS NOTIFICATIONS TO THE FORM SUBMITTER [FOCUS-59477]

Application status label notifications now send only to the parent or guardian who submitted the form when the Send To: Parent option is selected. Previously, these notifications were sent to all custodial contacts associated with the student. If no parent or guardian submitted the application, no email is sent. To reflect this behavior, the Send To option in Application Setup has also been renamed from Parents to Parent.



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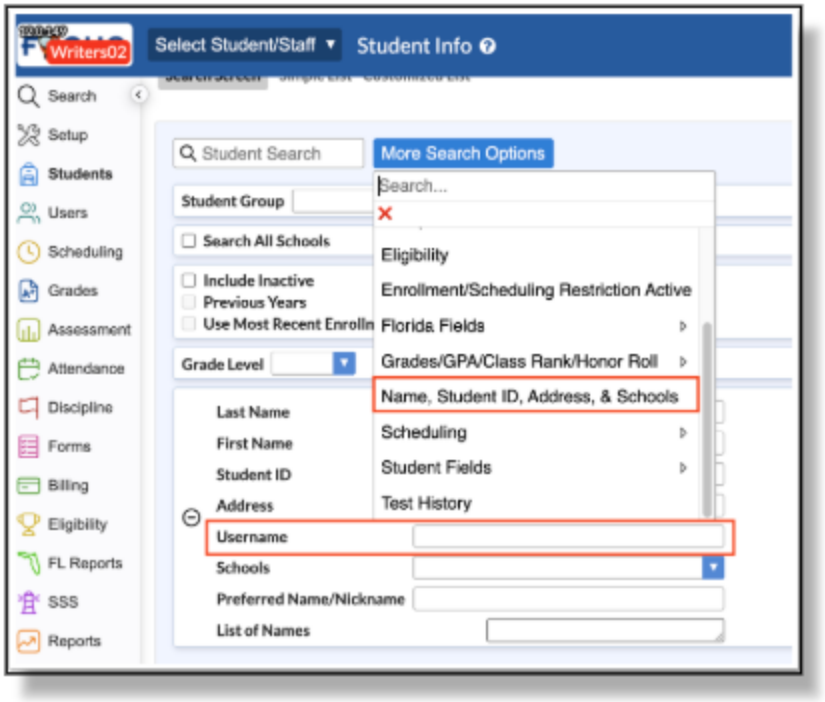
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SEARCH FOR STUDENTS BY USERNAME [FOCUS-60045]

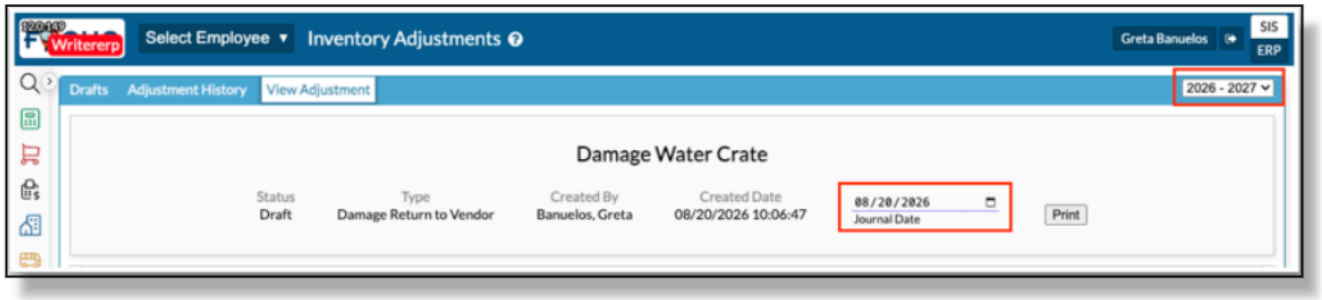
Student Search now makes it easier to locate students when their system username is known. A new Username search field is available under More Search Options > Name, Student ID, Address, & School, allowing users to search directly by a student's system username alongside existing student search criteria.



ERP | Finance and HR Systems

GREATER DATE CONTROL FOR INVENTORY ADJUSTMENTS [FOCUS-59936]

Warehouse Inventory Adjustments now provide greater control over when adjustments are reflected in accounting. Users can select the applicable Fiscal Year and specify a Journal Date when submitting an adjustment, allowing transactions to be posted to the appropriate accounting period rather than always using the current date. Journal Dates must fall within the selected fiscal year and an open fiscal period, and a new profile permission controls access to modifying the Journal Date or selecting a prior fiscal year. Adjustment History can also be filtered by fiscal year or viewed across all years. Once an adjustment is completed, its Fiscal Year and Journal Date cannot be changed.

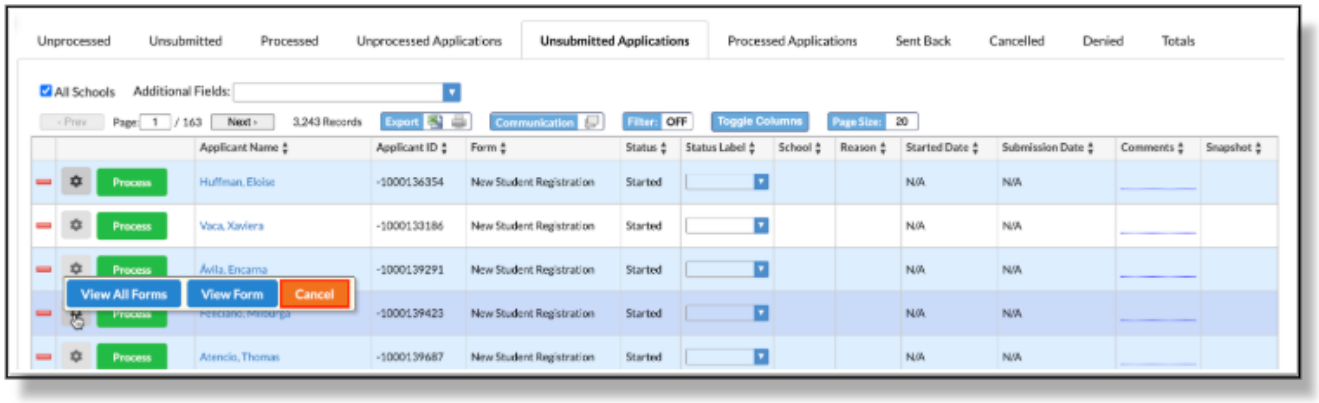


New Online Application Improvements

This release gives administrators greater flexibility when managing applications that were started but never submitted. Unsubmitted applications can now be cancelled directly from Online Enrollments, making it easier to clean up applications that are no longer needed and keep enrollment worklists focused on active submissions.

CANCEL APPLICATIONS BEFORE THEY ARE SUBMITTED [FOCUS-60402]

Users with the Cancel Applications permission can now cancel an application directly from the gear icon on the Unsubmitted Applications tab in Online Enrollments. Once cancelled, the application moves to the Cancelled tab, providing a simple way to remove abandoned, duplicate, or otherwise unnecessary applications from the active workflow.



The Cancel option is not available for applications that are already Processed, Sent Back, Denied, or Cancelled. Existing functionality for cancelling unprocessed applications remains unchanged and continues to use the same Cancel Applications permission.

