2017 Summer Release Notes

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New Courseware Interface

The new Edmentum Courseware home page provides enhanced data views, giving educators instant visibility to student progress toward earning course credit. These enhanced data views showcase the color-coded pacing details, helping to save teachers time (more details on page 4). From the menu icon you’ll be able to navigate to the core functionality of enrolling students in courses, create custom courses, and run reports.

My Course Sections

From this view you can immediately respond to class and individual student needs and navigate directly to additional reports, the gradebook, and view curriculum resources. Data is organized by sections of specific courses. Simply clicking on the section name brings you to a page of student data, pacing insight, and additional action steps.

My Classrooms

This optional view creates a grouping functionality that works well in implementations where more than one subject is taught in the same class or class period. Building a classroom is simple: identify instructions, add students, and select the course sections to monitor. Data can easily be filtered by pace, grades, and time on task regardless of the content. This is an ideal structure for a credit recovery program, for example.
New Courseware Interface Continued

My Students

The My Students section is course—driven. You can view all student course sections such as grades, progress/pacing, and time on task. From here you can also send a quick message, print the Course Progress Report, and launch student curriculum details.

My Active Tasks

My Active Tasks is a simple, clean design to help teachers with action steps related to student activities inside the course. Teachers can unlock Mastery Tests and grade necessary submitted activities. Filters include: All Tasks, Up To 90 days, Course, and Section.
Pacing and Progress Monitoring

Time management is one of the biggest keys to success in an online learning environment. To help you and your students make the most of your time, we’ve added performance and pacing data, designed to give guidance on progress toward course completion. You can immediately respond to student needs, organize and sort data based on the metrics most important to your implementation. Color-coded pacing indicators can help prioritize for grouping and student intervention, while the completely integrated Gradebook supports your progress monitoring initiatives.

Pacing is the number of instructional activities completed within a defined time period. Pacing may be set for a section and individual students. Students are identified by one of four pacing statuses:

- Ahead of pace: student completed at least one assignment more than current pace.
- On pace: student has completed the number of activities required at current pace.
- Off pace: student is three or more activities behind the current pace.
- Slightly off pace: student is one or two activities behind the current pace.

When you click a student’s name you’ll see a summary of progress and performance for the course, and have an option to send a quick message, and review and edit any course activities. Changes made here will reflect in the new Gradebook on pages that have been updated and newly created sections. (Learn more on page 6).
Module Mastery vs. Completion Enhancements (Aug. 28, 2017)

Rather than module completion being determined by mastery, completion and mastery are now two separate metrics.

Separating these two data points provides more transparency in grading and a more holistic view of student engagement in courses. By using both Current and Course grades along with Activities Complete in the data visualization views in the new home page, educators can evaluate student performance; easily see where student intervention may be necessary, communicate more efficiently with students, and make decisions to support student achievement.

These changes include:

- **Completion status** is no longer tied to mastery of a Module.
  - Once the Mastery Test is attempted, the module status will be recorded as **Complete regardless of the score**.
- The **Mastery Test score** will be reflected as the **Module score**.
  - The actual score the student earns on the Mastery Test will be recorded in the student curriculum details and will be visible in reports detailing module scores.
  - Customers using the new Gradebook will see the actual score of a Mastery Test reflected in the record. The module score will count toward a students’ Current Grade and Course Grade along with other course activities.
    - Note: the grading rule will apply to newly created Classes (Sections) after 8/25; and Grade Tracker pages that have been updated to the new Gradebook.
    - Note: Grade Tracker pages that are not updated will maintain their current template settings.
- Scoring 80% or better will earn the mastery status (gold star) on the module.
- With the Aug. 28 release, all students in active Classes (Sections) will have their module completion statuses updated to reflect the new rules; no Mastery Test scores will be changed.
  - Note: when updating a Grade Tracker page to Gradebook, a preview has been provided to review how new rules may impact Current and Course grades.

For example: Prior to Aug. 28, 2017, the student below would need this assessment at 80% or better in order to earn the completion status. The system then counts the activity toward progress.

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After Aug. 28, the student will complete the mastery test and, regardless of score the module, will be marked as complete and the student makes progress toward completing the course. If the student makes an 80% or better on the mastery test, they will also see the mastered star. The teacher will be able to monitor grades to determine if intervention is needed.

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Gradebook Reporting

Our brand-new gradebook makes streamlined daily management of online learning within Edmentum Courseware even easier. Edmentum’s new gradebook will:

- Provide automatic record keeping of Edmentum courses, giving you a streamlined user experience.
- Save teachers time through auto-generated gradebook pages with pre-defined course activity categories and Edmentum recommended weighting for each course.
- Give educators the flexibility to change the weights of activities to accommodate local grading policies.
- Generate reports which can be exported and printed.

There are two different grades visible throughout the new user interface for Edmentum Courseware. The Current and Course grades are designed to give the most visibility to educators and students related to performance as learners advance through a course. You can see two examples of this visibility included in the screen shot below. **Current Grade** defines coursework completed and scored to date. **Course Grade** is the overall grade based on all activities within the course (complete and incomplete). This is what the student’s grade in the course would be if the student did not complete any further work in the course.

The Grade Tracker application will no longer be available for any courseware sections beginning on August 28, 2017. Grade Tracker pages for sections created on or before Aug. 28, 2017, will appear in the new Gradebook format and will be accessible from the Courseware application only. Access the Help Center inside the application for additional information on the new Gradebook or visit this link for common questions.

Grade Report customers will have access to Gradebook on October 30th. Watch for details soon.

