#### PowerSchool Handbook

## Elementary Scheduling

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# Part 1: Elementary Master Schedule



#### Elementary Master Schedule

#### **Setup Options for Elementary Master Schedule**

Decide how you plan to accomplish your new master schedule.

Your options include:

1. Copy your Master Schedule from this year to next year-

If your school plans to copy your Master Schedule, you must attend an Elementary Master Schedule Open Lab or call the Help Desk to make a request (619) 209-HELP.

<u>Important!</u> If you choose to copy the master schedule from the current year to next year, **do not edit the bell schedule or calendar** for the next school year until the IT Department has notified you the copy process is complete.

#### <u>OR</u>

2. Create your Master Schedule for the new school term-

If your school does not require a copy of your Master Schedule, you may complete your calendar setup and master schedule as soon as the new school Term is available in PowerSchool.

<u>Remember</u>: Students cannot be scheduled until the bell schedule and calendar setup is complete for the upcoming school year. Please be aware of the Pupil Accounting deadline for the completion of the calendar setup.

#### **Open Labs for Elementary Master Schedule**

The Elementary Master Schedule Open Labs are offered to assist in completing your Bell Schedule and Calendar setup, creating and finalizing your Elementary Master Schedule, and scheduling students. Sign up in ERO.

Items to consider bringing to the open lab:

- Your school's bell schedule times for regular, minimum, and modified days.
- A list of dates your school plans to hold parent/teacher conferences.
- A list of teachers and specific courses they will be teaching.
- Student Assignment Cards, organized by teacher and alphabetized by student.



#### Create Master Schedule in Next Term Year

#### **Change Term**

The IT department will enable the new term year in PowerSchool. Look for the IT email notification with dates and details about when to proceed with your elementary Master Schedule setup. The new term is generally set up by the Spring.

To begin working on the Master Schedule you must first change to the **NEXT** School Year Term.

- 1. On the Start Page in the upper right corner of the screen select **Term.**
- 2. From the drop down menu, select the term for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.





#### Bell Schedule for Site Compliance Verification

#### **Bell Schedule**

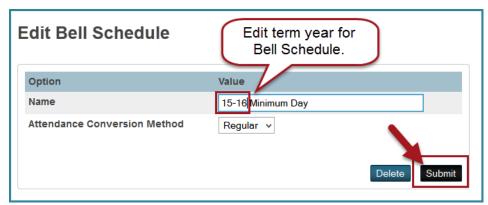
Pupil Accounting will use your bell schedule and calendar in PowerSchool to verify site compliance with the instructional minutes required by the state.

Bell Schedules are copied over when a new school year is created. Schools should confirm that the Bell Schedules are accurate and follow the steps below to edit information and apply to the current term.

Remember: Students cannot be scheduled until the bell schedule and calendar setup is complete for the upcoming school year.

- 1. On the Start Page, under Setup, click School.
- 2. Under Calendaring, click Bell Schedules.
- 3. From the list of bell schedules select the name you would like to edit. Next, type in the term year. Then, click **Submit**. Do this for each of your Bell Schedule names.



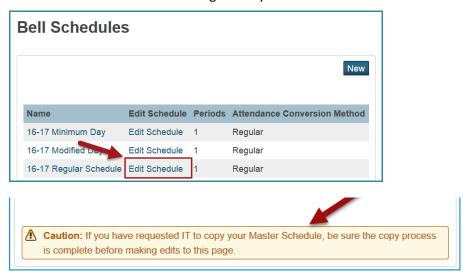




#### Regular Day Bell Schedule

You must view and verify the bell schedules for your site.

- 1. From the Start Page, under Setup, select School.
- 2. Under the Calendaring section, click Bell Schedules.
- 3. Click **Edit Schedule** next to the Regular Day bell schedule.



4. Confirm start and end times.

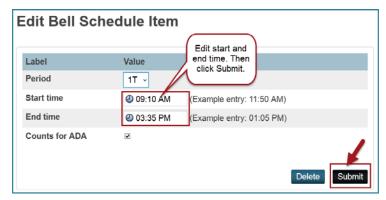


5. If changes are needed, click on the period name (in blue).





6. Edit the times (be careful not to uncheck Counts for ADA).

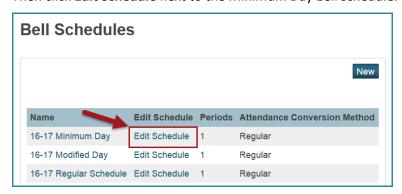


7. Click Submit.

#### Minimum Day Bell Schedule

The minimum day refers to your conference days and/or professional development days. Refer to your approved list of minimum days received from Pupil Accounting.

- 1. From the Start Page, under Setup, click **School**.
- 2. Under the Calendaring section, click Bell Schedules.
- 3. Then click **Edit Schedule** next to the Minimum Day bell schedule.