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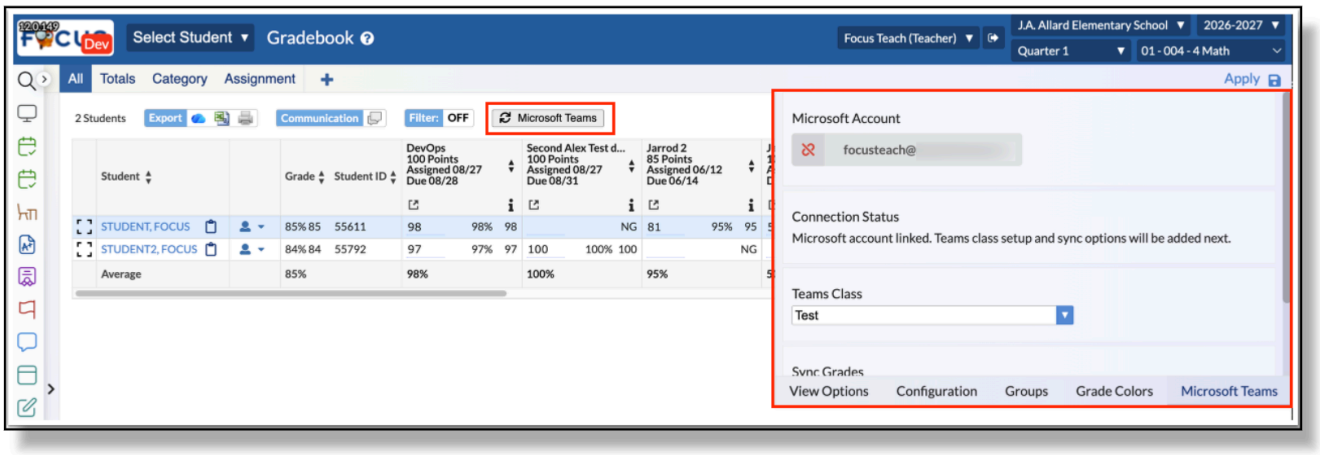
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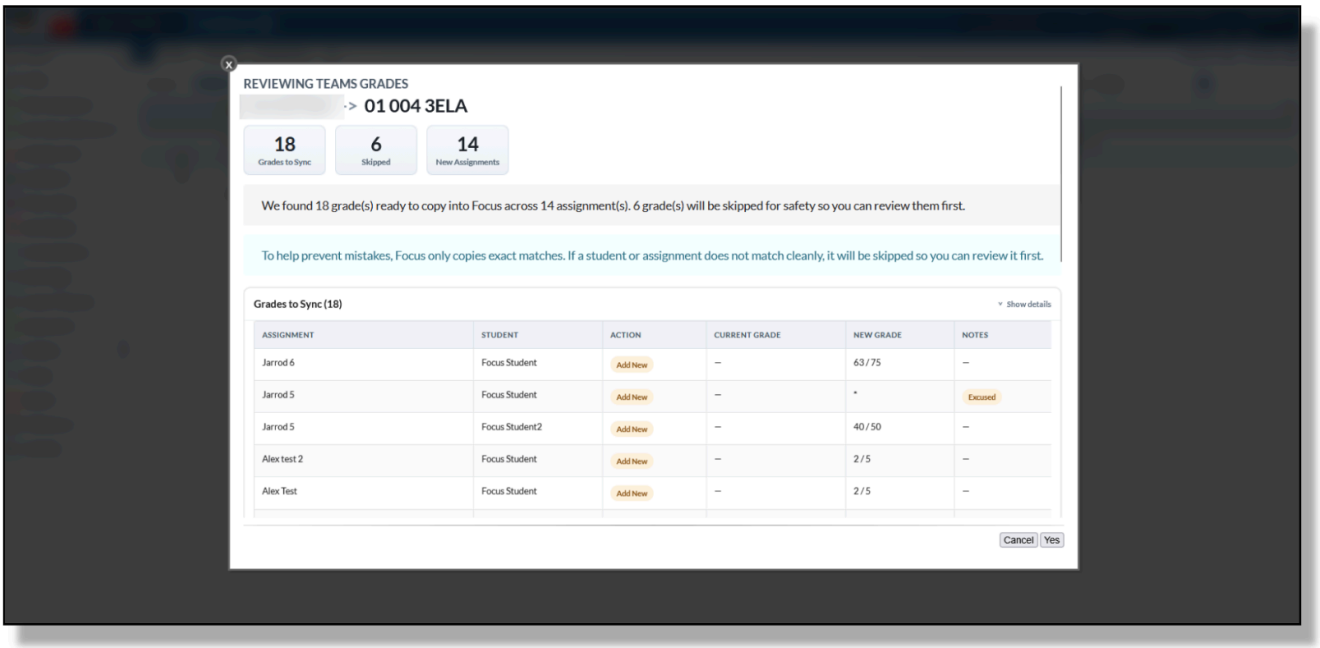
Teachers using Microsoft Teams can now connect their classes with Focus Gradebook and import categories, assignments, and student grades directly into Focus.

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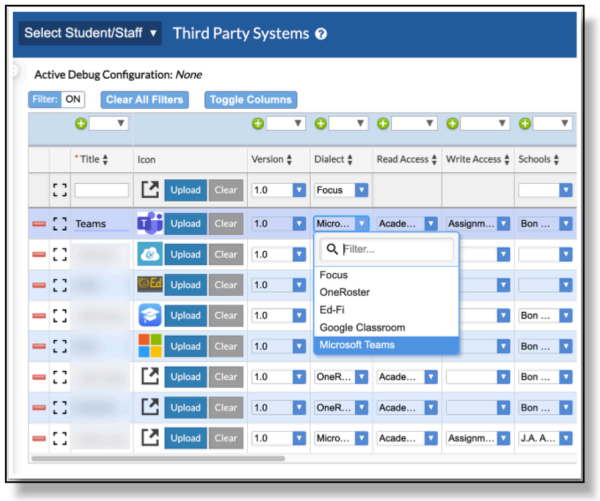
A new Microsoft Teams option in Gradebook lets teachers preview available assignments and grades before completing the sync. Focus creates categories as needed and imports assignment details, point values, and grades, while subsequent syncs bring applicable changes from Teams into the Gradebook.



The integration is a one-way sync from Microsoft Teams to Focus, so changes made only in Focus are not sent back to Teams and may be overwritten during a later sync. Existing Google Classroom integration functionality remains unchanged.

Microsoft Teams must be configured through Third Party Systems, and the Show Microsoft Teams permission must be enabled for teachers who will use the integration. See Third Party Systems,

Profiles > Teacher > Grades tab > Show Microsoft Teams, and Gradebook > Microsoft Teams for more information.



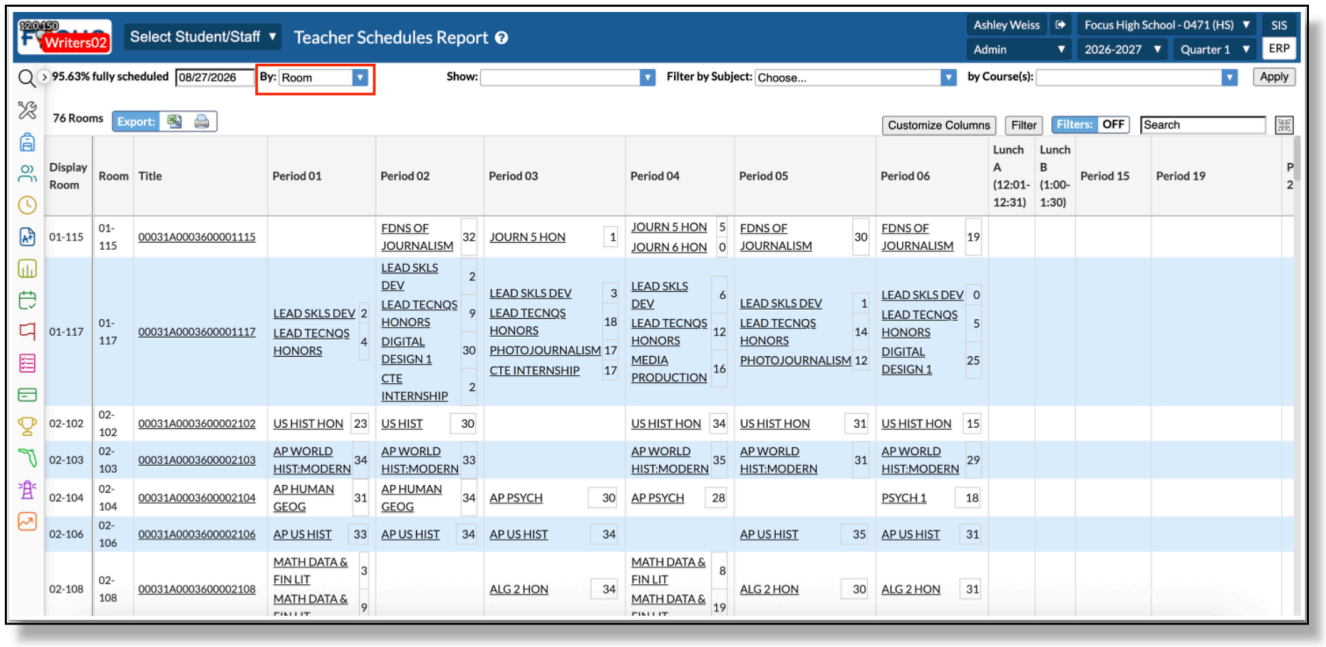
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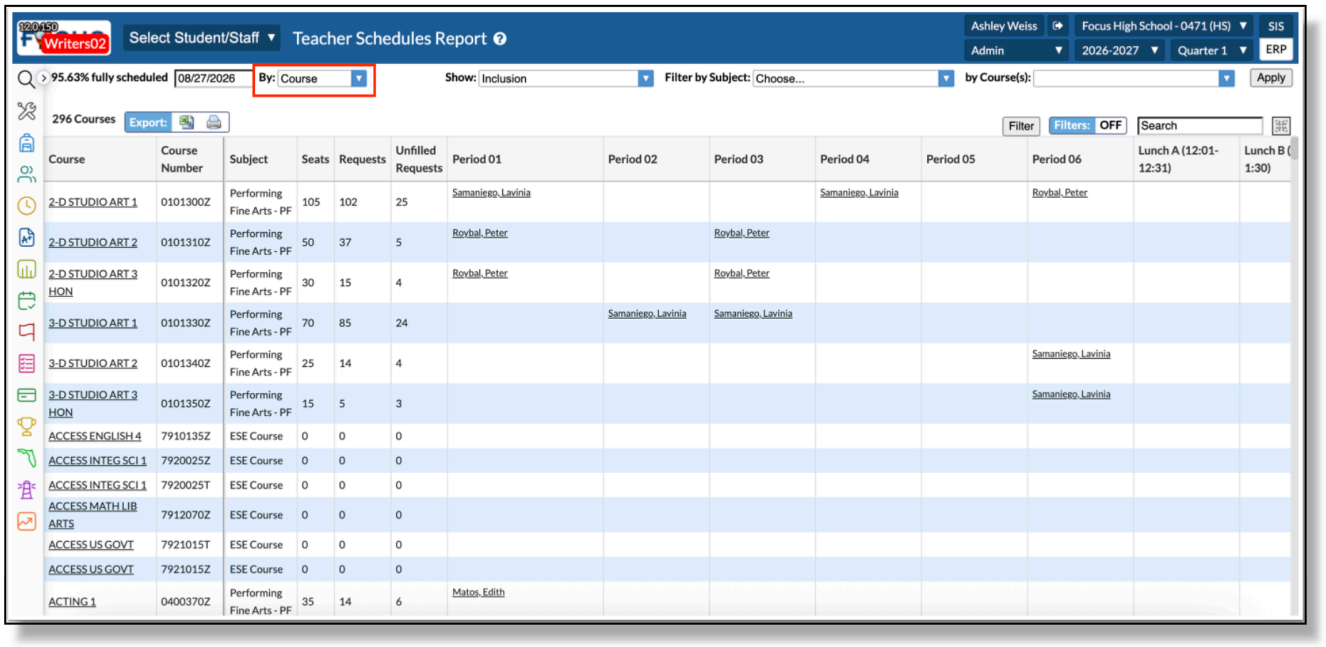
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EXPANDED TEACHER SCHEDULES REPORT [FOCUS-56525]

The Teacher Schedules Report now brings more scheduling information together in one place with a new By selector for viewing schedules by Teacher, Room, or Course. The Room view replaces the previous Room Schedules report, while the new Course view provides a period-by-period look at seats, requests, and unfilled requests. Scheduling staff can also quickly add or duplicate sections directly from the By Course report, making it easier to respond to course demand and manage room usage. See Teacher Schedules Report for more information.





