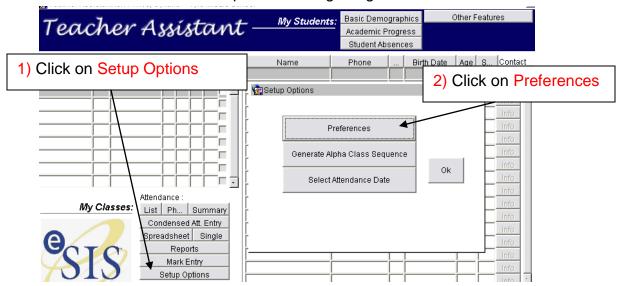
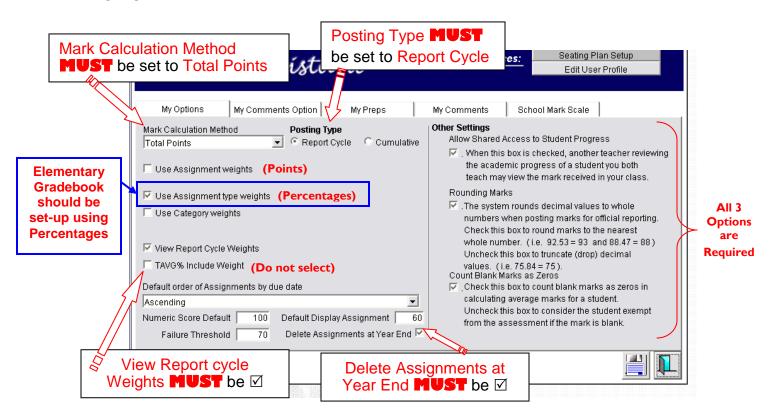
SPREADSHEET/GRADEBOOK

Setting up your Preferences (Preps)

Your Preferences must be set-up before using the gradebook.



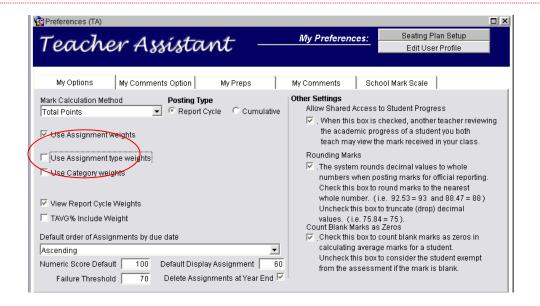
My Options Tab





Before setting Preferences you need to determine:

- Which method fits my course syllabus grading scale? (Tests count _____%, Class work counts _____%, Quizzes count______%, etc.)
- Can I explain my grading method to parents and administrators?



Mark Calculation Method: "Total Points" (default)

Posting Type: Selecting "Report Cycle" calculates on established Reporting Periods (default)

☑ Use Assignment Weights (Points)

- This method is the closest to hand calculating the student's average.
- Allows weights for each assignment

Example:

Assignment	Assignment Type	Assignment Weight	Earned Points	Possible Points
CW1	Class work	1	95	100
CW2	Class work	2	80 (160)	100 (200)
Quiz 1	Quiz	1	86	100
Quiz 2	Quiz	1	90	100
Test 1	Test	2	93	100
			(186)	(200)
Test 2	Test	2	91	100
			(182)	(200)
	_	Totals	535	600
			(799)	(900)

(Weighted Earned Points / Weighted Possible Points) * 100

(799 / 900) * 100 = 88.777 or 89



☑ Use Assignment Type Weights (Percentages)

- Checking this box weights each assignment type
- The spreadsheet will calculate each assignment type first, then average all assignment type averages together
- Each assignment type *MUST* be used each reporting period to receive an accurate calculation. Example: Class work 30% + Quizzes 25% + Tests 45% = 100%

Assignment	Assignment Type	Assignment Type Weight	Earned Points Weighted	Possible Points Weighted		
CW1	Class work	30	95	100		
CW2	Class work	30	80	100		
Class work Average			175	200		
Quiz 1	Quiz	25	86	100		
Quiz 2	Quiz	25	90	100		
		Quiz Average	176	200		
Test 1	Test	45	93	100		
Test 2	Test	45	91	100		
		Test Average	184	200		
		Totals	535	600		

1) Calculate Weighted Marks for each Assignment:

Earned Points Weighted / Possible Points Weighted

Class work: 175 / 200 = 0.875 Quizzes: 176 / 200 = 0.88 Tests: 184 / 200 = 0.92

2) Calculate Weight according to Assigned Weight:

Weighted Mark * Assigned Weight

Class work: 0.875 * 30% = .2625 or 26.25

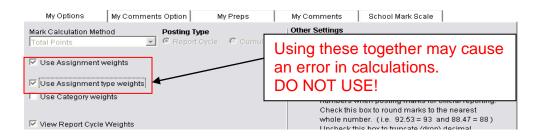
Quizzes: 0.88 * 25% = .22 or 22 Tests: 0.92 * 45% = .414 or 41.4

3) Calculate Final Mark

Weighted Class work + Weighted Quizzes + Weighted Test 26.25 + 22.0 + 41.4 = 89.65

