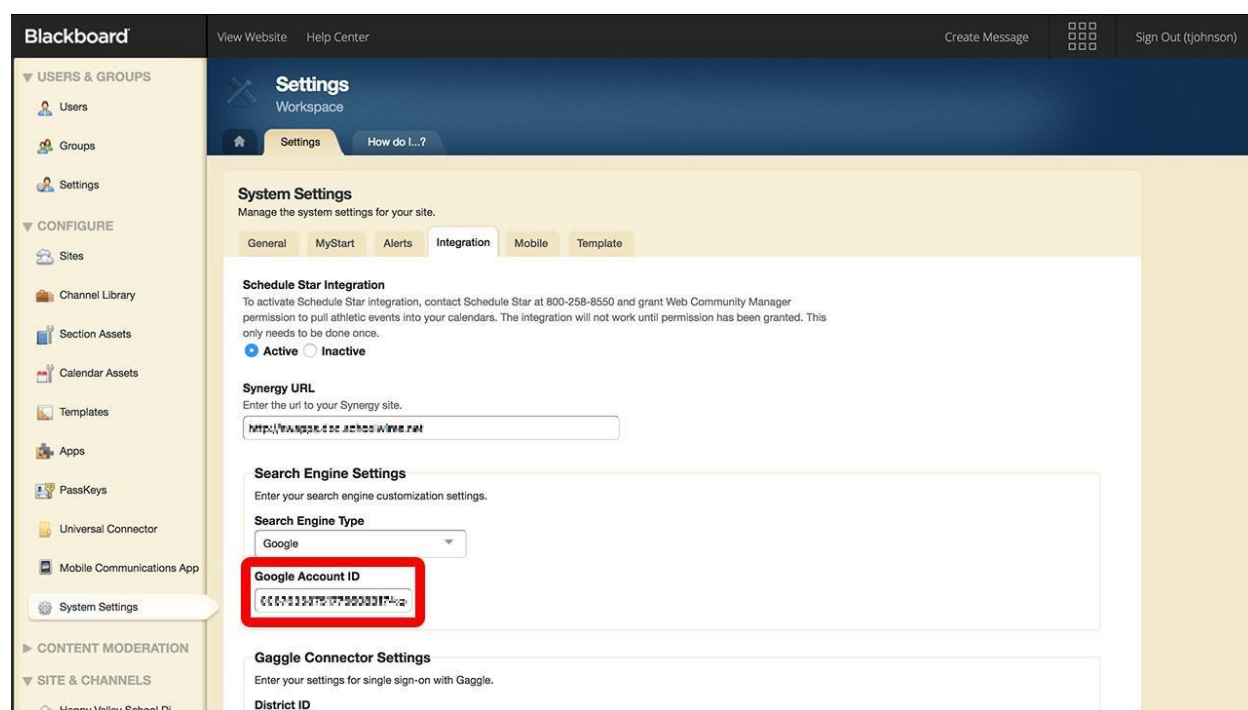


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New or Changed Functionality or User Experience

Update to Google Custom Search

In order to support updates from Google regarding Site Search, clients who have not previously entered a Google Account ID will need to add one in order for search to continue to function after this release. Previously, you could add Google Search to your website by simply selecting Google as your Search Engine Type under System Settings. However, due to an update Google made to its custom search function, you will now need to provide your Google Account ID in your search engine settings.