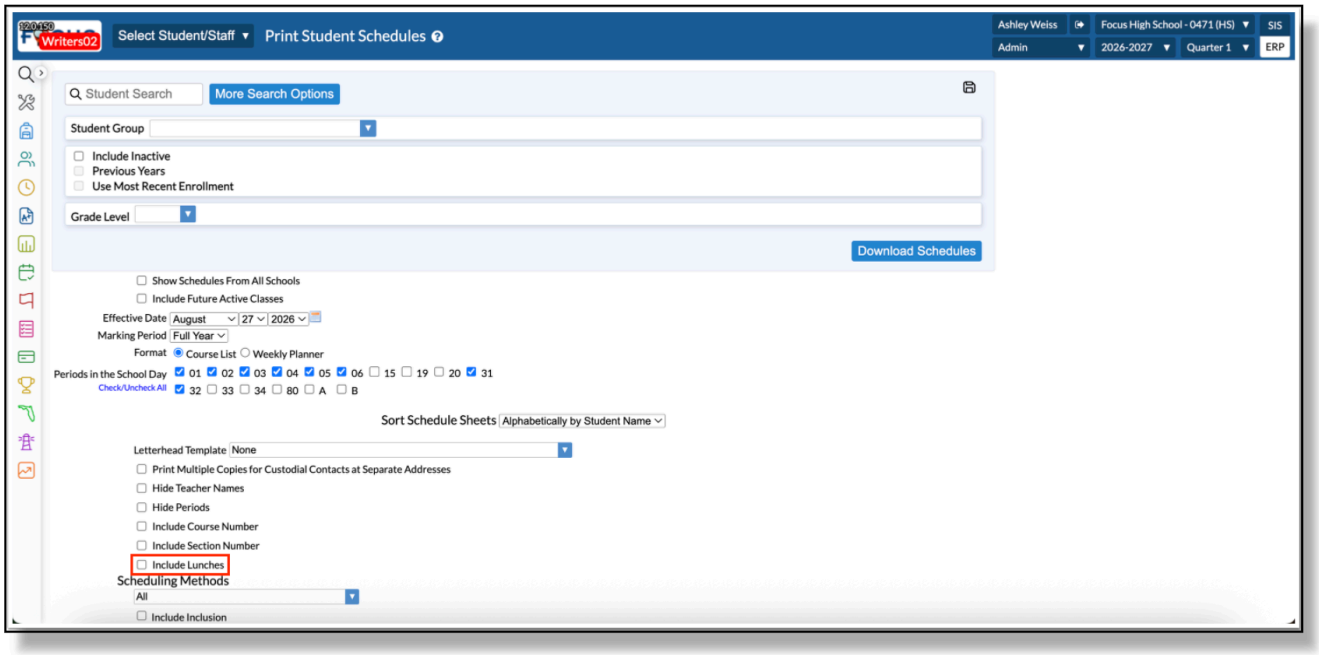
VIEW INCLUSION TEACHERS SEPARATELY [FOCUS-58969]

For districts using Inclusion, the Teacher Schedules Report now includes a dedicated Inclusion option in the Show menu. Inclusion teachers can be displayed independently from Co-Teachers, making it easier to identify and review inclusion support assignments without combining them with other co-teaching relationships. This option is available only for districts using Inclusion. See Teacher Schedules Report for more information.

INCLUDE LUNCHES ON PRINTED STUDENT SCHEDULES [FOCUS-60717]

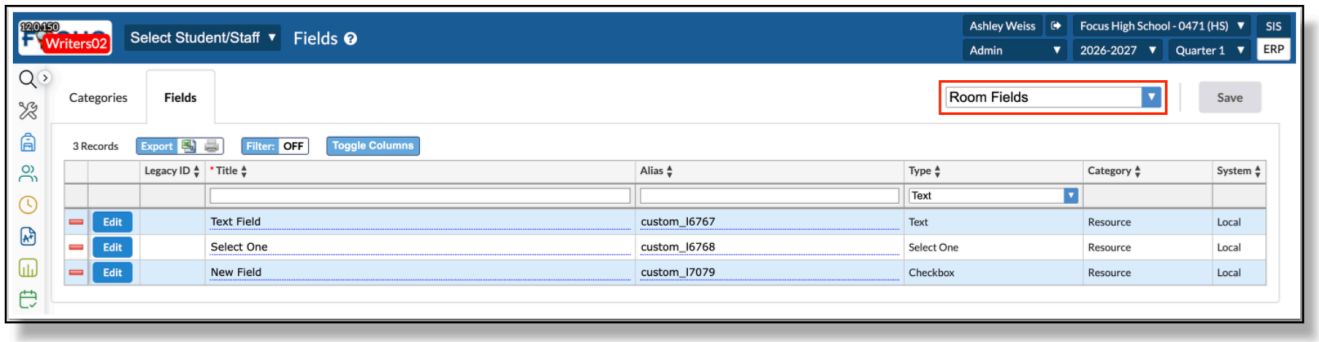
Print Student Schedules now includes an Include Lunches option for bulk schedule printing. When

selected, lunch information is included just as it is when printing from an individual student's Schedule page. When the option is not selected, existing schedule printing behavior remains unchanged. See Print Student Schedules for more information.



ADD CUSTOM FIELDS FOR ROOMS [FOCUS-59467]

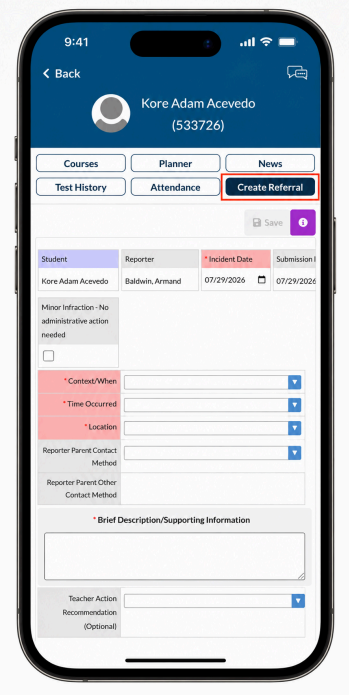
Administrators can now create Room custom fields through Setup > Fields, providing more flexibility for tracking district-specific information about rooms and other resources. Supported field types include Text, Long Text, Checkbox, Number, Date, Time, Select One, Select Multiple, Computed, and Placeholder fields, with the resulting information available in Setup > Rooms. Access is controlled through a new Rooms profile permission. See Fields > Room Fields and Profiles for more information.



CREATE DISCIPLINE REFERRALS FROM THE MOBILE APP [FOCUS-57887]

Authorized staff can now create student discipline referrals directly from the Community Mobile App. A new Referral tab on the student's mobile profile allows users with the appropriate discipline

permissions to enter and submit referral details without leaving the app. The tab remains hidden for students, parents, and staff who do not have permission to create referrals. See Using the Mobile App for Administrators and Using the Mobile App for Teachers for more information.

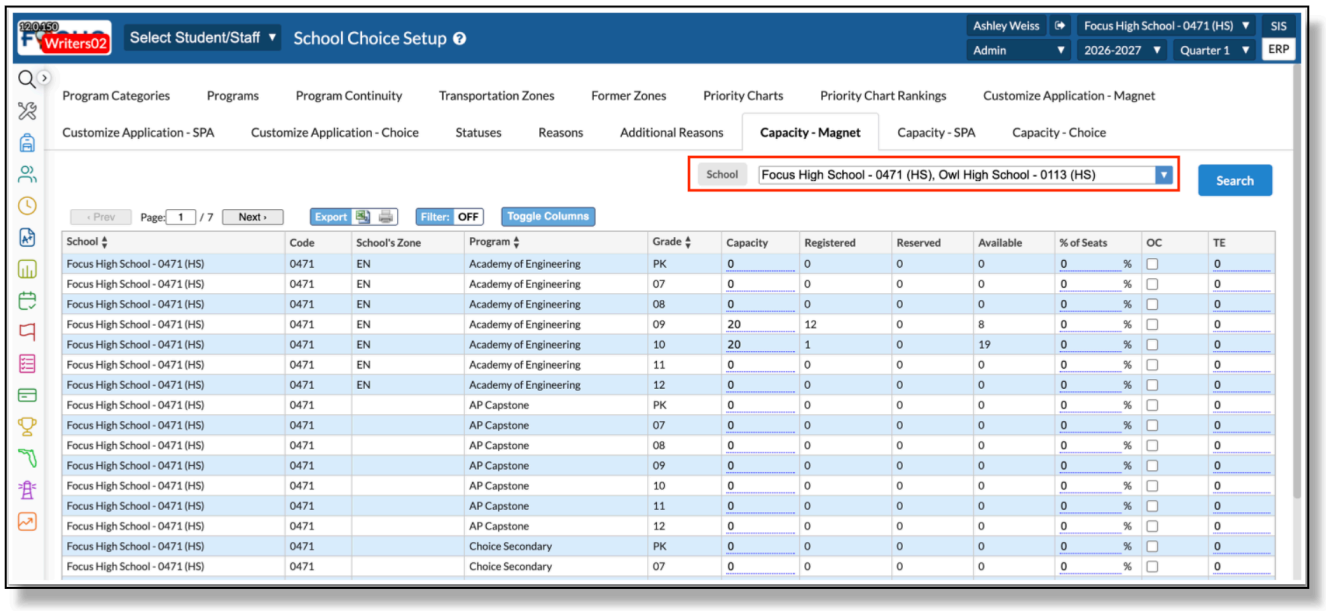


SEARCH PREVIOUS-YEAR INACTIVE STUDENTS AS A TEACHER [FOCUS-56720]

Teachers with the Edit Previous Years Inactive Students permission can now use Include Previous Years Inactive Students from Student Search and the Students page without first switching to a previous school year. Teachers remain limited to students within their own sections and cannot use the option to search across the entire school. See Searching for Students (Teachers) for more information.