THESE COMBINATIONS OF WEIGHTING ARE NOT RECOMMENDED:

1) Use Assignment Weights and Assignment Type Weights



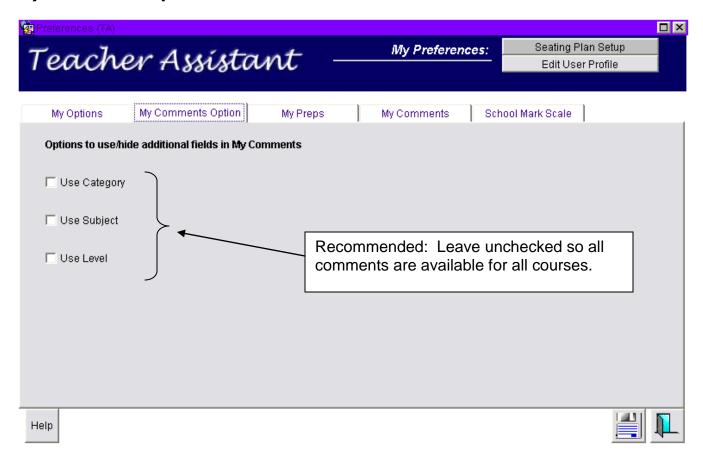
2) Use Category Weights

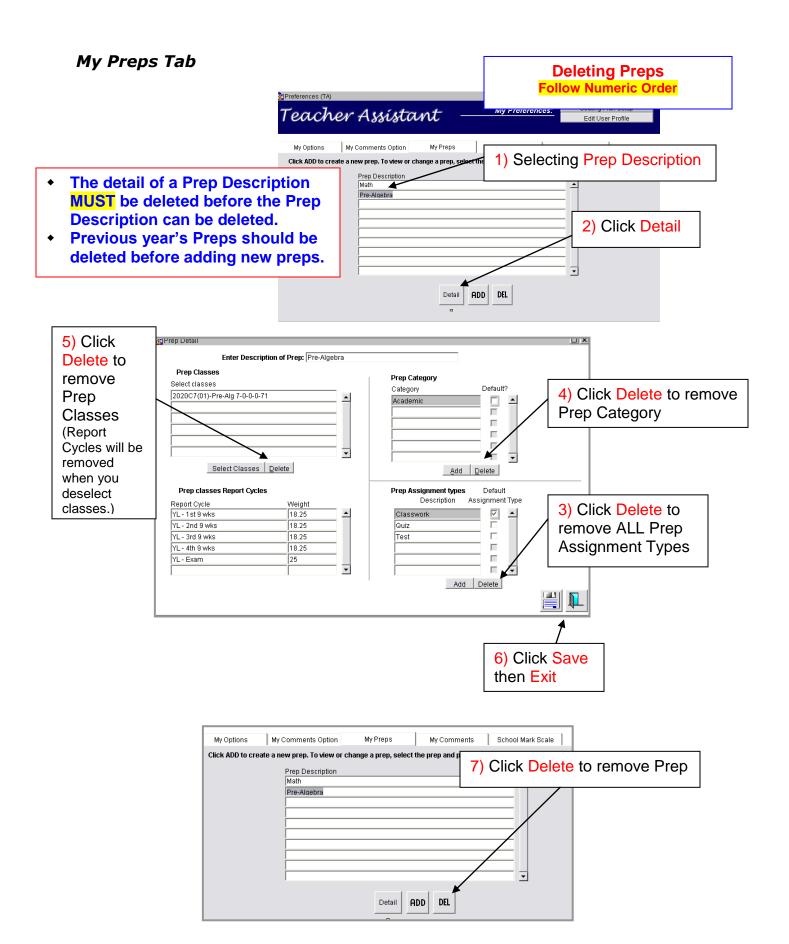


Explanation of 'My Options' Tab

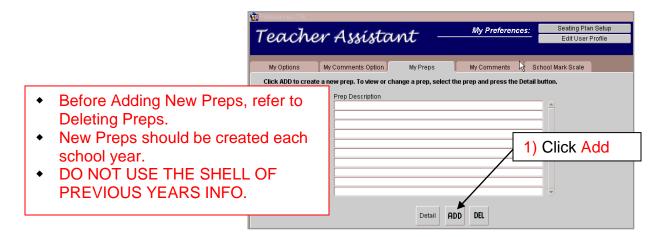
- View Report Cycle Weights: Activates a field on the Prep detail screen that will allow the teacher to view report cycle weights as set by the school.
- TAVG% Include Weight: The recommendation is to not use this option.
- Default order of assignment by due date: Select ascending or descending. Ascending
 will display by due date the oldest assignment first. Descending will display by due date
 the most recent assignment.
- Numeric Score Default: This should be set to 100 in North Carolina. This is the max score
 when adding a new assignment. No marks higher than 100 should be used in the
 gradebook.
- Failure Threshold: Enter the lowest passing mark. This causes all failing marks to appear color-coded in the gradebook.
- Default Display Assignment: Determines the number of assignments that will display in the gradebook. The fewer assignments to display, the faster the spreadsheet will open.
- Delete assignments at Year End: It is recommended that you check this box to delete assignments at year end. This will enable you to begin the school year with new options.
- Other Settings:
 - Allow Shared Access to Student Progress: Administration requires that you select this
 option This will allow all teachers who are teaching the same student to view the
 academic progress of that student.
 - Rounding Marks: Administration requires that you select this option This will allow standard mathematical rounding of all officially reported marks.
 - Count Blank Marks as Zero: Administration requires that you select this option –
 Checking this box counts ALL blanks in the spreadsheet as zeros. Un-checking this
 box will show blanks as an exemption from the assignment in the spreadsheet.