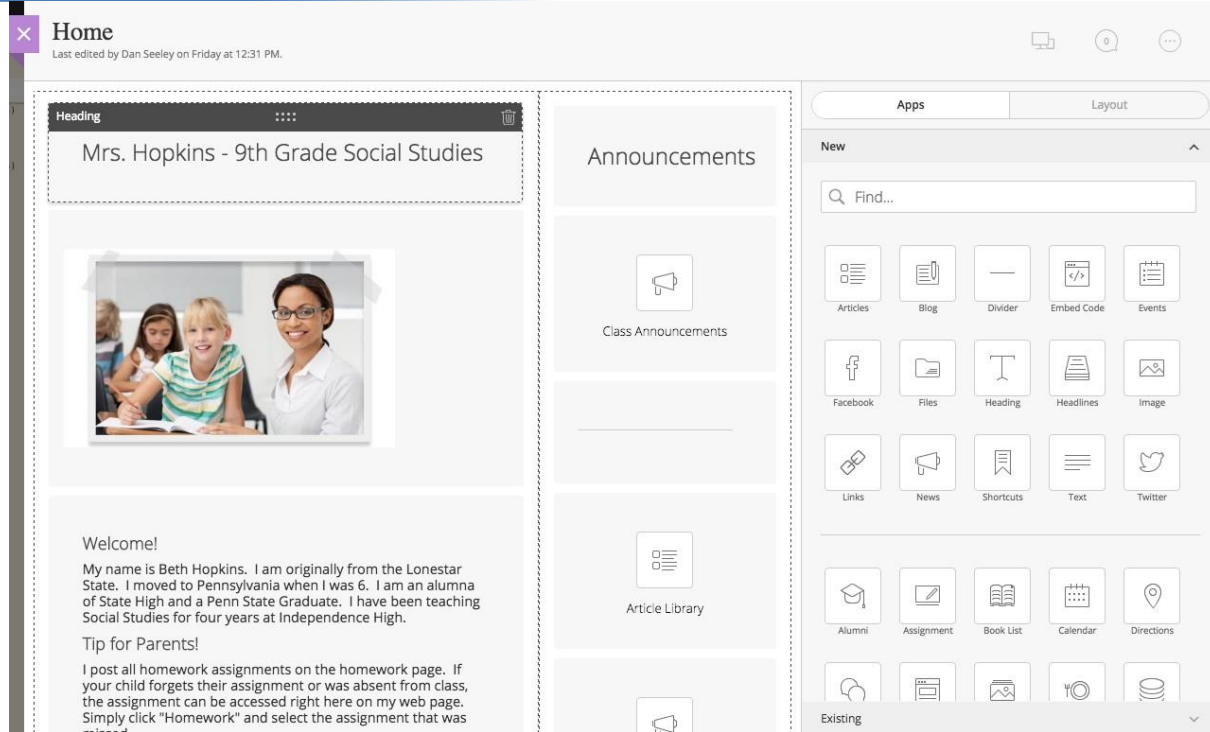


[Click here for help with locating or creating your Google Account ID.](#)

New Page Editing Experience

We are introducing a new page editing experience to the Blackboard Web Community Manager! Now when editing pages, you'll have easier access to select layouts and add and arrange apps on your page. This new experience features a familiar drag-and-drop experience to add content to your site, and provides greater context for how your page looks to visitors. We've also added desktop and mobile previews, so you can preview what your visitors will see when using their laptop or smartphone.

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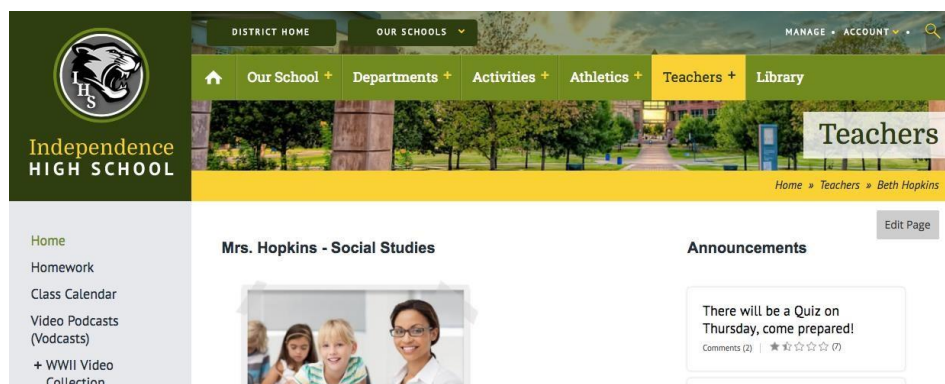
To enable the new editing experience, you will need to extend the *New Page Editing Experience* permission to users via their passport. For help with this, please see [Enabling the New Page Editing Experience tutorial](#).

For an overview of the new page editing experience, please watch the [Page Editor Overview tutorial](#).

