

# New Features in PowerTeacher 1.1

Power Teacher 1.1 has over 40 key usability and feature enhancements for teachers. Thousands of teachers and dozens of administrators using PowerTeacher 1.0 provided detailed product feedback, and Pearson is listening. Thanks to the feedback of our fantastic PowerTeacher customers, this release incorporates the most commonly requested features and fixes, including:

- **Reporting enhancements** — Reports open immediately without saving. Added flexibility, including layout options, notes, signature line, randomization by student ID, and other options to help more data fit on a page.
- **Scoresheet enhancements** — Options for: zooming in and out, due dates on copied assignments, display of final grades, and naming and sorting sections. A missing assignment indicator was added, in addition to several quick entry shortcut keys. Comment bank spacing options are also available to fit specific report card design needs.
- **PowerTeacher portal** — The popular “green dot” customization for attendance. Citizenship can be entered in the PowerTeacher portal. All sections now display on the start page, and customization of the home page is now available.
- **And much more!**

Pearson is dedicated to a process of continual improvement, to bring you the features you need to be successful in the classroom today and in the future. Your feedback is important to us, and helps each new release meet and exceed the expectations of our teachers across the nation.

The following tables display a complete list of enhancements in PowerTeacher 1.1.

## Reports

Feature	Description
Open immediately	Option to open or save the completed report.
Report Layout tab	Add custom title, top note, bottom note, page break options, and signature line for each report. Settings are remembered across sessions for future use.
Student Multi-Section Report – <b>NEW!</b>	New report displays progress across all of a student's sections and teachers.
Student Name vs. Student Number	Display Student Number or Student Name on all reports. Randomize student numbers.
Student Roster Report	Six blank fields added that can be named and stored.
Individual Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include or exclude final grades, assignment info, score comments, and category totals.</li> <li>• Specify reporting terms to display.</li> <li>• Assignment weighting is now displayed. Assignment and category abbreviations can be used.</li> <li>• Sorting by section, page break, and space-saving options.</li> </ul>
Missing Assignment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the new Missing indicator, or continue to use unrecorded scores.</li> <li>• Sort by section, or alphabetically by students across sections.</li> </ul>

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Attendance Grid Report	Include or exclude the date headings. Select a number of days to display, rather than a specific date. Allows use of this report for a variety of purposes, such as a class checklist.
Final Grade and Comment Verification Report	Include or exclude points, percent, and letter grade.
Scoresheet Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standardization of student name appearance.</li> <li>• Select which final grade columns to display.</li> <li>• Alternating line colors for enhanced readability.</li> </ul>
Sorting options across reports	Additional sorting options on each report. Student specific reports can be generated separating students by section, or grouping together alphabetically or by number.
Paper saving enhancements across reports	Each report has been formatted to fit more information on fewer pages, while retaining the aesthetics of the report.
Page break enhancements across reports	Page break options for each report, allowing teachers to get the exact information needed. For example, the missing assignment report can print one page per student to distribute, or group all students together for a teacher's reference.
Saved reports remember saved location	Saving a report defaults to the desktop for easy locating. Also remembers last saved location.
Standardization of report header and footer	Header, footer, and row color is now standardized across all reports.
Reports definition tab default position	Reports definition window now appears in the middle of the screen, rather than minimized.

## Scoresheet/Gradebook

Feature	Description
Zoom in and out	Scoresheet, Assignments, and Student window can display larger or smaller text. Settings are remembered between sessions.
Copy and Paste Assignment options	Keep the existing due date, use today's date, or assign any new due date when copying assignments.
Missing assignment indicator	New indicator to mark a student's assignment as missing. Missing Assignment report uses this indicator to generate report.



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Feature	Description
100 percent shortcut key	Enter the equal sign (=) in any score cell to automatically assign 100 percent of the points possible to the student. This applies to all point, percentage, and letter grade scores.
Missing, Late, Collected quick entry keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing: MI or forward slash (/)</li><li>• Late: LT or asterisk (*)</li><li>• Collected: COL or period (.)</li></ul> Repeat the quick entry key to remove the indicator.
Name your sections	Name each section and display that name in the section list.
Remember the reporting term filter	The gradebook now remembers the reporting term filtered between sessions. For example, if a teacher has filtered to S1, then S1 displays when they log in, rather than the default.
Final Grade display preference	Option to display any or all of the following in the Scoresheet Final Grade column: points earned, percent, or letter grade. No selection leaves the Final Grade column blank.
Mean, Median, Mode added for Final Grade column	Mean, median, and mode statistics for the class now display in the Final Grade column.
Section display: periods and days vs. section number	Display the period and days (for example, 3A) for the section, or use the section number. This is especially helpful for elementary and specialist teachers.
Section sorting options	Sort sections by period/day, course name, or section number.
Student count	Student column on the Scoresheet displays current count of students. Count updates as students are added or dropped from the section.
Student name and Final Grade columns can be resized separately	Ability to separately size the Student Name and the Final Grade columns as needed.
Option to update scores when changing points possible	When changing the points possible for an assignment (for example, from 10 points possible to 100), teachers can keep the existing scores, or scale them up or down to match the new points possible.
Decimal entry on Final Grade Setup	Enter weights such as 1.5 or 1.25 on the Grade Setup window.
Quick Entry Tips help window	New item on the Help menu. This document lists keyboard shortcuts and other quick entry tips.
Comment Bank: line breaks vs. spaces	Choose line breaks or spaces to separate entries selected from the Comment Bank



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Feature	Description
Close button added to Score Inspector	Score Inspector window now displays a Close button in addition to the Clear button.
Updated online help	Online help is updated to include all new features and enhancements for version 1.1.

## PowerTeacher Portal

Feature	Description
Green dot attendance indicator	New green dot indicator displays when attendance is taken for a section. A yellow dot and fraction appears for sections that take attendance multiple times in the same day.
Citizenship entry	Enter a final citizenship code for each student.
Display any number of sections	Display any number of sections on the Start page.
Allow customization while keeping performance enhancements	Customization enabled on the start page, while retaining performance enhancements.

## General Fixes

Feature	Description
Attendance Grid displays N/A	Certain sections with unusual section IDs were displaying NA on the attendance grid report.
28 section limit on PowerTeacher start page	Updated to display as many sections as necessary.
OSX 10.5 (Leopard)	Fix to overcome a known issue with score entry when running on OSX 10.5 (Leopard)
Fix to ensure access to last year's data	View and use assignments and other items created in previous years.
Reports sort by last name, then first name	Students with the same last name are now sorted consistently on reports.