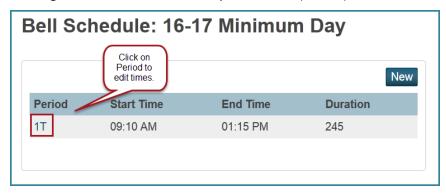


4. The **Bell Schedules** page appears. Confirm start and end times.

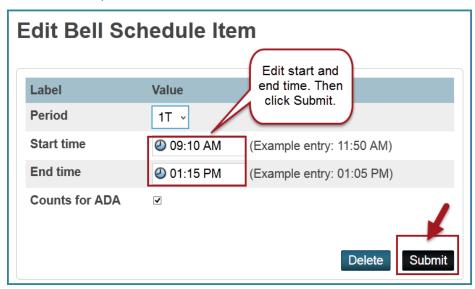




5. If changes are needed, click on the period name (in blue).



6. The **Edit Bell Schedule Item** screen appears. Edit the times as needed (be careful not to uncheck **Counts for ADA**).



7. Click Submit.

#### **Creating Additional Bell Schedules**

If there is the need to create any additional bell schedules, click **New**. Then follow the steps outlined in the **Minimum Day Bell Schedule**.



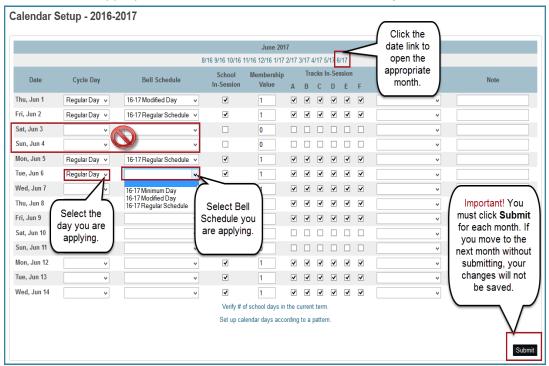
#### Calendar Setup for Site Compliance Verification

#### How to Edit the Calendar

Pupil Accounting will use your bell schedule and calendar in PowerSchool to verify site compliance with the instructional minutes required by the state. Each year, the due date will be communicated through the IT Training & Support email, as well as the Admin Circulars.

The calendar is pre-populated with non-school days which include district holidays, vacation, and off-session days. You must manually apply your site's bell schedule for Regular, Modified and Minimum Days. It is best practice to review and verify your calendar upon completion with the **Calendar Setup Report.** 

- On the Start Page under Setup, click School.
- 8. Click Calendar Setup.
- 9. Click a **month** to open the appropriate calendar.
  - a. Choose the appropriate Cycle Day from the Cycle Day drop-down menu.
  - b. Choose the appropriate **Bell Schedule** from the **Schedule drop-down menu**.



#### Reminder:

- Modified Day = Weekly scheduled short day.
- o <u>Minimum Day</u> = Parent/Teacher Conferences, PD Days...etc.
- c. Repeat the previous step for each school day date.



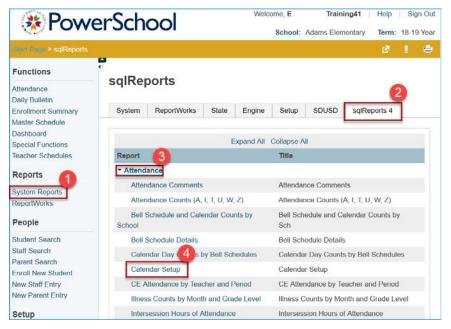
**Do not** do anything to Saturdays, Sundays, district holidays, vacation, and off session days.

10. Click **Submit**. The **Changes Recorded** page appears.

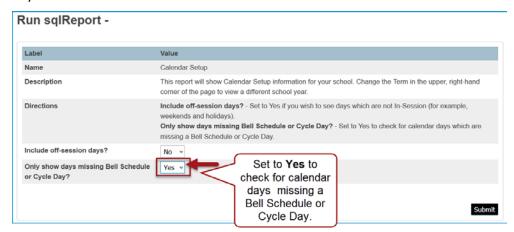
#### **Verify Your Calendar Setup**

#### **Check for Missing Days**

- 1. From the Start Page, click sqlReports.
- 2. Click on Attendance to expand. Select Calendar Setup.

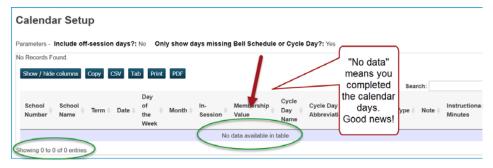


3. First verify you completed all the in-session dates on the calendar. Adjust the report options to Yes for the second option. See below. The report results will let you know if you missed any days.



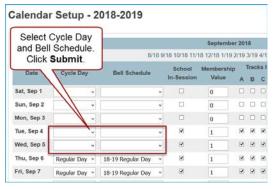


4. If the report shows No Data, this is good news! You successfully filled in each school day with a Cycle Day and Bell Schedule.