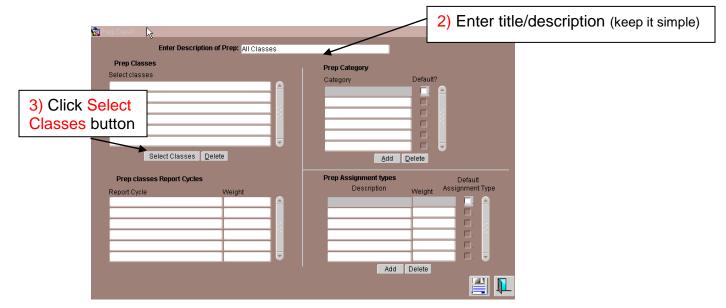
My Comments Option





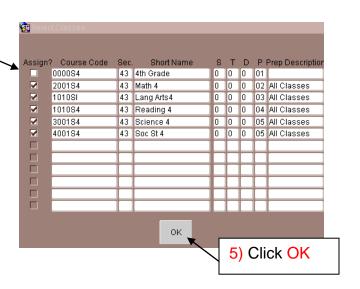
Elementary Preps

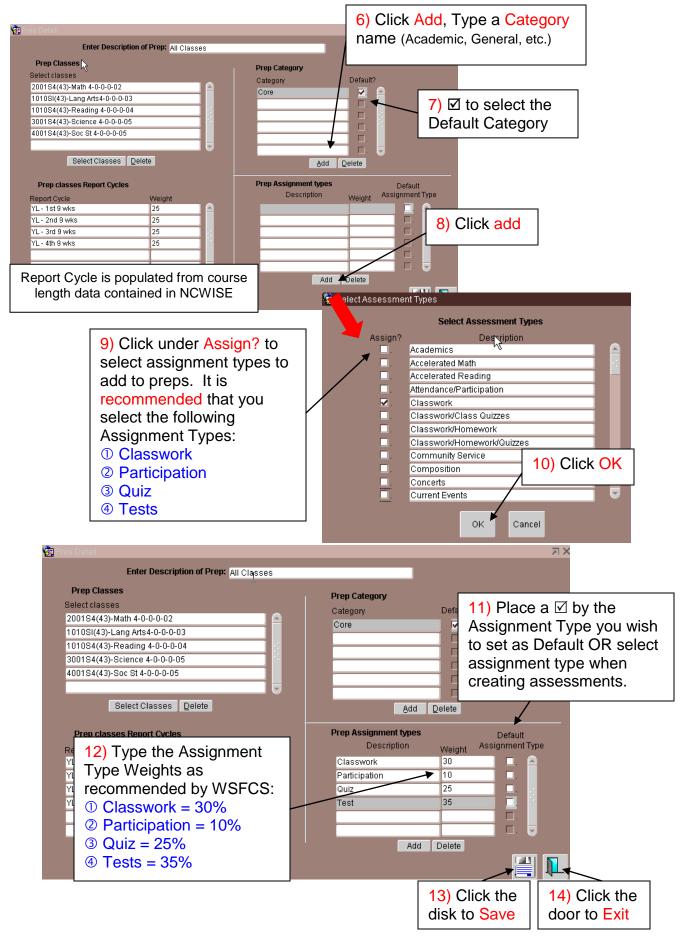




4) Click under Assign? to select courses to add to prep

- Do not select the top Course Code 0000S3 or 4 or 5 OR 9982G3 or 4 or 5. No Report Card Marks are issued for these grade level courses.
- You may select more than one
- If already assigned to a prep, you will see a check and not be allow to select it





Seating Plan Setup



Teachers with year-long and block courses MUST set-up separate preps for each course length.

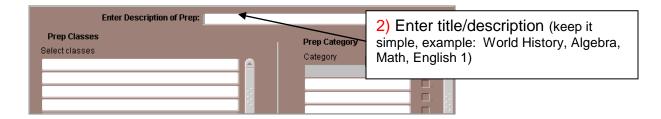
My Preferences:

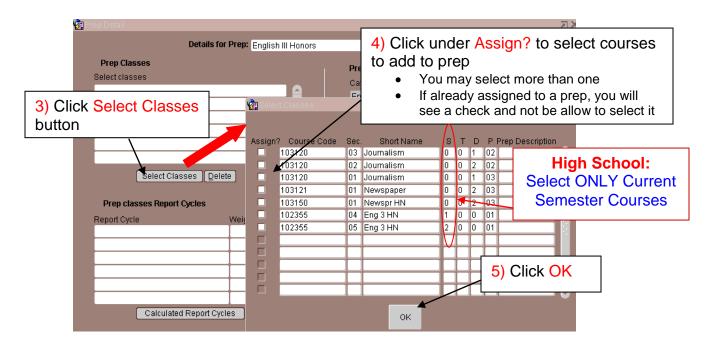
- Before Adding New Preps, refer to 'Deleting Preps.'
- New Preps should be created each school year.
- DO NOT USE THE SHELL OF PREVIIOUS YEARS INFO.