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Quick Editing

For logged-in editors using the new page editing experience, a new Edit Page button will appear on pages you have editing rights for to quickly launch Site Manager and automatically open the new page editing experience.



Integrated Dashboard Enhancements

All assignments by class

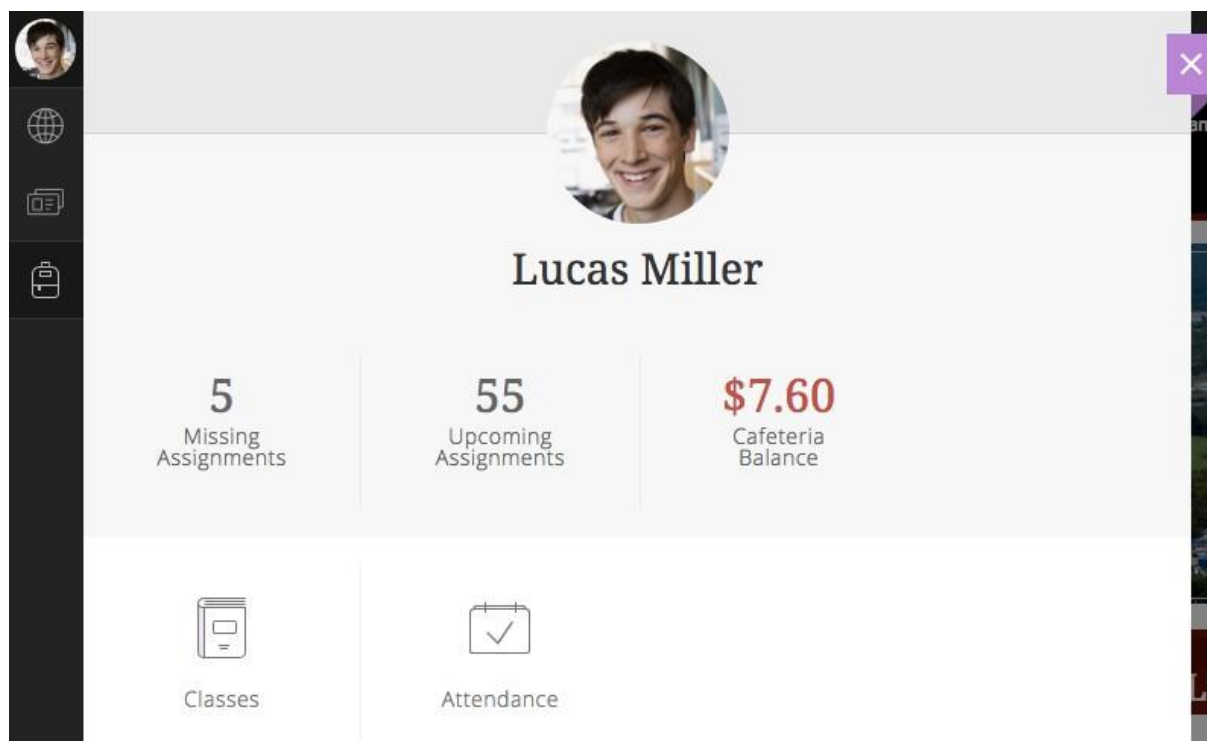
To provide parents and students with the assignment data they want, we have made completed assignments available for each class, in addition to the missing and upcoming assignments. To see these, click into a child's class in the *Classes* panel (previously named *Grades*).

ITEM NAME	DUE DATE	SCORE
Safety Rules Quiz Per. 1 Chemistry	December 16, 2016	28/30
The Scientific Method Per. 1 Chemistry	December 20, 2016	23/25
Laboratory Equipment Per. 1 Chemistry	December 23, 2016	38/40
Chemistry vs Alchemy Per. 1 Chemistry	December 26, 2016	28/30

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Student dashboard

Students can now have their own personal dashboard to access the information that's most important to them including integrated student data* where they can see their grades, assignments, attendance and lunch balance.



***Note:** The basic Dashboard is included with the Essential package. Integrated student data is available for an additional fee. Please talk to your sales representative for more information.

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New PassKeys available in the PassKey Library

Blackboard Classroom

Blackboard Classroom is a simple, powerful, and comprehensive digital learning environment that simplifies digital transformation and inspires student engagement in every classroom.