5. If the Calendar Setup report shows dates for missing Bell Schedule or Cycle Days, simply return to the Calendar Setup page and edit the dates. Be sure to click submit at the bottom of the page to save your changes.





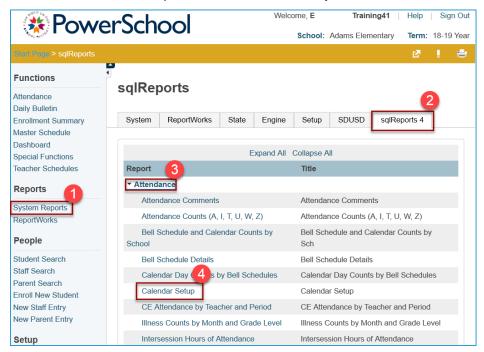
6. Run the report again to check for missing Cycle days or Bell Schedule.

Adjust the report options to Yes for the second option. The report results will let you know if you missed any days. Fix missing dates, if needed. When Report data is empty, you are done with checking for missing days. Now continue to confirm the minimum, modified, and regular days.

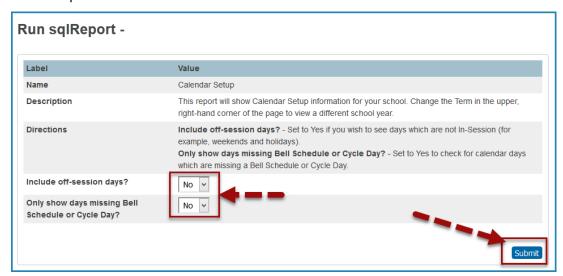


#### **Confirm Minimum Day Dates**

- 1. From the Start Page, click sqlReports.
- 2. Click on Attendance to expand. Select Calendar Setup.

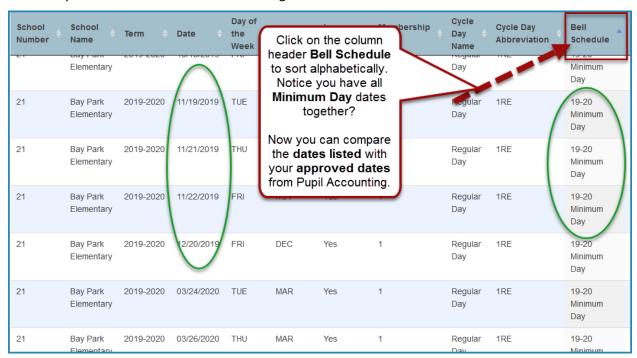


3. Leave dropdowns to default No. Click Submit.





4. On the report page, click on the column header words, **Bell Schedule**. This sorts the column data alphabetically. Now you have all your Minimum Days sorted together. Look to the Date column and confirm your data entry dates with your approved dates from Pupil Accounting. If you don't have the signed and approved list of dates from Pupil Accounting, please be sure to request this from your administrator before continuing.





#### Create the Master Schedule

#### **Create Course Sections**

1. From the Start Page, under Setup click **School**.



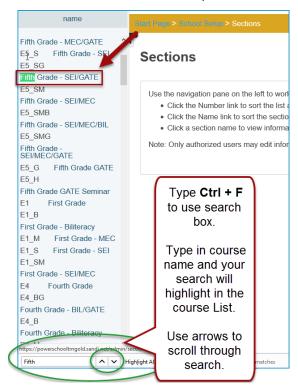
2. Under Scheduling, click Sections.



3. On the left menu select the course you want to add.

Hint: Use Ctrl + F to provide a search box. Then begin to type in the course name.

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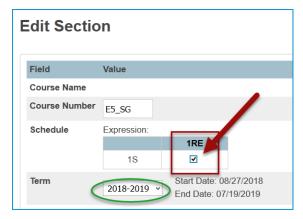




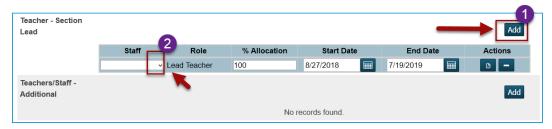
4. Click New.



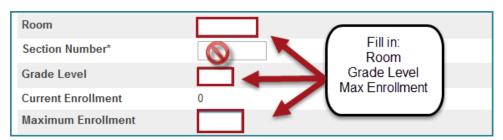
5. Select the schedule period (should only be one period) and confirm the term of the class.



6. To assign the teacher to the class, in the **Teachers – Section Lead**, click **Add**.



- 7. From the **Staff** drop-down menu, choose the teacher name.
- 8. Leave the **%Allocation** at 100%. The **Start Date** and **End Date** will be the beginning and ending dates for the term.
- 9. Enter a room number.
- 10. Leave the section number blank, the system will assign a number automatically.
- 11. Enter a maximum enrollment for the section.