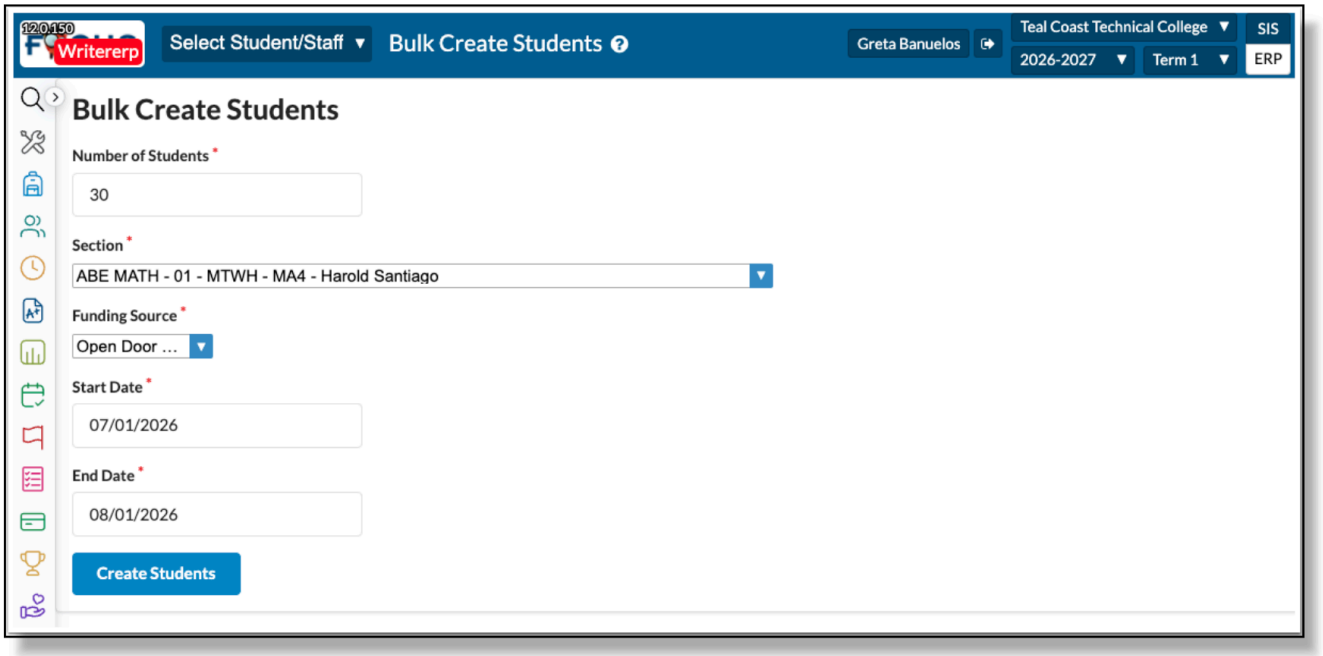
MANAGE CAPACITY ACROSS MULTIPLE SCHOOLS [FOCUS-59527]

School Choice Capacity setup now supports selecting multiple schools in a single search, making it easier to review and manage capacity information across several schools at once. Users see only schools they are authorized to access, and the capacity table has been expanded to the full width of the page for easier review. The School Filter field under School Fields also now supports tags within the swift box selector. See School Choice Setup > Setting Up Program Capacity for more information.



BULK CREATE STUDENTS FOR POSTSECONDARY AND CTE [FOCUS-56349]

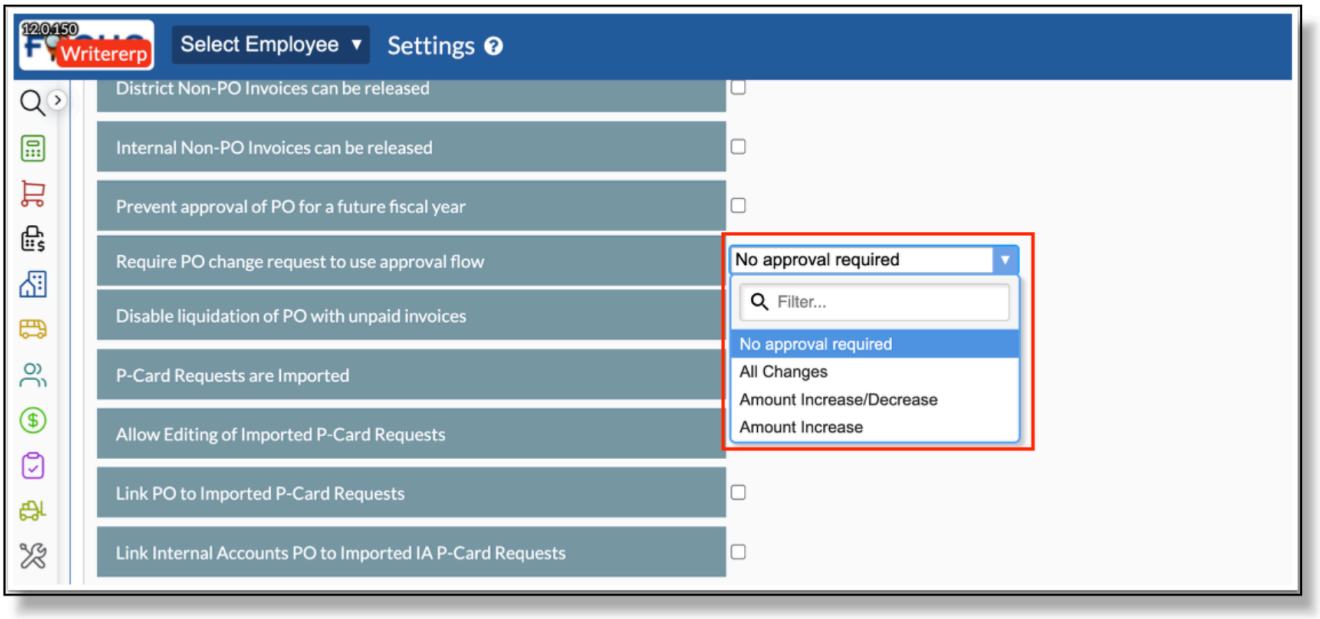
Postsecondary and CTE organizations can now use Students > Bulk Create Students to quickly create groups of placeholder students when training seats need to be reserved before individual student information is available. Authorized users can specify the number of students, course or section, funding source, enrollment dates, and optional parent accounts. Focus then creates the student records, enrolls them in the selected school year, and schedules them into available sections when seats are available, helping support employer-sponsored and other group-funded enrollment and billing workflows. See Users > Profiles > Permissions Explained > Menu > Admin > Students and Bulk Create Students > Bulk Creating Students for more information.



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CUSTOMIZE WHEN PO CHANGES REQUIRE RE-APPROVAL [FOCUS-57266]

Districts now have more control over when changes to approved Purchase Orders must return through the approval process. The Require PO Change Request to Use Approval Flow setting has been expanded from a simple checkbox to four options: No Approval Required, All Changes, Amount Increase/Decrease, or Amount Increase. This allows districts to determine whether re-approval is required for every change, only dollar changes, only increases, or not at all—helping align PO change workflows with local business practices. See Setup > Settings > Accounts Payable > Misc, Purchase Requests/Orders > Request History, and Internal Purchase Requests/Orders > Request History for more information.