[Click here to learn more about Blackboard Classroom.](#)

SkyCentral Community Engagement Engine

SkyCentral Community Engagement Engine is a cloud-based Facilities Reservation & Liability Management solution for districts, schools and campuses that can be implemented by non-IT professionals in under 20 minutes.

[Click here to learn more about SkyCentral Community Engagement Engine.](#)

User Management – Editing Permissions

It’s tough to figure out where a person has editing rights, so we added an Editing Permissions tab to the user record. You can see where the user can edit and what privilege they have. If you’re a Site Director, you will also be able to click through to the workspace in the list.

Edit User

Last Name, First:

Doe

John

Reset Password

Emulate User

Delete User

General

Address

Groups

Family Relationships

Advanced

Editing Permissions

PATH	ROLE
Lake Park School District	Site Director
Lake Park School District / Independence High School	Subsite Director

Save

Cancel

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Section Recycle Bin

Now when you manually delete a section or a section is deleted by the Universal Connector, it will go into a Recycle Bin so you can restore it, or permanently delete it later. The Recycle Bin is available in Tools for Site and Subsite Directors.

Recycle Bin

Restore or permanently delete your deleted sections.

Restore Selected

Delete Selected

☐	SECTION NAME	CHANNEL NAME	SITE NAME	DELETED BY	ACTIONS
☐	Mrs. Hopkins	Teachers	Independence High School	swconnector	Restore Delete
☐	Ms. Miller	Teachers	Independence High School	swconnector	Restore Delete
☐	Mr. Rogers	Teachers	John Glenn Middle School	rquaide	Restore Delete
☐	Girls Tennis	Athletics	Independence High School	rquaide	Restore Delete

***Note:** Currently when you delete a Channel, all of its sections are still permanently deleted, they are not moved to this Recycle Bin.

LDAP Group Cross Reference

When managing group cross references, the Group DN selection is now a search box that will auto-fill a dropdown selection to make it easier to find your DNs, especially when you have many.

New Group Cross Reference

Choose a group distinguished name and the group and passport to which you'd like to map it from the dropdowns below.

Group:

All Staff

Group Distinguished Name:

staff

CN=Staff,CN=Users,DC=SWTEST,DC=LOCAL

CN=TempStaff,CN=Users,DC=SWTEST,DC=LOCAL

Save

Cancel

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File Library App Updates

Based on your feedback, we've improved the file library app – making the title clickable, and opening PDFs right in the browser.

Document Viewer App Updates

You can now download a file right from the Document Viewer App – simply click the download link.

Email Address Obfuscation

We have modified the way email addresses display in the Staff Directory App and the About Teacher App to deter bots from harvesting email addresses from your website.

Visual Improvements

We have continued to extend our new visual design to additional areas of the product. You'll notice a new look for alerts and dialog windows throughout the product. We also improved the way comments look including showing parent and student user avatars instead of initials when available.

Accessibility

Blackboard is committed to ensuring that the Web Community Manager platform is usable and accessible to users of all abilities. In this release, we focused accessibility efforts on OnScreen Alerts, Commenting, and Dashboard. We also addressed making the New PassKey navigation workflow more accessible.

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Resolved Issues

We have resolved the following issues in this release. We've listed the issues as they were originally entered.

<i>Functional Area</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Accessibility	Dashboard: Focus should be set to the peek title. (H1) when opened. Supports reader functionality.
Accessibility	Dashboard: ESC keyboard press should close the current "peek"/section layer.
Accessibility	Dashboard: New Passkeys screen - Added role for buttons & keypress action where needed - Improved navigation flow and focus in panel - Made adjustments for titles & labels
Accessibility	MyStart Passkeys - Added keypress action - Improved navigation flow - Made adjustments for titles and labels
Accessibility	ESC or TAB key does not close the section menu (reset focus) if the last channel has a dropdown menu
Accessibility	Enhance staff directory to be more accessible. - Add a tab index to each staff grouping. Add focus to event to expand the staff grouping. On Blur collapse grouping - Added Aria Labels and tabindex to control the flow of reader
Accessibility	Duplicate IDs in Podcasts Changed IDs to be unique
Accessibility	Accessible and usability enhancements to File Library Link to the file from title & Added aria-labels
Accessibility	Enhance select a school to be more accessible - Updated menu to open on return or spacebar keypress. Set focus to first item upon keypress. - Add role navigation, aria labels and aria-hidden to reduce verbose response