- 12. Use the default values for the remaining fields.
- 13. Click **Submit**. You will see **Section saved** at the top of the screen.

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#### **Edit Course Sections**

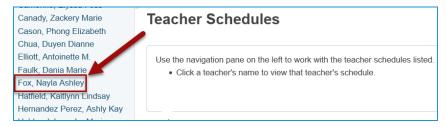
Once a course section is created, the edit page can be accessed through the **Sec #.** The **Sec#** link can be found when looking at Teacher Schedules or the Course.

#### From Teacher Schedules

1. From the Start Page, click Teacher Schedules.



2. Click on the **teacher name** to view course sections.



3. Click on blue link for Section #.



4. Edit page as needed. Click Submit to save changes.

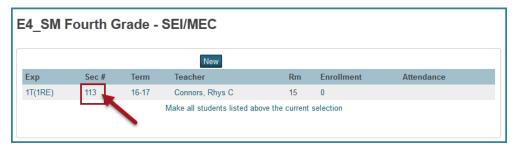
Note: If you are editing the teacher, click on the teacher name and the dropdown arrow will appear.



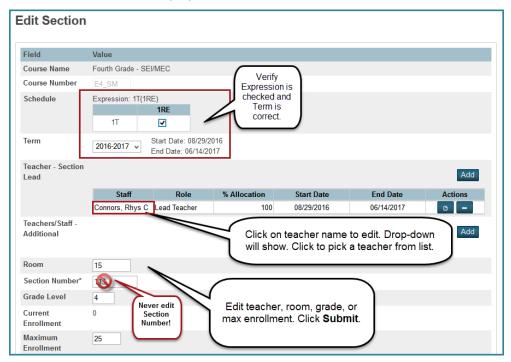


#### From Course List

- 1. From the Start Page, under Setup, select **School**.
- 5. On the right side under Scheduling, click on **Sections**.
- 6. On the left menu, select the **course** you need to edit.
- 7. Click the **Sec#** on the section you want to edit.



8. The Edit Section screen displays. Edit the fields as needed, then Click Submit.





#### **Next Year Student Information**

#### **School Reports**

To identify next year's incoming/outgoing students, several reports have been created within **System Reports>sqlReports4** tab, under **Enrollment**.

- Next Year Outgoing Students This report will show students who are currently enrolled at your school but will be attending a different school next year. Students with blank Next School will not articulate to your site unless modified.
- 2. **Next Year Incoming Students** This report will show students who will be enrolled at your school next year. Pre-registered students will appear with a Current School that matches the school they will be attending next year.
- 3. **Next Year All Students** This report lists all students who will be enrolled at your school next year, regardless of whether they are currently enrolled at another school or if they will be new to your school next year. Pre-registered students will appear with a Current School that matches the school they *will* be attending next year.

Note: These reports should be run often for accuracy.



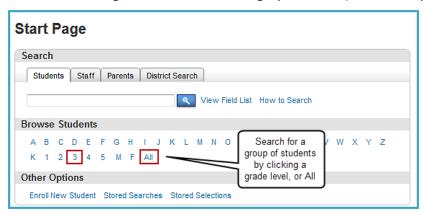
# Part 2: Scheduling Students



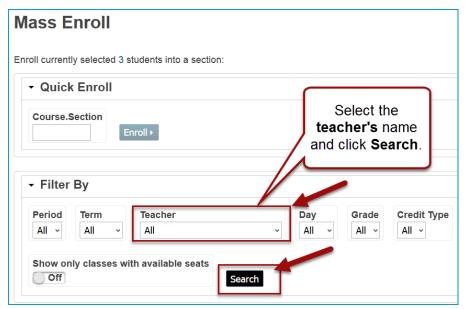
#### Mass Enroll Students in a Class

To mass enroll students into a class, you must first select the group of students you want to enroll.

1. From the Start Page, select a student category of choice (in this example, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade).

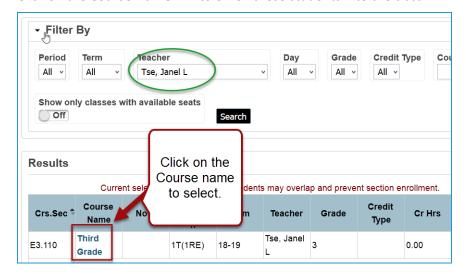


- 2. Click the Select by Hand button.
- 3. Check the names of the desired students.
- 4. Click the **Update Selection** button.
- 5. Click the **Select Functions** button, then under Scheduling, select **Mass Enroll**.
- 6. In the **Filter By** section, select the teacher name from the dropdown.