MANAGE AND TRACK EMPLOYEE TASKS THROUGH TIME & ATTENDANCE [FOCUS-59982]

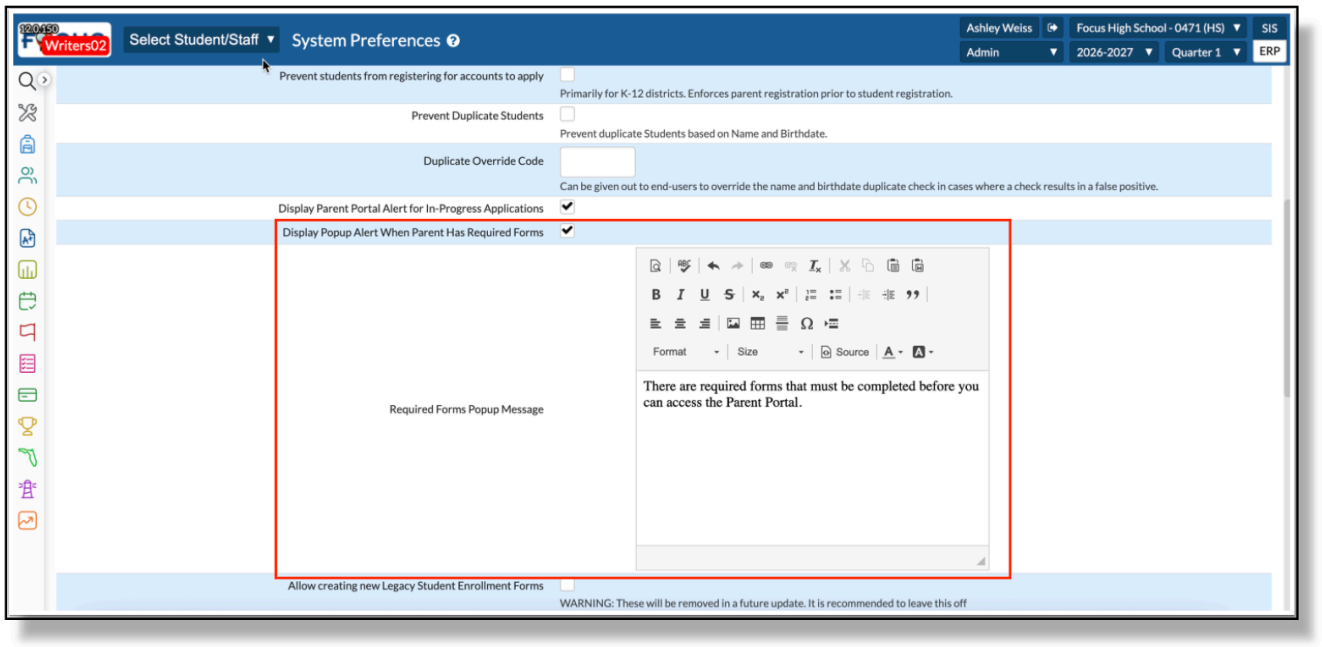
Time & Attendance now includes expanded Task Management capabilities for assigning work and tracking employee time against specific tasks. Administrators can create and dispatch individual or recurring tasks, manage assignments through a centralized Assigned Tasks view, and configure schedules so employees can start and end assigned tasks directly from the timeclock. Task scheduling respects district and school calendars, including holidays and non-work days, while automated finalization helps manage tasks that exceed configured thresholds. Bulk CSV imports are also supported for task definitions and assignments, providing additional flexibility for districts managing tasks at scale.

New Online Application Improvements

This release improves the Applications & Forms experience for parents, making required and returned forms easier to identify and complete.

ALERT PARENTS WHEN REQUIRED FORMS ARE WAITING [FOCUS-59980]

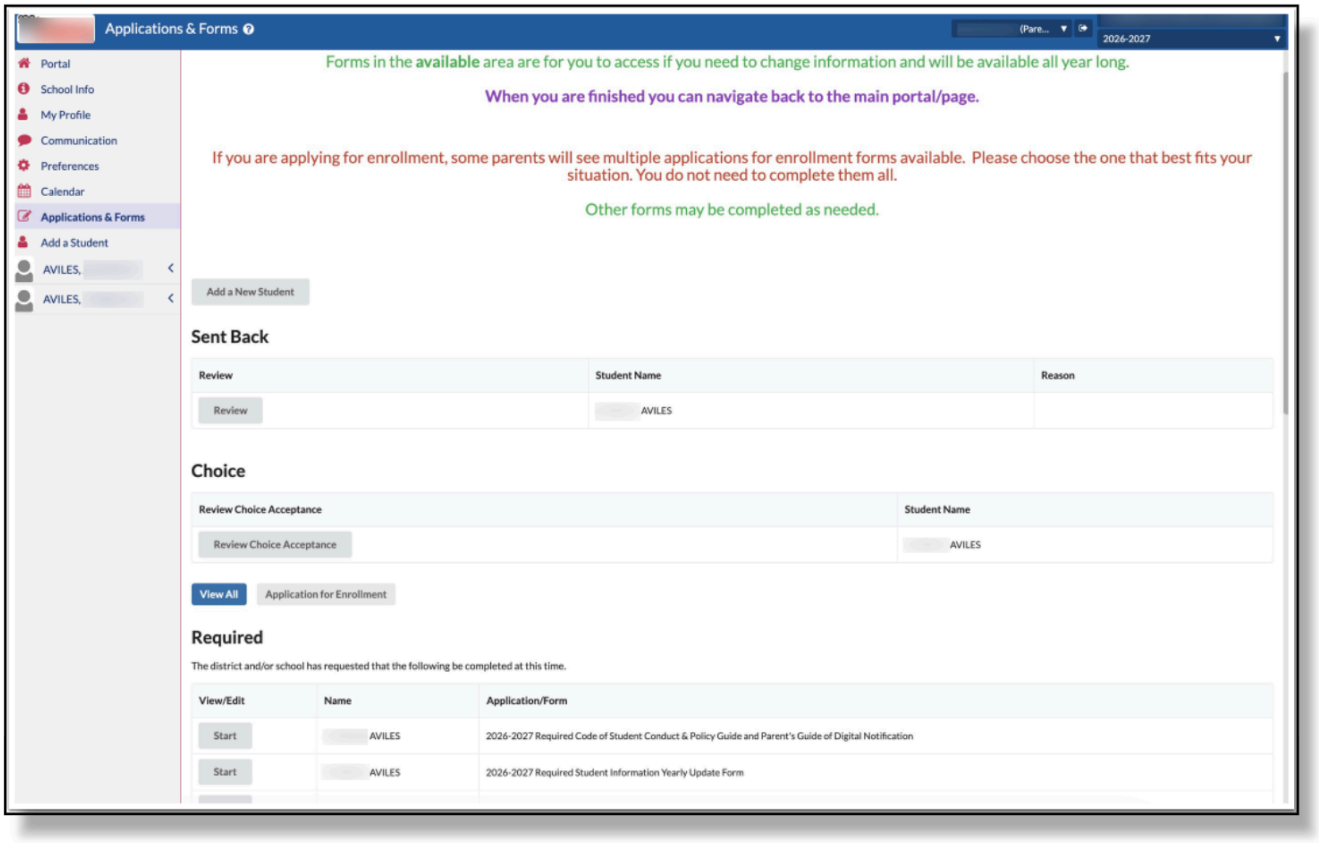
Districts can now display a customizable popup when parents have required forms that must be completed. Two new Online Application system preferences allow administrators to enable the alert and configure its message using a rich text editor. After acknowledging the notification, parents are directed to their required forms. The alert is displayed only to parents and does not affect student or staff users. Existing behavior remains unchanged unless the new feature is enabled.



MAKE SENT-BACK APPLICATIONS EASIER TO FIND [FOCUS-59563]

The Parent Portal Applications & Forms page now places sent-back forms and applications in a dedicated section at the top of the page, making items requiring additional attention easier for families to find. Completed items are also sorted with the most recently completed first.

Parents with a pending School Choice application can now use a Review Choice Acceptance button directly from Applications & Forms to access their School Choice options. This experience is also supported within the Community Mobile App, where School Choice opens directly in the app rather than redirecting the parent to an external page.



For a complete list of enhancements included in v12.0.150, see the New Applications Module release notes.

MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR PARENT ABSENCE REQUESTS

Recent improvements to Parent Absence Requests give districts greater control over how families submit requests while providing staff with additional tools to review, correct, and process them.

LIMIT PARENTS TO SUBMITTING EXCUSE NOTES [FOCUS-60816]

A new Restrict Parent Absence Requests to Unexcused Absences/Tardies Only system preference allows districts to limit parents to submitting excuse notes for existing unexcused absences and tardies rather than creating new absence requests. This setting is evaluated by school, providing the appropriate experience for families with students attending multiple schools.

When enabled, parents see Submit Excuse Note and the unexcused absences and tardies requiring attention. If there are no applicable records, parents are notified that no requests are needed.

