

Ignitia™ Update

System-wide Improvements Streamline Teaching and Learning in 2012

As we move into 2012, we are committed to ensuring that Ignitia is not only a rigorous and accessible curriculum for students, but an invaluable, efficient, and easy-to-use tool for teachers.

In response to your feedback, we are in the process of making a number of changes that will improve performance and fix some of the problems you may have experienced as follows:



A Big Fix for Double Clicks

Currently, if you double-click a button by mistake, you may experience an unforeseen response or error. That's really annoying, because people habitually double-click. This issue will be fixed first in the areas you use the most, such as messages and the gradebook. Other areas will follow soon.



Multiple Tab Protection

Good news for teachers! We know that sometimes you need to have more than one student's information open at a time. We know that, for some reason, information meant for one of those tabs was being entered into another student tab. We have fixed the problem so that you can open all the tabs you like and only enter information on the tab you choose.



More Time before Timing Out

According to some of our students, the system times out too quickly and without warning. We're making one big enhancement that will help to handle these timeout issues. If the student has no activity for 25 minutes, a window will appear asking if he wishes to remain logged in. The window will have a Keep Learning button he can click to remain logged in, and another to log off. If he does not respond to this window after 30 seconds, the system will close the session and return him to the login page. Anything he's entered up to that point will be saved.



Assignment Alerts

- **Today is the Day, Part 1:** By popular demand, the default day for assignment alerts will be the day you are using the system. This will help teachers to view the most current information, with the option to look at older information if they wish.
- **We'll Give You a Week:** Assignment information will be visible for a full seven days, rather than the previous five-day period.



Gradebook

- **Today is the Day, Part 2:** Started will indicate the date that a student actually begins working on a designated unit or assignment, in addition to the term start date and due date. This will make it easier to track the actual amount of time spent by the student on the task.
- **No more Re-search to Slow Your Research:** Searching for one student's information used to be a problem when teachers used the return to application button. This has been remedied. Now, when teachers enter search criteria for a particular student, the system will remember what they were searching for without eliminating the need to re-enter the search term every time he clicks the return to application button.



Scoring

Projects with a combination of regular (auto-graded) and essay (manually-graded) questions will be scored correctly every time.

Points awarded will equal but not exceed the points possible. We're fully aware that you can't score more than 100% on a test. The software now understands that, too.

Teacher-graded questions (such as essays) within an assignment that does not meet the pass threshold will retain the original grade unless or until the student makes changes to the existing answer. Teachers will only have to re-grade these edited items if a change is made. What's more, when a student updates the answer to a question it will be auto-saved after 30 seconds. This applies to all question types including Essay/ Paragraphs.

In addition, a poorly answered essay question can now be given a score of zero if the teacher feels it deserves a zero. The asterisk that appeared with a zero grade on the scoring chart has been eliminated.

The number of possible points on custom assignments or projects created by a teacher will be honored and scored correctly.



Course Enrollments

The location of the "inactive" feature for enrollments is being moved to the front of the enrollment page, so that it is easier to locate and can be used more effectively.



Reports

- **News You Can Use:** The Usage Summary reports will provide more accurate data, accumulated as it is received by the system.
- **The Bottom Line:** E-cash reports will be made available to all schools requiring them.

With new course releases, content additions, changes, and improvements at no additional charge, we help to ensure that students in Christian schools get the relevant, rigorous, and engaging courses that help them become learners for life and leaders for the future.



Assignments

- **What Did They Say?** When an essay question is reassigned to a student by a teacher (for a re-do, for example), the previous answers to the question will be retained.
- **Give Due Credit:** All projects will have due dates issued to them.
- **Do-Overs:** All projects will have a reassign button available from within the assignment for teachers to use this at their discretion. In addition, every question in a project will have a reassign option.
- **Grade As You Go:** Teachers/Administrators will be able to change the status of an assignment while reviewing it. They will no longer have to go to the Gradebook to change the status. This saves time, improves accuracy, and reduces confusion.



Passwords

If students who are on the import list do not have a password that is at least six characters, the teacher will be notified. These student profiles will not be uploaded until the passwords are corrected.

Thank you for your help in making Ignitia everything it can be for all of the students in your Christian school.