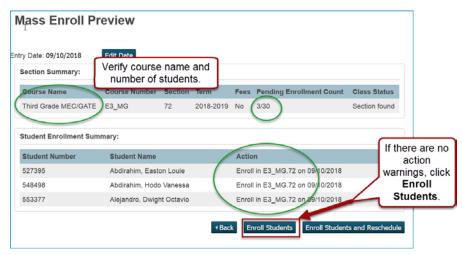




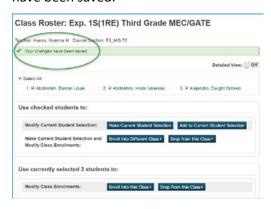
7. Click on the Course Name link to enroll these students into the class.



8. Verify the section information on the **Mass Enroll Preview** window and edit the **Entry Date** if needed. Click **Enroll Students.** 



9. The **Class Roster** page appears for the section. Look for the green message that your changes have been saved.

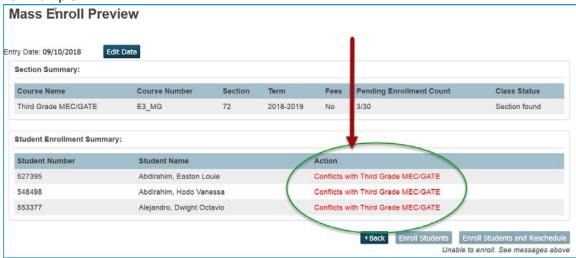




#### Schedule Conflict Message

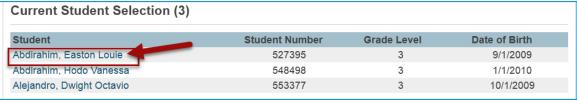
If you see a RED action message on the Mass Enroll Preview page, you will need to resolve it before scheduling the student with the conflict.

#### For Example:



#### **Troubleshooting**

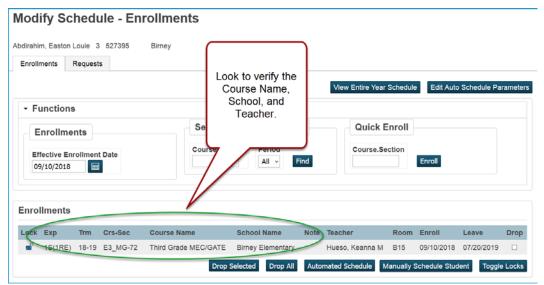
1. Return to the start page and click on the student name from your **Current Student Selection**.



To see more information and see where this student is already enrolled, select Modify Schedule from the student menu.







3. If you need to drop the enrollment for the listed course, check the box **Drop** and then select **Drop Selected**.



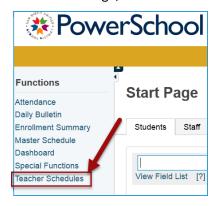
4. Once the student is dropped, the scheduling conflict error will not appear for this student and they can be placed where you originally intended.



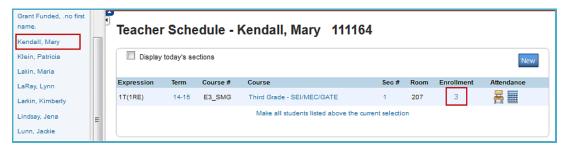
#### Dropping Student(s) from a Class

Perform both the drop and reschedule functions for one or multiple students using the options on the teacher's **Class Roster** page.

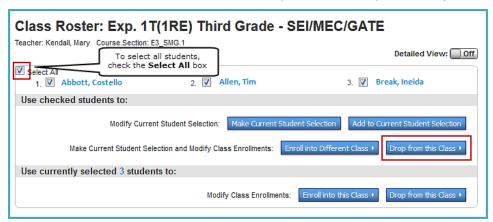
1. On the Start Page, click Teacher Schedules.



2. Select the teacher's name from the list on the left; the **Teacher's Schedule** will display. Click on the section's **Enrollment** number.

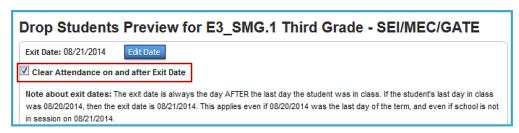


3. Make sure the **Select All** checkbox is filled and all the student checkboxes are filled if you are dropping all the students. If you want to drop only some of the students uncheck the **Select All** checkbox and select the individual student(s) you want to drop. Click **Drop from this Class**.





4. Edit the Exit Date to the <u>day after the last day</u> of attendance. Check **Clear Attendance on and after Exit Date**.



5. Click **Drop Students** to remove the student(s).





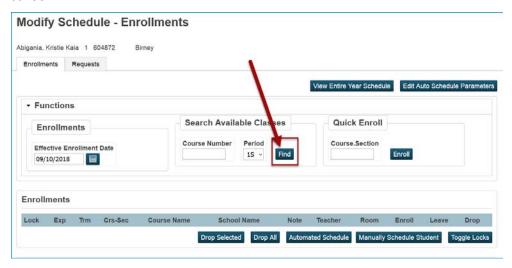
#### Enrolling One Student in a Class

Use the Modify Schedule page to add classes to a student's schedule manually.