MORE FLEXIBILITY WHEN REVIEWING REQUESTS [FOCUS-60816]

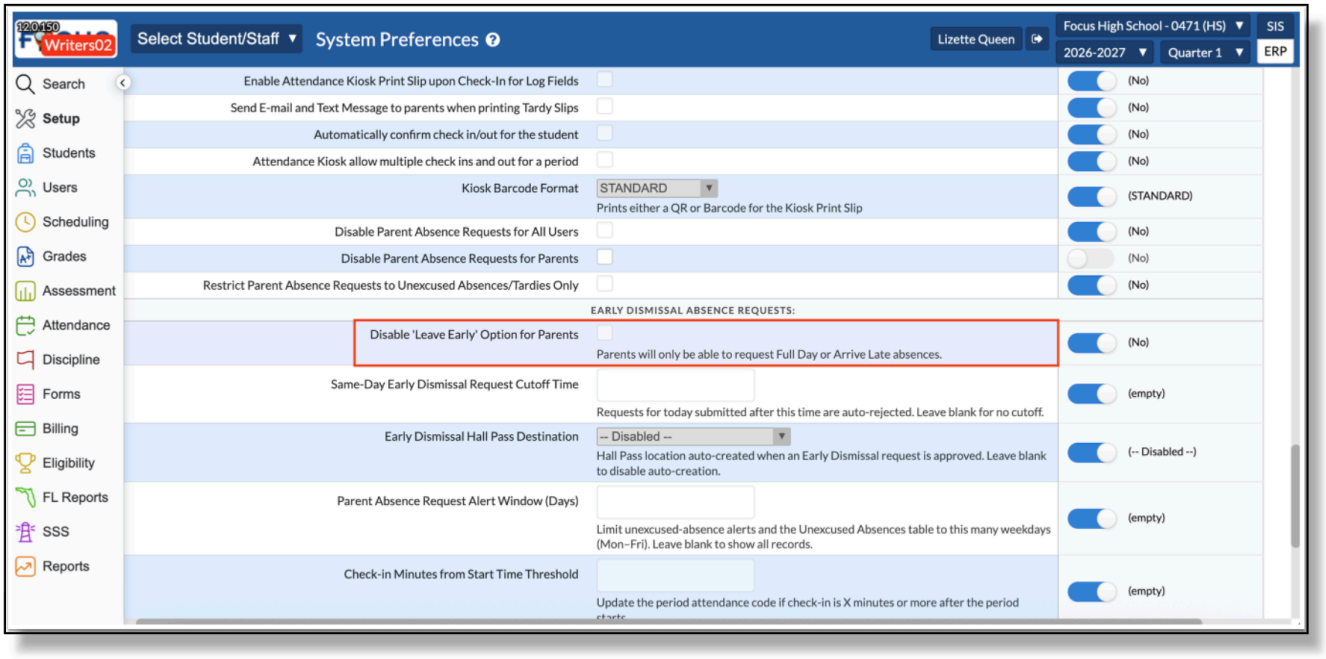
Staff can now edit the Request Type, Start Time, and End Time while reviewing a Parent Absence Request, allowing the submission to be corrected before approval when it does not match the actual attendance record.

For Late Arrival and Early Dismissal requests, staff can also approve a request without updating attendance, allowing the associated Late Check In or Early Release record to control the attendance update instead. Parents are now required to provide a time when submitting Late Arrival or Leave Early requests.

DRAG, DROP, AND CONTROL LEAVE EARLY REQUESTS [FOCUS-60754]

Supporting documentation can now be added using drag-and-drop file uploads, making it easier for parents and staff to attach documentation to absence requests.

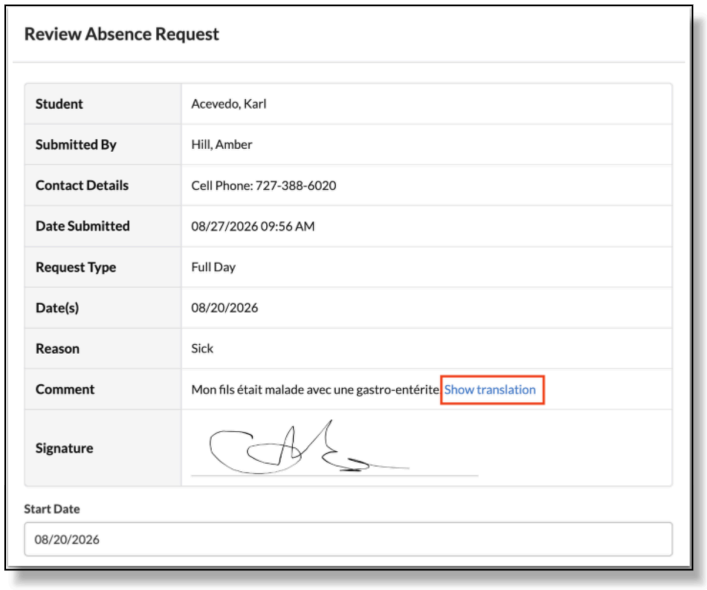
Districts also have a new Disable Leave Early Option for Parents system preference. When enabled, parents can submit only Full Day or Arrive Late requests, while staff continue to have access to all request types. See System Preferences > Attendance tab > Disable 'Leave Early' Option for Parents for more information.



TRANSLATE PARENT COMMENTS DURING REVIEW [FOCUS-60623]

Staff can now translate comments submitted by parents using a non-English portal language directly from the request review screen. A Show Translation option displays the comment in the reviewer's configured language, with Show Original available to return to the parent's original text.

This functionality is available to all districts and does not require the Communication module. Both languages must be configured in the district's language table for the translation option to appear.



PREVENT REQUESTS WHEN ATTENDANCE CANNOT BE RECORDED [FOCUS-60640]

Parent Absence Requests now verify that the student has an active schedule with attendance-taking sections for the requested dates. If no qualifying schedule exists, the request cannot be submitted and the parent receives a warning, preventing requests from entering the approval process when there is no applicable attendance record to update.

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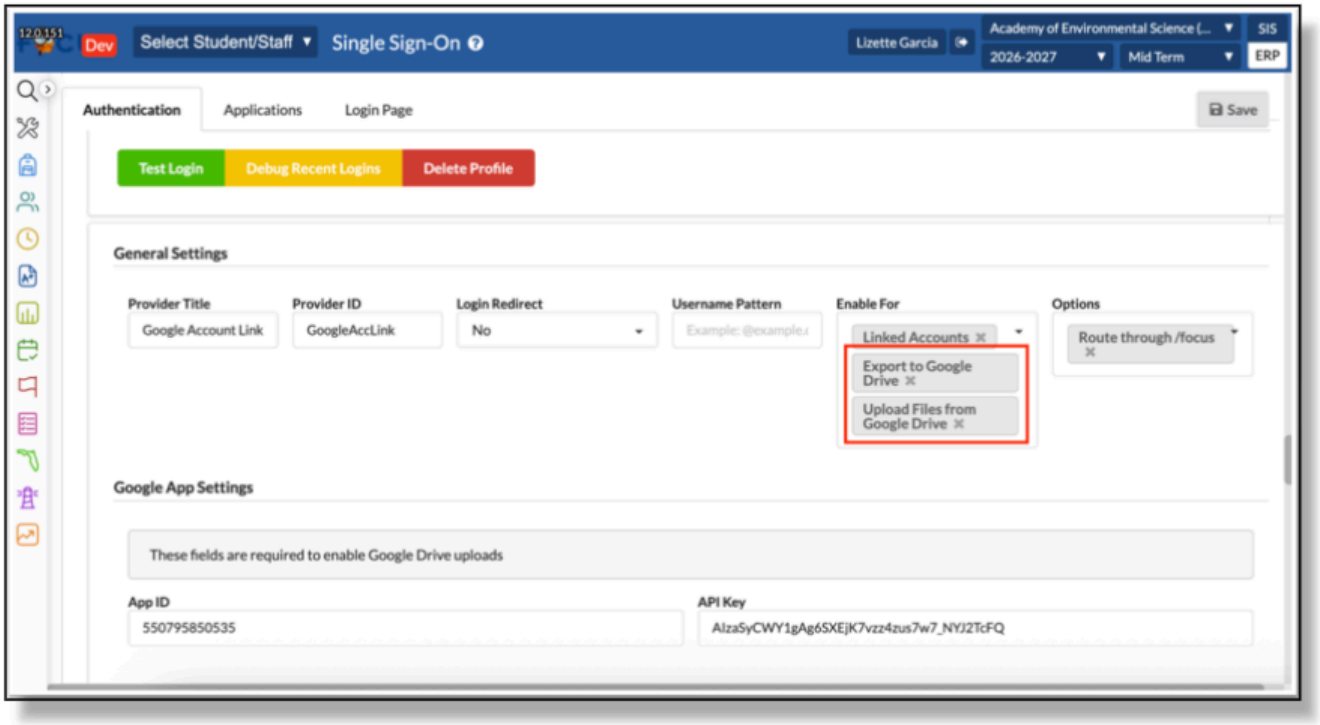
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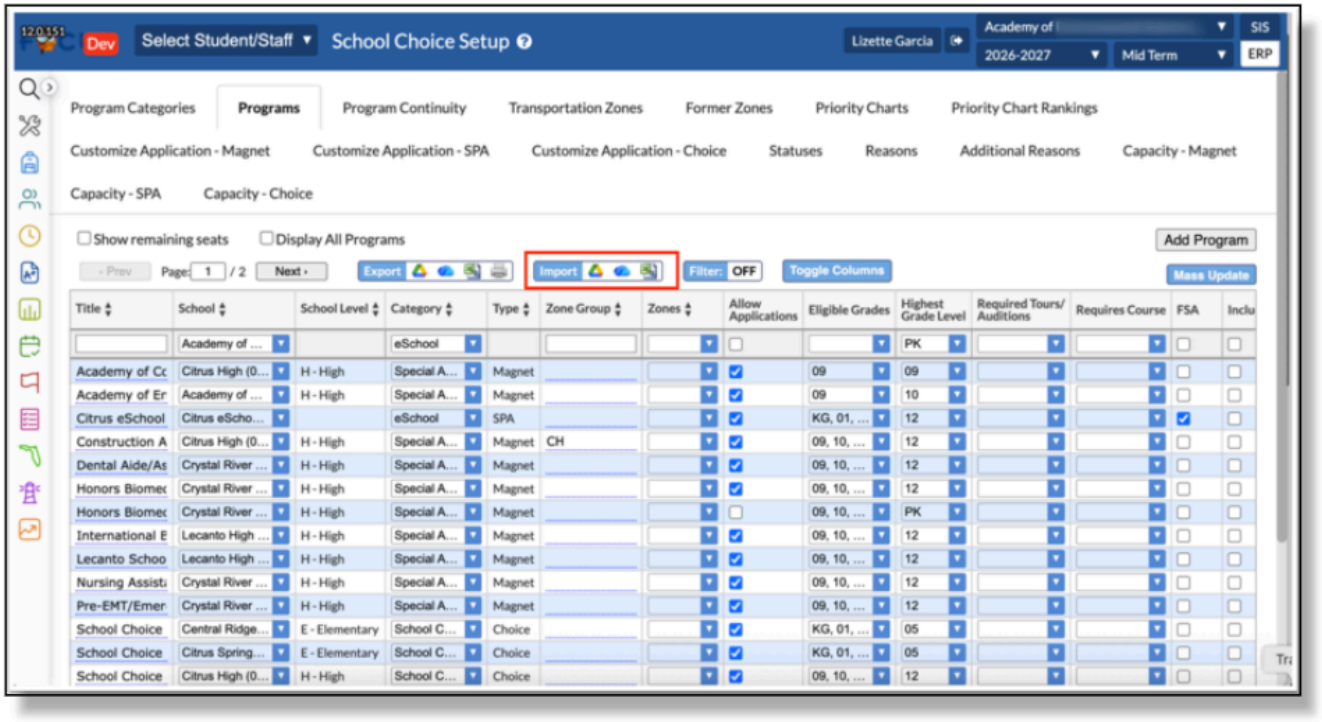
This week's release delivers exciting new improvements across Focus Core, SIS, and ERP — all crafted to enhance productivity, streamline workflows, and support your daily operations. Explore what's new in each area below, and don't forget to view the full release notes [HERE]!