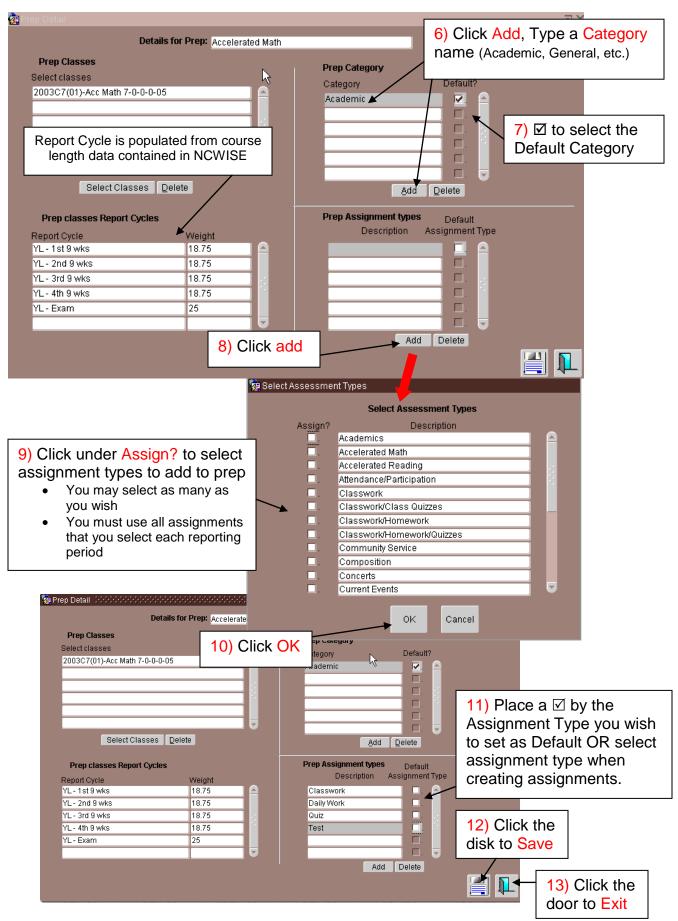
Teacher Assistant

Preps are attached to User Logins.

Do not let anyone set-up a 'prep' for you. You must be logged in as yourself. If a school level user navigates to your options and your preps and sets them up, you will not be able to see them.