- 1. On the Start Page, select the student you want to enroll.
- 2. Click Modify Schedule, under Scheduling.

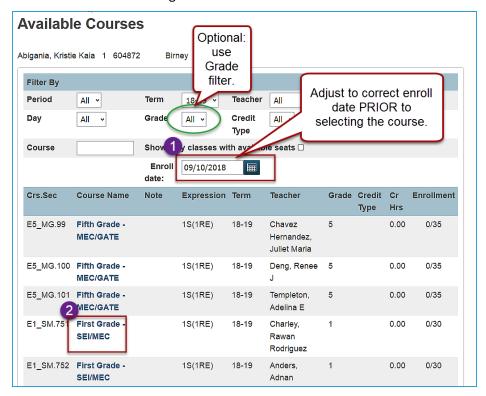


3. In the Search Available Sections area, click the **Find** button to get a list of all the sections at your school.

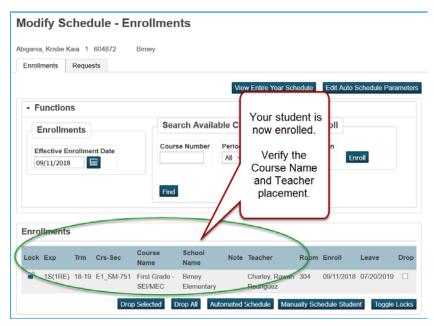




4. From the list that displays, the **Enroll date** will default to today's date. Make changes to the Enroll date before selecting the **Course Name**.



5. Your student is now enrolled. Verify the course name and teacher placement in the Enrollments area.





# Part 3: Working with Course Sections



#### Create a New Course Section

A section is created when you select a course name and assign a teacher name.

1. From the Start Page, under Setup click School.



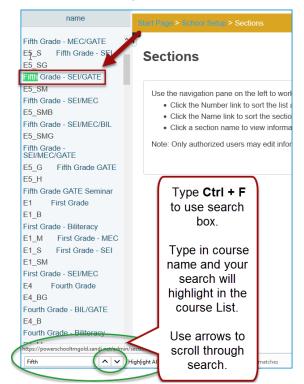
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3. On the left menu select the course you want to add.

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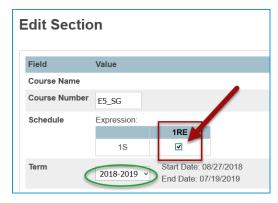




4. Click New.

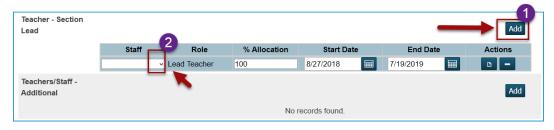


5. **Check mark** the schedule period (should only be one period) and confirm the term of the class.

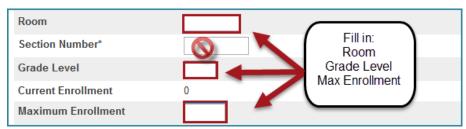


6. Click **Add** to assign a teacher to the class, in the Teachers – Section Lead. From the **Staff** drop-down menu, choose the teacher name.

Leave the **%Allocation** at 100%. The **Start Date** and **End Date** will be the beginning and ending dates for the term. If you have a teacher change mid-year, you will edit the End Date for the first teacher and add the new teacher with a Start Date for the next day. The End Date for the new teacher would be the last day of school.



- 7. Enter a room number.
- 8. Leave the section number blank, the system will assign a number automatically.
- 9. Enter grade level and maximum enrollment for the section.





- 10. Use the default values for the remaining fields. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.
- 11. Click **Submit**. You will see **Section saved** at the top of the screen.

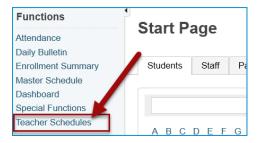
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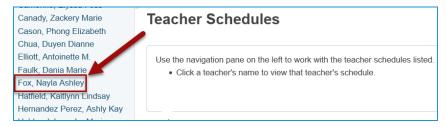
#### **Editing a Course Section**

You may need to edit course sections during the school year. For example, a teacher may take a leave of absence, a room change might be necessary due to construction, or the maximum enrollment number may change. You will also need to edit the course section when you are replacing a ZZ Teacher placeholder with a certificated teacher of record.

12. From the Start Page, click Teacher Schedules.



13. Click on the **teacher name** to view course sections.

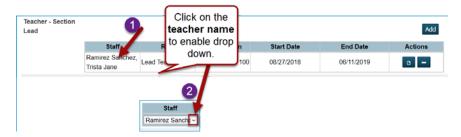


14. Click on blue link for Section #.



15. Edit page as needed. Click Submit to save changes.

Note: If you are editing the teacher, click on the teacher name and the dropdown arrow will appear.