Focus Core | Enhancements for All Users

IMPORT DATA DIRECTLY FROM GOOGLE DRIVE OR ONEDRIVE [FOCUS-58621]

Data table imports now support files stored in Google Drive and OneDrive, giving users more flexibility when importing information into Focus. For data tables that support imports, users can select a file from either cloud service or continue uploading a local CSV file. Existing column mapping and import workflows remain unchanged.





See the following documents for step-by-step guidance:

- Single Sign-On > Google Sign-In > **Upload Files from Google Drive**

- Single Sign-On > Microsoft Sign-In > **Upload Files from OneDrive**
- Additional Features > Importing Files From Google Drive
- Additional Features > Importing Files From OneDrive

MORE CONTROL OVER API SOURCE IDENTIFIERS [FOCUS-59775]

Third Party Systems now provides greater control over the identifiers returned as source IDs through APIs. Administrators can independently configure schools, students, and staff to use the record's UUID, Focus ID, or applicable local identifier, with the selected value applied across related API routes for that dialect. UUID remains the default, so existing configurations are unchanged unless updated. See Third Party Systems > Setting up a Third Party System for more information.

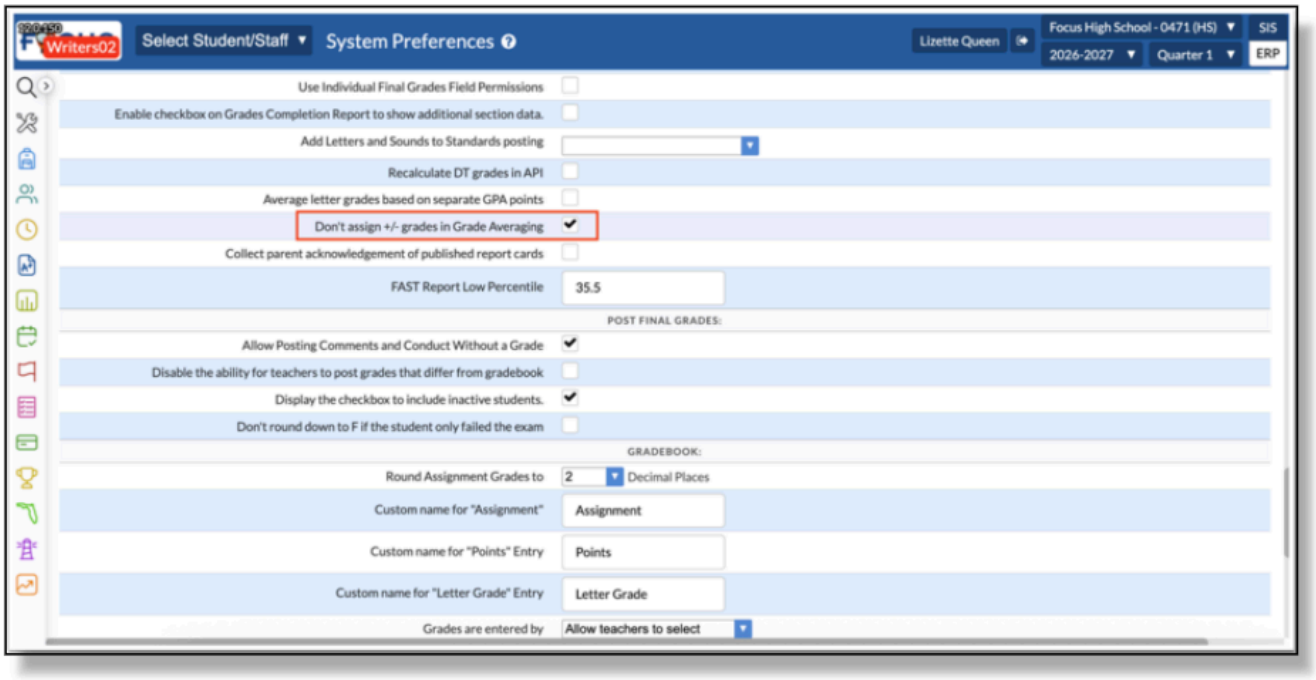


SIS | Student Information System Updates

EXCLUDE PLUS/MINUS GRADES FROM GRADE AVERAGING [FOCUS-60531]

A new Don't assign +/- grades in Grade Averaging system preference gives districts additional control over grades assigned through Grade Averaging. When enabled, calculated grades—including those generated through EOC Pull Grades into Semester and Course History—are mapped to the nearest whole letter grade rather than a plus or minus grade.

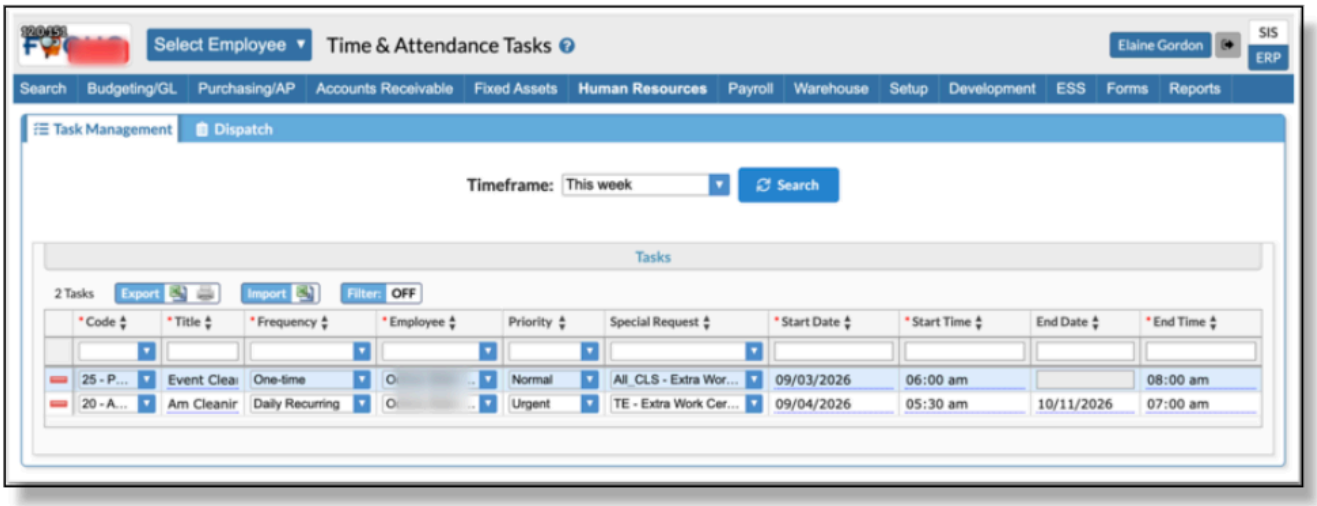
The grading scale itself is not changed, so plus and minus grades remain available for manual entry and other existing uses. When the preference is not enabled, existing Grade Averaging behavior remains unchanged. See System Preferences > Grading tab > **Don't assign +/- grades in Grade Averaging** for more information.