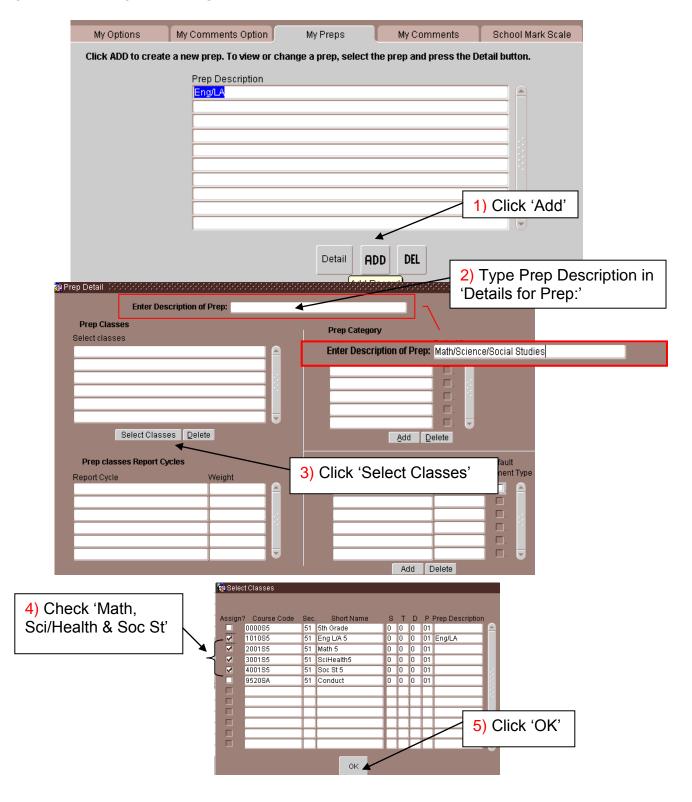


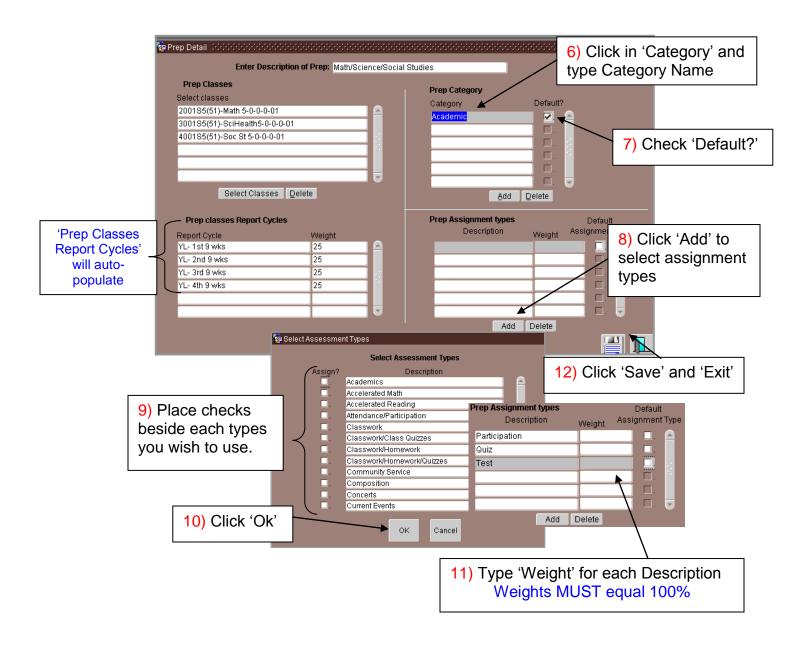


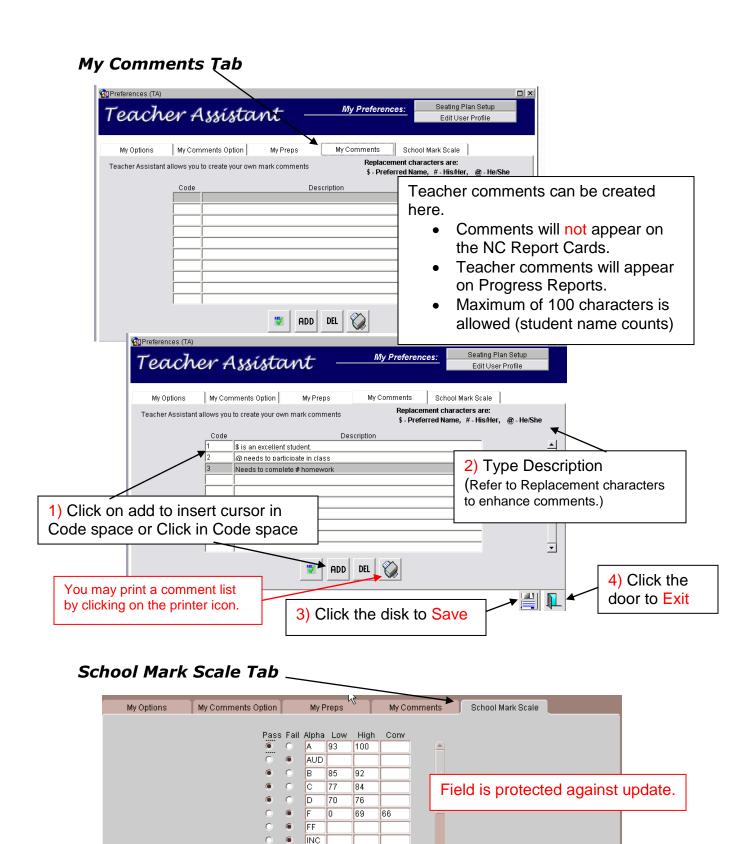


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TO ADD ADDITIONAL PREPS:







