



WINTER 2005 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL USER GROUP MEETINGS

Each year Wicked Good Software hosts training sessions at conference facilities throughout New England. These meetings provide low cost training and information on additional products to our users. They also allow users to meet each other, share ideas and ask questions about the software.

This spring meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date	Location
March 23	Orono, ME Best Western Black Bear Inn
March 24	Portland, ME Hilton Garden Inn
April 4	Watertown, NY Best Western Carriage House
April 5	Rutland, VT ** Holiday Inn
April 8	Manchester, NH Radisson Hotel

A Continental Breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM during registration. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and close at 2:30 PM. A light lunch will be provided at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$95.00 per person. Registration forms will be mailed to each school. Forms can also be downloaded from our web site at www.web2school.com or call us and we will fax you one.

***Must have minimum of 10 users or will be cancelled.*

NEW GRADE BOOK WINDOWS

Wicked Good Software is continuously updating the **web2school** software based on customer requests. At the request of many of our teachers we have created multiple ways to view assignments and grades. This allows users to choose the working environment that works best for them.

In our most recent release we have added two new windows. The first, Edit Averages & Exams By Course, displays all students and grades in a spread sheet format. Users can view/enter grades, comment numbers and class attendance for the currently selected term, as well as semester, final and exam grades.

In addition, we created an extra tab on the Edit Averages & Exams by Course window that shows the break down of daily grades. For example, if the term average is determined by a combination of Homework, Quizzes and Projects, the user can view totals for each of those assignment types.

The second window, Edit Progress Reports By Course also displays information in a spread sheet format. Users can view/enter term averages and comments for the selected term.

The option to view students individually is still available. That option allows a user to see all term, semester and final grades for a single student on one window. Using the Next button scrolls through all students in the class.

System ID	Student Name	Term Avg	Com 1	Com 2	Class Abs	Midterm Exam	Sem1 Avg	Sem2 Avg	Final Exam	Final Grade	Custom Exam
3	ADAMS, JOHN	86	2	3	5		86			86	
24	BENSAUDE, MIGUEL	88	1	4	4		88			88	
8	BLEVINS, NANCY	96			3		96			96	
26	KRINGLE, KRIS	76			2		76			76	
11	LAFFER, LARRY	100			1		100			100	
25	NORTON, ANNE	84					84			84	
20	OROSZ, IMRE	92					92			92	
13	PARKER, WANDA	88					88			88	
6	RIDDEL, NILES	100					100			100	
21	SMITH, JCHABOD	60					60			60	
15	TAYLOR, ELIZABETH	112					112			112	
17	WATERBURY, TRISHKA	100					100			100	
12	XCHANG, HIEJUNG	80					80			80	
27	YIN, SUZANNE	92					92			92	

REMOTE SERVER MANAGEMENT

Over the years it has come to our attention that many schools do not have a system for backing up data. If you would prefer not to have to worry about backing up or updating your software, WGS offers a remote management service.

We connect to your server at night and make a backup of your data at our site. As new releases become available we can log into your system and update your **web2school** software. This service would require that you open a port in your firewall to the internet so that we could connect to your computer to perform these tasks. Please contact us for pricing.

MODULES ENHANCED

- **Standards** – Two new reports.
- **Health** - Nurses Log has drop-down lists, larger notes area, Medical Alerts.
- **Grade Book** -Free form comments, spread sheet views.
- **Discipline History** report updated to RTF.

For a complete list of new features, visit www.we2school.com/FeatureList.htm

ADVANCED STUDENT SEARCH

The Advanced Search window is used to locate either one student or a series of students based on any combination of First Name, Last Name, Year of Graduation, Homeroom, Category/Sub Category, User Defined field data, Gender, Status or System ID.

You can ask for multiple pieces of data at one time. For example, in the name field you can enter B,Z and in the YOG field you can enter 2005,2006. The program will search for students whose last names start with either B or Z that are in the classes of 2005 or 2006.

To access this window select **Administration-Student**. Then, click the **Advanced** button at the bottom of the window.

REFERRAL FEES

We have found that one of the best ways to sell our software is through customer referrals. WGS would like to reward customers who pass our name along to their colleagues. For a successful referral we would happily send you a fee or offer you a discount on paper or software products.

UPDATED SCHEDULE BUILDER - BETA VERSION

WGS has developed a new builder for the master schedule. This new option is platform independent and much faster. Building a master schedule and assigning students to classes for a school of 1,000 students takes about 6 minutes.

You have the option to optimize for teachers or optimize for students. The program can build the schedule and assign students at the same time.

This scheduler uses the same data as the existing scheduler. If you would be interested in trying the beta version of the new scheduler, please contact our office.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

Our next release (v1.60.5) provides a window to enter prerequisites for each course in your course catalog. When course requests are entered in Schedule Builder the program checks the student's transcript and current schedule to be sure that the prerequisites have been taken.

Students entering requests would not be allowed to add a course if the prerequisites have not been taken. Administrators would be warned, but could override and enter the course request anyway.