# Deleting a Course Section

**IMPORTANT!** Once school starts and attendance has been taken, you cannot delete a section.

If a section needs to be closed and attendance has been taken, drop the students the day after the last day of attendance, and edit the room number to "CLOSED".

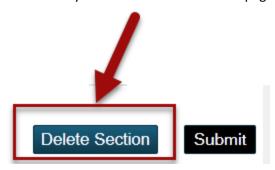


If you have a section that needs to be deleted **BEFORE** school has started, do the following:

- 1. Withdraw all students from the section. Make sure students are withdrawn with an Exit date that matches the Entry date for the section.
- 2. Confirm the Enrollment column is zero. Then click on the Sec# to enter the Edit Section page.



Scroll to the very bottom of the Edit Section page and click Delete Section.





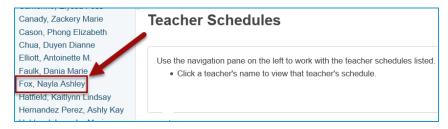
#### Closing a Course Section

You may have to close a section of a course *after students are moved and scheduled* into other classes. This may happen if you have to collapse a class and attendance is tied to the section. The method to close a section is to <u>set room to CLOSED</u>.

1. From the Start Page, click Teacher Schedules.



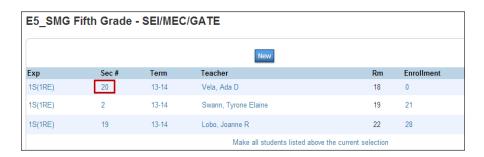
2. Click on the **teacher name** to view course sections.



3. Click on blue link for Section #.



• **Edit Section page** – Changes have been made to the Edit Section page to allow schools to delete a class section if there are no students scheduled into the class. Please note that sections cannot be deleted if there are any current or historical student schedules remaining. The Delete Section button will appear only if the section can be deleted by the school.



- 4. In the room field type the word CLOSED.
- 5. Click **Submit**.
- 6. You will see **Section saved** at the top of the screen.





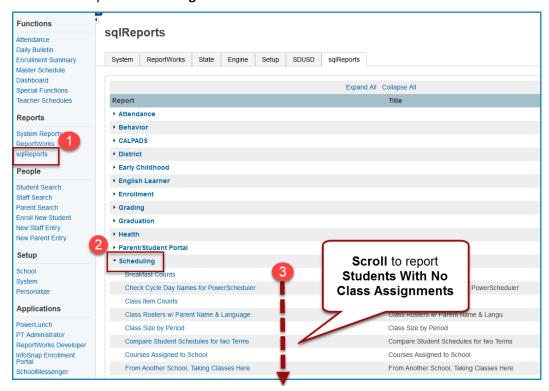
# Part 4: Reports



### Check for Students with No Class Assignments

To identify students not yet scheduled in a class, run the report Student With No Class Assignments.

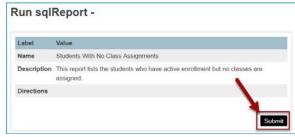
- 1. From the Start Page, click sqlReports.
- 2. Click to expand Scheduling.



3. Click report Students with No Class Assignments.

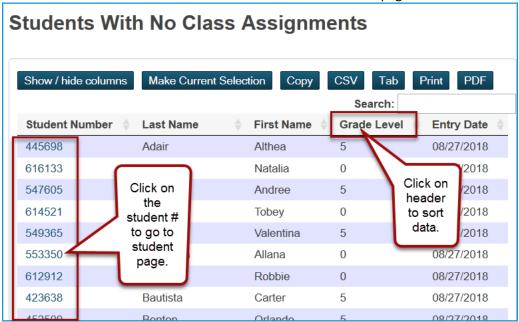


Click Submit.





5. Optional functions. Work with the students directly from the report or make them your current student selection and schedule them into a class from the start page.

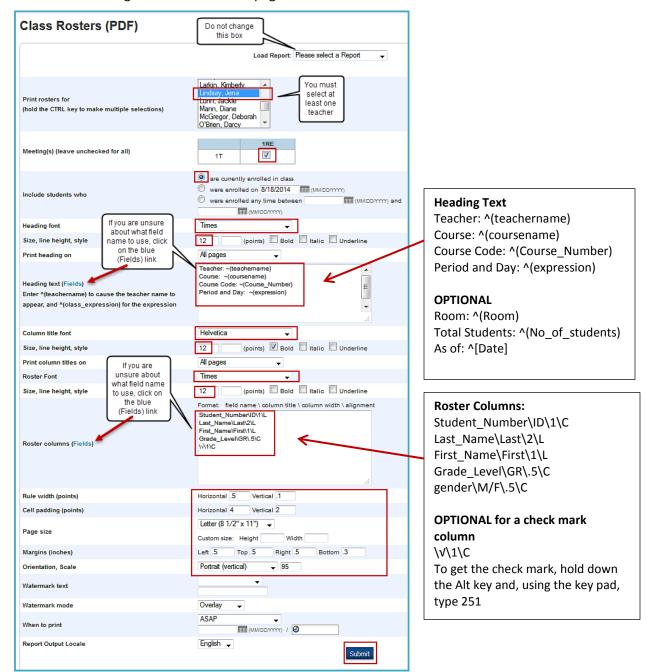




#### **Printing Class Rosters**

Use the Class Rosters (PDF) report to create class rosters for some or all of the teachers in your school.