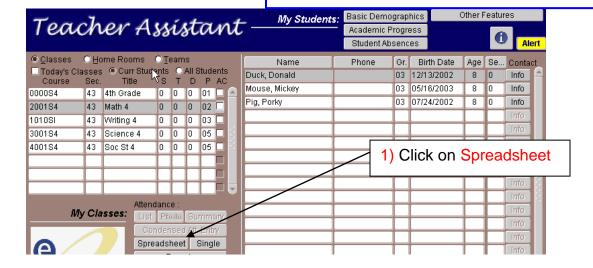
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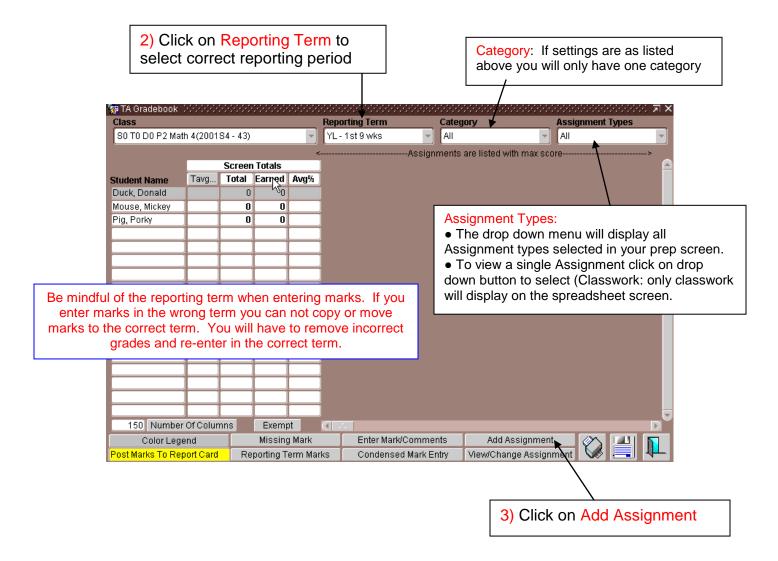
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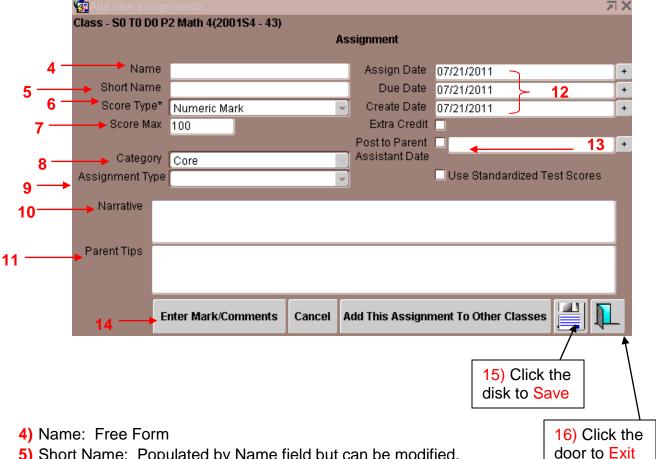
Click the door to Exit

Setting-up Assignments

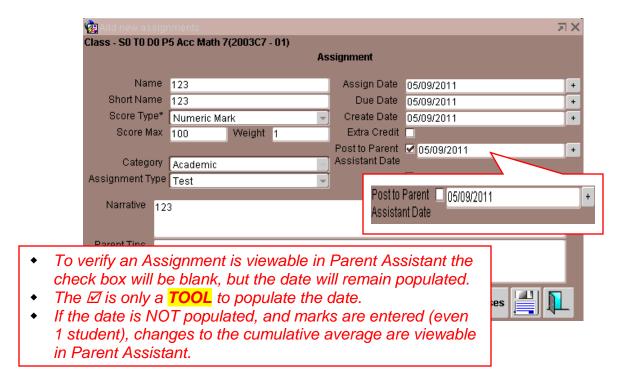
You must set-up one assignment per class to calculate the final mark



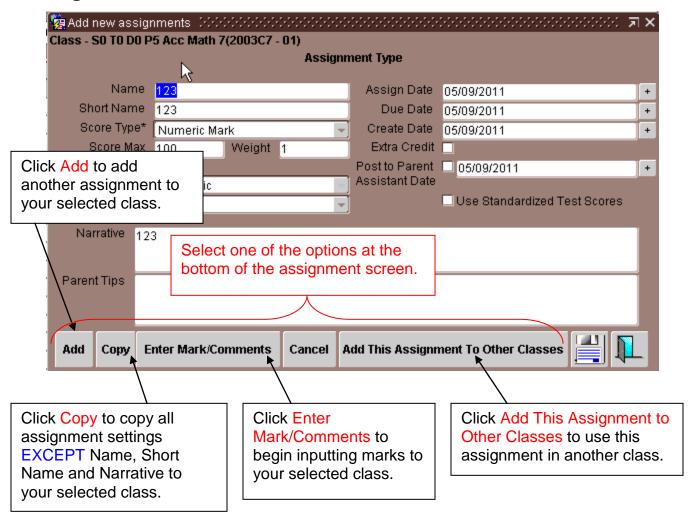




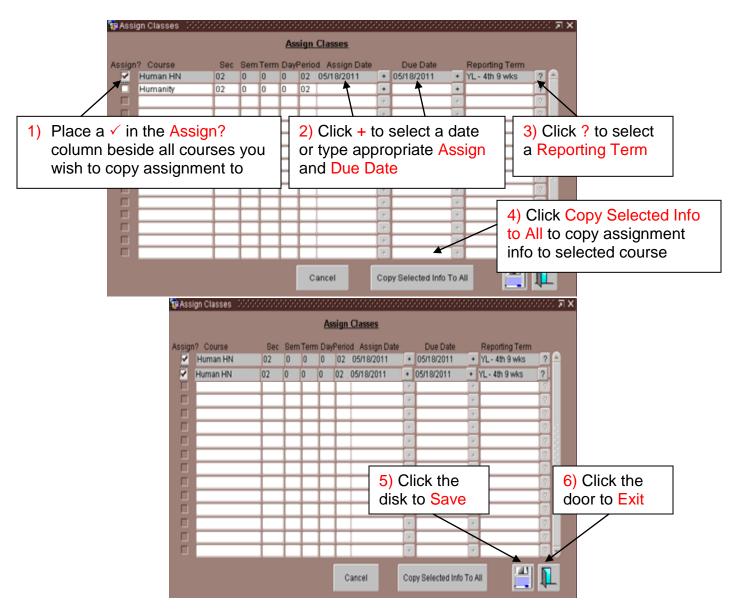
- 5) Short Name: Populated by Name field but can be modified. Short name displays on spreadsheet.
- 6) Score Type: Auto populated
- 7) Score Max: Should never be over 100. TAMS will not calculate grades over 100.
- 8) Category: Populates with only category.
- 9) Assessment Type: Click on drop down button to select type.
- **10)** Narrative: Populated by Name. Can be modified. Will print on student progress report.
- **11)** Parent Tips: Free Form. Message will display on ALL students attached to the assignment in Parent Assistant Module.
- **12)** Assign Date, Due Date & Create Date: Auto populated and can be modified. MUST have dates for the assignment. Dates must be a school day.
- **13)** Checking 'Post to Parent' populates the date (current). (It is recommended this date be entered as assignments are created.)
- 14) Enter Mark/Comments: Comments may be added to individual students to be viewed by their parent/guardian in Parent Assistant under Academic Progress > Assignment Details.