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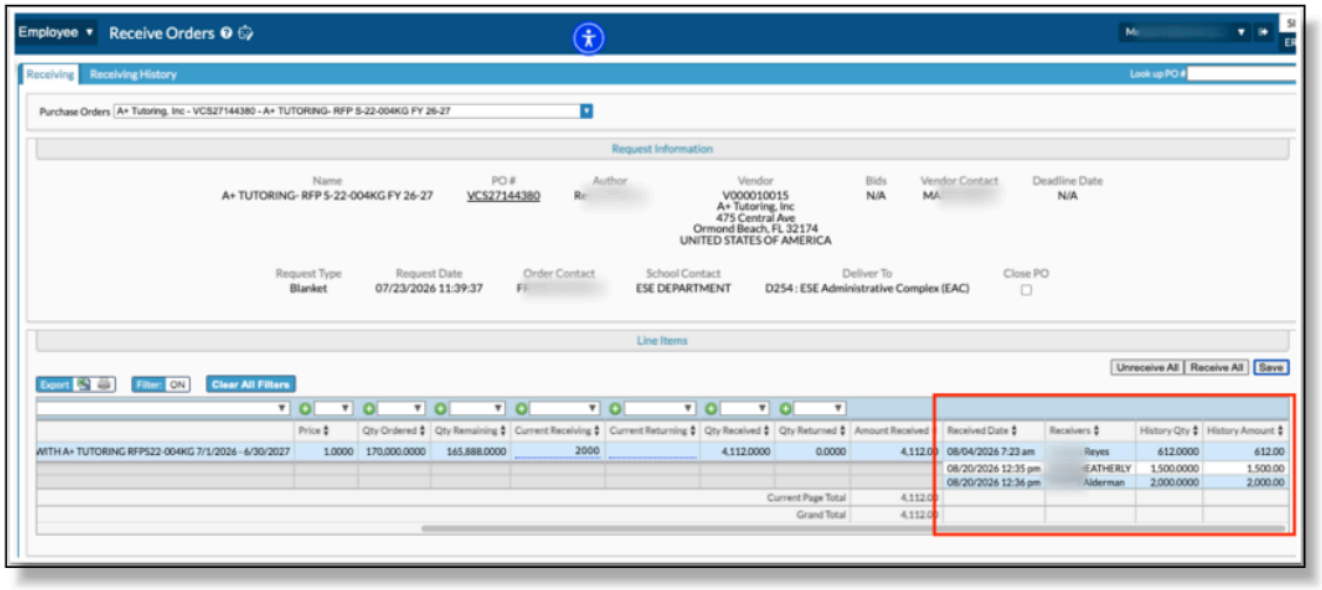
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VIEW DETAILED RECEIVING HISTORY FOR PURCHASE ORDERS [FOCUS-58808]

Receive Orders now provides a detailed audit trail for each Purchase Order line item. Purchasing and

Accounts Payable staff can expand the history to review receiving, unreceiving, and return activity, including the date, staff member, quantity, and amount associated with each action. Existing receiving records are also included in the new history, providing greater visibility into both past and future receiving activity and making it easier to research discrepancies or determine when and by whom an item was received or returned. See Purchasing/Accounts Payable > Receive Orders > Receive Orders, and Purchasing/Accounts Payable > Internal Receive Orders > Receive Orders for more information.



New Online Application Improvements

This release includes an additional eligibility improvement for Applications & Forms, helping ensure families see applications and forms that are appropriate for students who are currently eligible to complete them.

PREVENT APPLICATIONS FROM DISPLAYING FOR GRADUATED STUDENTS [FOCUS-60773]
Applications and forms published to a student's school are no longer displayed as available in the Parent Portal when the student has a withdrawal record with a Graduated drop code. This helps prevent families from being presented with applications intended for currently eligible students after the student has graduated.

For a complete list of enhancements included in v12.0.151, see the New Applications Module release notes.

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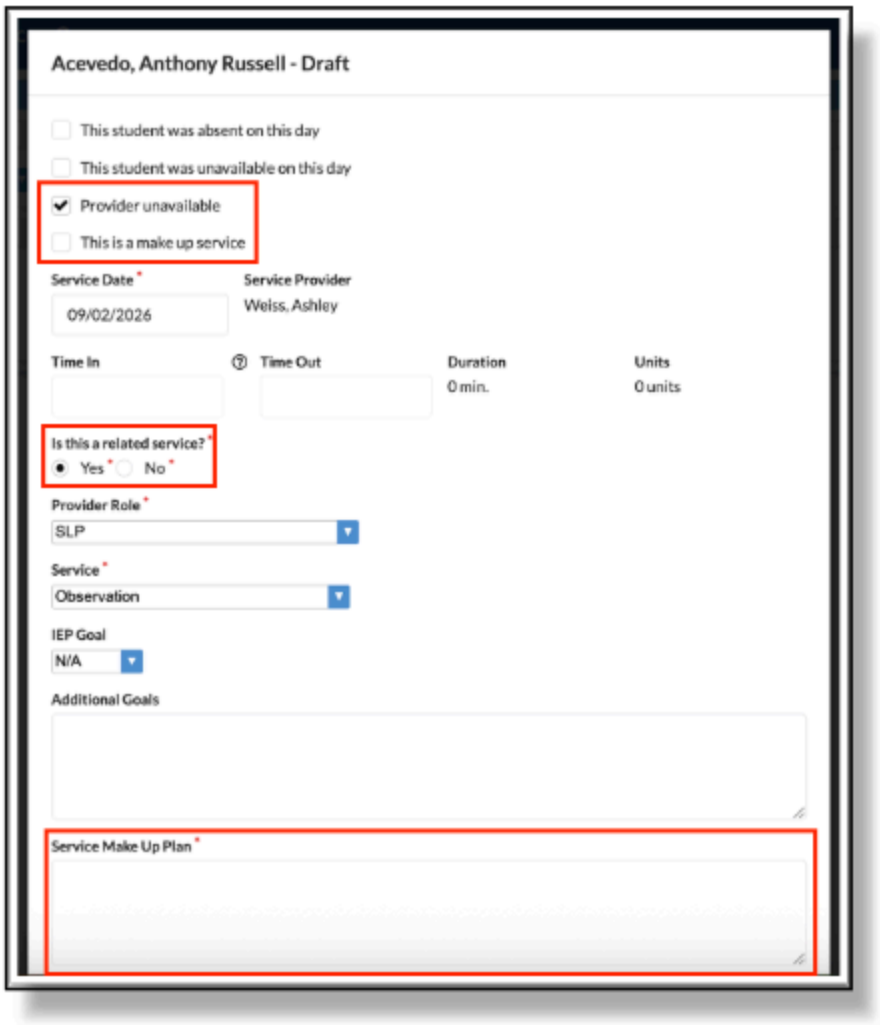
STATE SPECIFIC ITEMS

SUPPORTING FLORIDA'S MISSED RELATED SERVICES

Focus has expanded SSS Caseload & Services to help Florida districts manage missed related services and make-up plans in support of HB 1279, effective July 1, 2026.

DOCUMENT MISSED RELATED SERVICES AND MAKE-UP PLANS [FOCUS-59886]
When enabled through SSS General > Caseload & Services, providers have additional options when recording services, including Provider unavailable, This is a make up service, and a required Is this a related service? designation. When a related service is missed because the provider or student is unavailable, staff are also required to document a Make Up Plan.

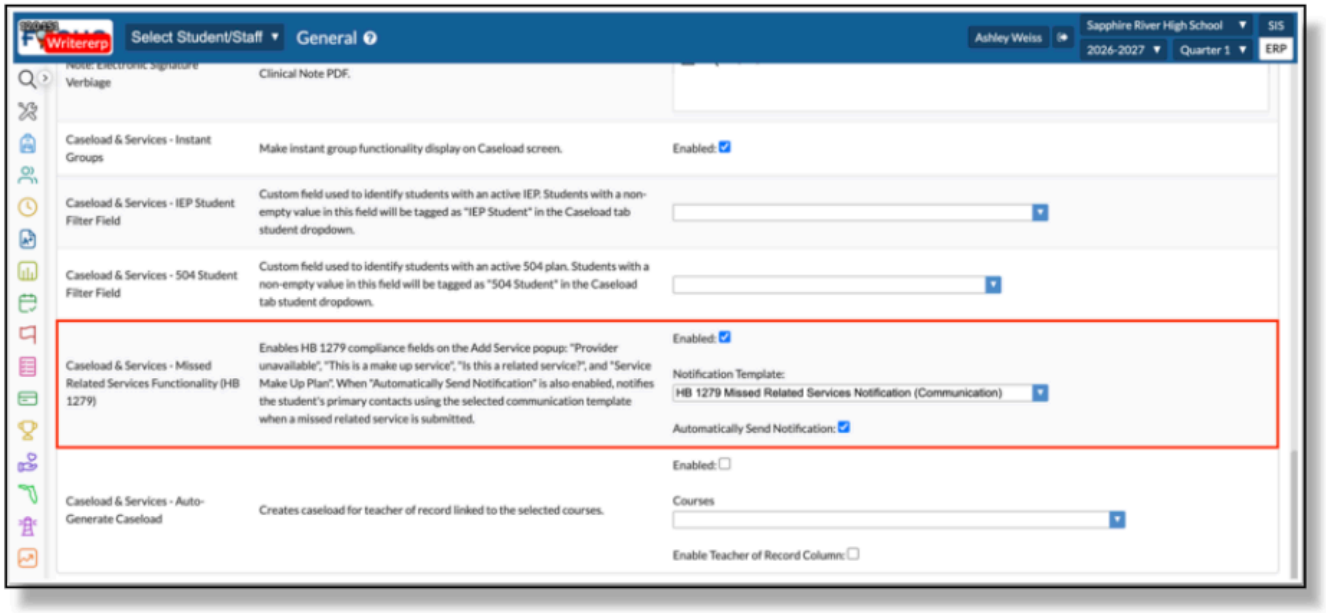
Service History has been expanded to display the related service designation, absence reason, and make-up plan, providing staff with a clearer record of missed services and how they will be addressed.



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Districts can also automatically notify a student's primary contacts when a missed related service is recorded. A configurable HB 1279 Missed Related Services Notification communication template is created when the feature is first enabled if one does not already exist, and districts can choose whether notifications are sent automatically.

Caseload & Services information is also available for use with the Communication module, including communication template merge fields and an Attach to Tab option.



This functionality is available for Florida districts and must be enabled through SSS General > Caseload & Services configuration. See General > Setting the Caseload & Services Preferences, Caseload & Services (Admin), and Caseload & Services (Teacher) for more information.

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