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Accessibility	Enhance the accessibility of My Account screen. - Added change to alt="{{Keyword}}" for Avatar. Example "Eagle" - Add role="button" on A tag for "Change Image" and "Remove Image"
Accessibility	Duplicate IDs in file library Changed IDs to be unique
Accessibility	Duplicate IDs exist for events in list view. Changed IDs to be unique
Accessibility	Document viewer (inline frame) using incorrect attribute and needs a role attribute - Changed "alt" to "title" - Added role="document"
Accessibility	Enhancements to the modals to be more accessible - esc to close & style adjustments - Dialogs now close when ESC keypress is triggered - Converted div to button and adjusted related CSS selector - Added aria-label, role-dialog, tabindex - Adjusted CSS for close button
Google Folder App	iframe is not resizing appropriately if there is little content. Causes large spaces between Google App and other apps
Emulate User	Unable to view Site Manager
Minibase	Even fields from 12 until 30 are displaying (12)-(30) after the field name
Files & Folders	Can select multiple files, select move to another folder and it looks like moves all files but it doesn't
File Library	Old PDF icons are showing
Friendly Web Address Mapping	Setup FWA for Registration page is stripping out /Site/ for redirect
RSS Feed	Un-necessary text inside the feed when clicked
Site Settings	Site Settings redirecting incorrectly when no contact information is entered
Section Connector	Sections being created without pages

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Photo Gallery	Intermittent problem When calling CSS in galleria.io causing "Fatal error: Theme CSS could not load after 20 sec"
Photo Gallery	Caption that is only numbers does not render at EU
Photo Gallery	Minibase - When updating large numbers of records (15,000), performance is slow and sites can become inaccessible at 25,000 the user gets an error
Forms & Surveys	Unable to complete a survey using IE 11 or Edge
Section Connector	FWA is getting removed when connector run
Table App	If choose one column or one row it will create a 2 row 2 column table
Staff Directory	Safari on iPad and iPhone shows phone number twice
Minibase	Copying a page with a Minibase app automatically assigns permissions
Photo Gallery	Image caption does not display on hover - update text
Divider App	Unable to select the Blank Space option in the classic editing experience
APP Manager	The Details window in App Manager will not scroll if the app is shared in more than 5 locations
App Sorting	When a new entry is added the app reverts to the original order
System.css	System.css changes made which affects templates in IE, Edge and Firefox

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What's Coming Next?¹

Our next release is planned for this summer. In it we will be upgrading your Classic Headlines & Features App, Classic Article Library App and Flex Editor App to their modern counterparts. We will also be upgrading the WYSIWYG editor used for MiniBase Custom Views and HTML Broadcast E-alerts. Details, FAQs and tips to prepare are available at <http://cerc.blackboard.com/editorupgrades>.

We are also working to make it easy for you to select files from popular cloud storage providers like Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive.

And finally, continuing our enhancements to the File Library app, we will be simplifying the information displayed to website visitors.

¹ *Statements regarding our product development initiatives, including new products and future product upgrades, updates or enhancements represent our current intentions, but may be modified, delayed or abandoned without prior notice and there is no assurance that such offering, upgrades, updates or functionality will become available unless and until they have been made generally available to our customers.*

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Technical Requirements

Here are the [Web Community Manager End-User Technical Requirements](#).

Refresh Your Cache

It's always a good practice to clear your browser cache on a regular basis. [Refresh your Cache](#) shows you how to clear your cache in any browser.

Resources and Materials on CERC

As always, you can find resources and materials related to this release as well as to the many features and functions on the [Community Engagement Resource Center \(CERC\)](#) website. [Core Resources](#), [Hot Help Topics](#), [Apps Showroom](#), [Training](#) and [Creative](#)—we've got the information you need to succeed with your Web Community Manager website.