- 1. From the Start Page, under Reports on the left, select **System Reports**.
- 2. On the Systems tab, scroll down to Student Listings, click Class Rosters (PDF).
- 3. See below to configure the Class Roster page:





- 4. Click Submit.
- 5. You will be directed to the **Report Queue (System) My Jobs** page. Click on the **View** link to open your **Class Roster**.





## Printing Alphabetical Listing

To print an alphabetical list of all students including Teacher name and room numbers for each student do the following:

- 1. From the Start Page, click sqlReports.
- 2. Click **Enrollment** to expand, and select **Alpha Roster with Teacher and Room**.
- 3. Click Submit.

#### Printing the Master Schedule

There are multiple ways to print a master schedule. The first way generates a master schedule report that displays the number of students in each section, broken down by gender and grade.

- 1. On the Start Page, click **System Reports** from the main menu.
- 2. On the System Tab, under Student Listings, click Master Schedule (PDF).
- 3. Elementary Schools with only 1 period will default to All Periods and the period and day checkboxes cannot be accessed. Select how you would like the report sorted.
- 4. Select any other Printing Options.
- 5. Click **Submit**.
- 6. On the Report Queue, when the report is completed, click View.

You can also access the Master Schedule from the start page main menu. You have the option to view/print a Matrix Master Schedule or a List Master Schedule.

- 1. On the Start Page click **Master Schedule** under Functions.
- 2. Select your Master Schedule Preferences. Elementary Schools with only 1 period will default to All Periods and the period and day checkboxes cannot be accessed.
- 3. Select how you would like the report sorted.
- 4. For View By, select either Matrix or List.
- 5. Click Submit.

To change the view preferences, scroll to the bottom of the report page and click **Show Preferences**.



#### Sample Matrix View in Teacher Order:

Teacher	Day	Period 1S
Abrego, Paola Ontingco (1218600033)	1RE	Third Grade - SEI/MEC/GATE  E3_SMG.6 20/34  Room 16  1S(1RE)  Term: 13-14
Castillo, Eve (zzteachera0033)	1RE	First Grade - Biliteracy E1_B.2_26/27 Room 10 1S(1RE) Term: 13-14
Cesena, Chau L (1389300033)	1RE	Kindergarten - Biliteracy EK_B.1 0/27 Room B12 1S(1RE) Term: 13-14

#### Sample List View in Teacher Order:

Master Schedule List By Teachers										
Teacher Name	Teacher Dept.	Course Name	Number. Section	Expression	Term	Room	Students	Max Seats		
Abrego, Paola Ontingco		Third Grade - SEI/MEC/GATE	E3_SMG.6	1(A)	13-14	16	20	34		
Castillo, Eve		First Grade - Biliteracy	E1_B.2	1(A)	13-14	10	26	27		
Cesena, Chau L		Kindergarten - Biliteracy	EK_B.1	1(A)	13-14	B12	0	27		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/Third	SDC_I3.1	1(A)	13-14	13	1	27		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/Kinder	SDC_IK.1	1(A)	13-14	13	0	27		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/Fifth	SDC_I5.1	1(A)	13-14	13	0	34		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/Second	SDC_I2.1	1(A)	13-14	13	3	27		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/First	SDC_I1.1	1(A)	13-14	13	3	27		
Clay, Cruz A		Spec Day-ILS/Fourth	SDC_I4.1	1(A)	13-14	13	1	27		

6. To print either of these reports, click on the printer icon in the blue bar at top of screen.



## Printing the Class Size Reduction Report

Elementary Schools with Grades K-3 participate in the K-3 Class Size Reduction program. Use the Class Size Reduction report to determine your school's class size averages. This report should be reviewed at least once a month, but the report may be used more often if there is a question about placement of students due to class sizes.

Modifications to the existing Class Size Reduction Report will be available after start of school.

**Note:** Secondary schools with ninth grade enrollment have the option to participate in 9<sup>th</sup> grade class reduction. However, no incentive funding is provided by the district.

- 1. On the Start Page, click System Reports.
- 2. On the System Tab, under Membership and Enrollment, click Class Size Reduction Report.
- 3. Set up the report as you need.
- 4. Click Submit.
- 5. On the Report Queue, when the report is completed, click **View**.