Assignments Screen



Adding Assignments to Other Classes



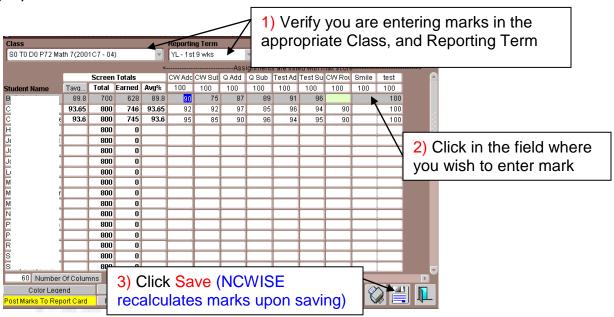
Entering Marks

Core Courses

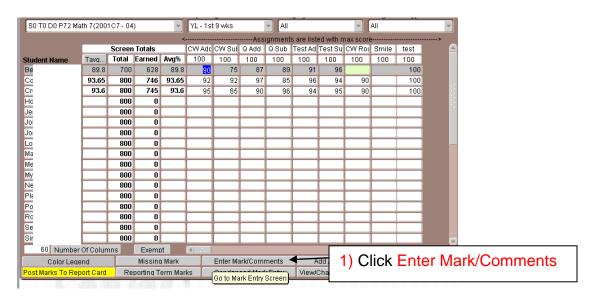
There are 4 ways to enter marks. Each method is explained in the following pages.

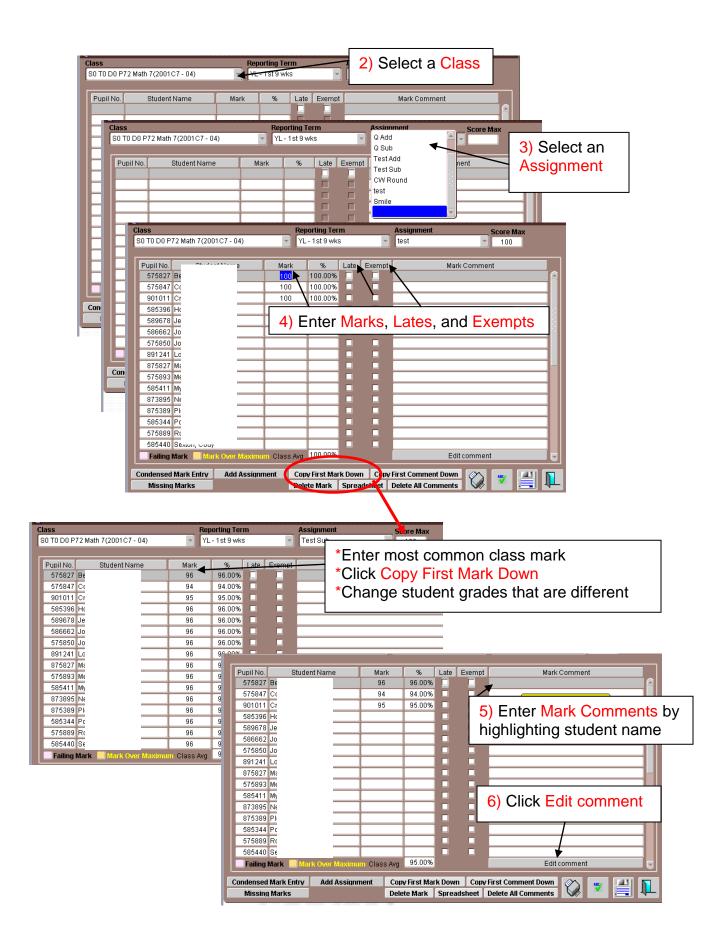
'M Count Blanks as Zeros' in Preferences will result in a failing mark unless student's mark is exempted.

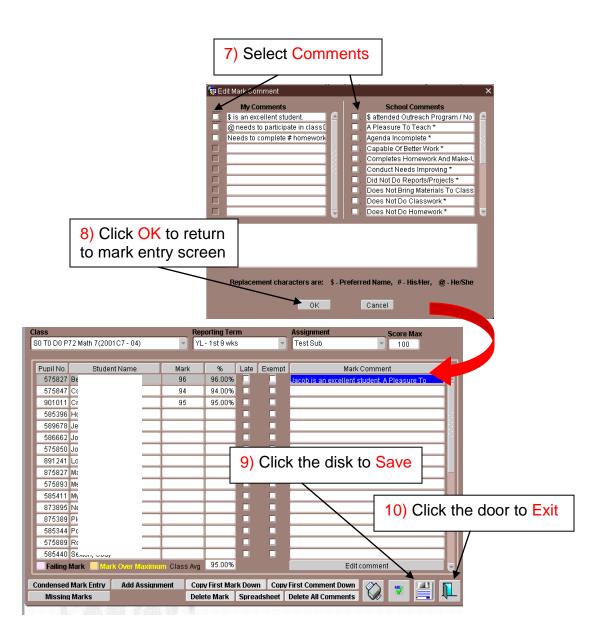
1) Spreadsheet



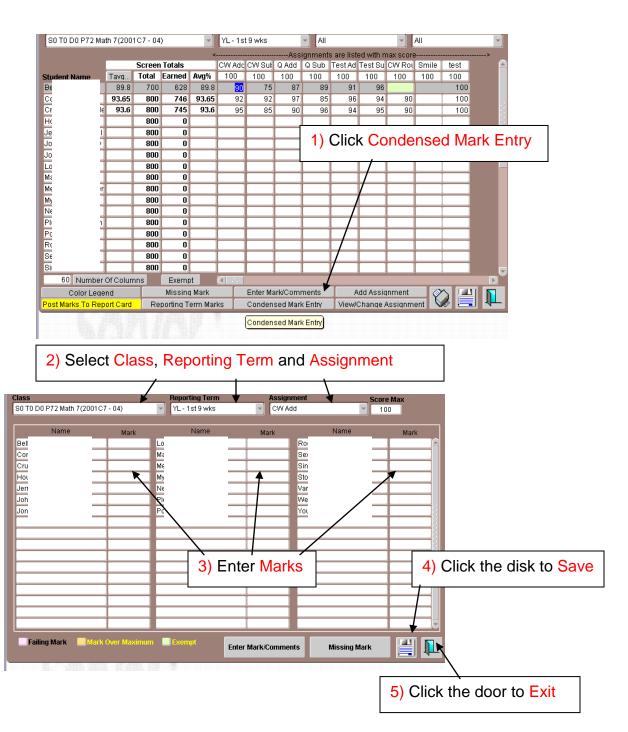
2) Enter Mark/Comments

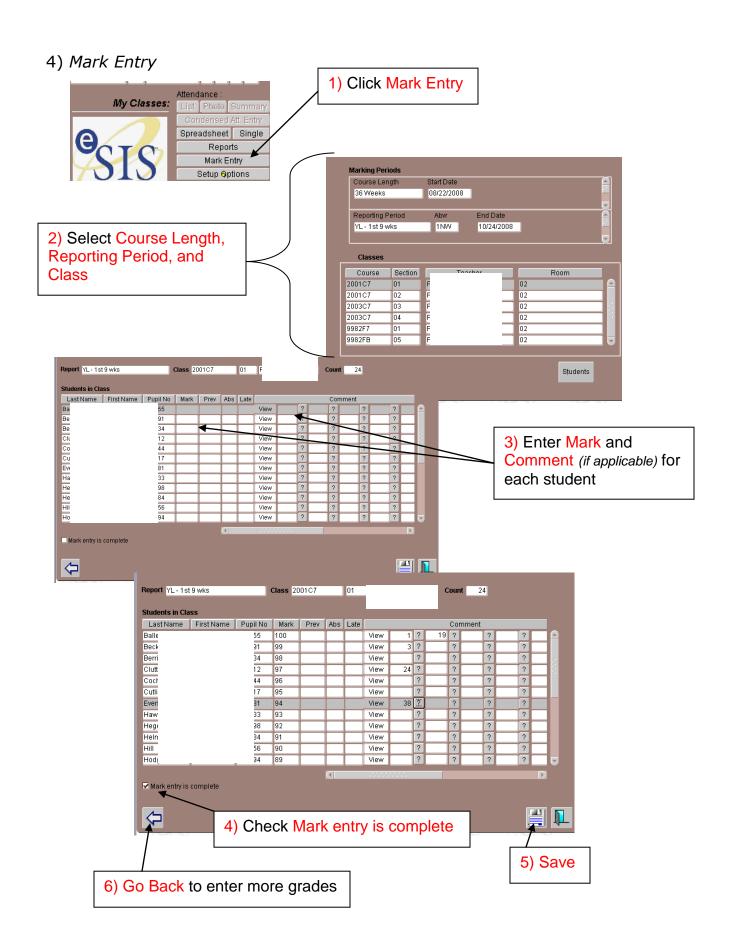






3) Condensed Entry





Entering Marks

Elementary Specials Art, Music, PE