Clever Integration Enhancements

Clever enhancements this summer will allow you to:

- Leverage Clever for swift and simple program setup
- Auto-integrate with student information systems
- Map course sections
- Simplify to a one-click login process for you and your students.
New Courses

Edmentum is releasing several brand new courses to our online Edmentum Courseware solution. These new courses have been built from the ground up to ensure our curriculum is rigorous, aligned to the latest standards and pedagogy and customizable to fit the needs of each learner. The new courses demonstrate Edmentum’s ongoing commitment to maintaining a tight alignment to both national and state-specific standards. These new courses provide an even greater level of engagement and interactivity than the courses they replace.

Summer Release Courses

- Algebra I
- Biology
- Earth and Space Science (High School)
- Artificial Intelligence
- Theatre, Cinema, & Film Production
- Introduction to Military Careers
- Introduction to Women's Studies
- History of the Holocaust
- WA History - 7th Grade
- TX Algebra I: 8/31/17
- TX Principles of Applied Engineering 8/31/17
- CA Health: 8/31/17
- FL English 3 8/31/17
- FL English 4 8/31/17

New CTE Courses

Not only does Edmentum offer core content and world language courses, Edmentum is also the industry-leading provider of online Career, Technical, and Elective Education courses with over 100 semesters covering all 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters®. These courses cover a breadth of topics that allow students to learn and explore the skills needed for careers that interest them, and they cover a depth of content that provide pathways toward job readiness and career certification.

We recently released the following new CTE courses to enhance our offering.

- International Business
- TX CTE with Career Cluster (updated). For a complete list, you can go to this link and sort by courses for Texas.

Algebra I

We understand Algebra is one of the subjects students today struggle with most. Our new Algebra I course will give students access to rigorous, scaffolded activities and instruction as they work to demonstrate algebraic concepts. New tools include 1- and 2-D graphic tools, more opportunities to practice, and engaging, videos that feature worked examples.

In this new course, students can:

- Graph inequalities and equations.
- Practice after each lesson and before mastery tests.
- Personalize a practice session before taking a unit or end-of-semester test to study the content they need to review the most.
- Answer fill-in-the-blank questions through an equation constructor.
- Break down the problem-solving process through...
New and Enhanced Reports

This summer, we are launching a series of new or updated reports designed to streamline daily management of online learning, make accountability reporting even easier, and save you time.

**New! Contact Hours Report:** The new Contact Hours Report is designed to capture hours spent working inside a class setting or remotely, giving educators more information about where and when students are leveraging Edmentum.

**Enhanced! Detailed Score Report with Flex Assignments:** Flex Assignments will be added as a resource option to the Detailed Score Report in the Administration Center. This enhancement will provide educators requiring district-wide accountability of programs to have visibility into program success.

**Demographic Data Enhancements**

To help our districts with demographic data to support the new ESSA reporting requirements, additional demographic data entry points have been added to Edmentum Courseware. These new subgroups include:

- Migrant students, homeless students, foster students, and military connected students.

These new demographic categories will help educators who need additional analytics for ESSA reporting.
Exact Path helps educators to provide a personalized learning experience to their students in Kindergarten-8th grade through an adaptive diagnostic assessment tied directly to a learning path and facilitated by complete data visualization and progress monitoring. The core elements of this solution include:

**7th and 8th Grade Availability**

This August, Exact Path is extending through middle school! Following our August release, all 7th and 8th grade students can expect the same features and functionality offered to K-6 students. Content will go up through high school for learners who need content at higher levels. Track year-over-year growth and individualize learning with Exact Path K-8. Norm referenced data is available for K-6 at this time. (Norms for 7th and 8th grade will be coming for the 2018-2019 school year).

**Adaptive Diagnostic Assessment**

Edmentum Exact Path includes valid and reliable adaptive diagnostic assessments created by experienced, in-house subject matter experts, to determine students' strengths and needs and report a valid growth measure. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate a student's instructional level across the different domains within the subject tested, based on a vertical psychometric scale of learning from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Students receive a scaled score on the adaptive diagnostic for each subject overall and each domain, and depending on the student's grade level in the system at the time of the assessment, the student will be classified as on, above, or below grade level in each subject and domain.

**Individualized Learning Path**

After completing the adaptive diagnostic assessment, every student will receive an individualized learning path based on their needs. Every student's learning path is revealed a few lessons at a time, with no more than four skills appearing at once. Content can include: direct instruction, practice, mastery quiz, and Progress Check.

Activities may include direct instruction such as a video tutorial, practice and application of skills, and a short quiz.

**Assess Learning with Progress Checks**

After every batch of up to the four skills in the learning path, students will be presented with a dynamically built Progress Check. The test will consist of five questions per skill and scores from the Progress Check inform and adapt a student's learning path. Mastery on the progress check is reported on a skill-by-skill basis, so if the student fails to master a skill, the student will see that skill come up as one of the next four skills in his learning path.

**Norm-Referenced Data for K-6 on Diagnostic Report 8/28**

As a result of a year-long national norming study over the 2016-17 school year, norm percentiles will be reported for K-6 students' adaptive diagnostic assessments. Following each administration, norming data will be available in the new diagnostic results report in CSV format.

Norm referenced data will allow educators to see how individual students compare to students in the same grade across the nation who took the exam previously. These results can also be used to help teachers better assess student understanding compared to peers nationally and to provide documentation in cases in which a larger comparison group is needed to justify when additional instructional support may be needed.
Plan for Targeted Instruction Using Grouping

Working with small groups is one common way that educators provide differentiated, individualized, or personalized instruction to their learners. Students are always learning new things and progressing, so the composition of those groups needs to be updated often. The grouping feature in Edmentum Exact Path allows educators to quickly create and update groups based on the skill they are currently working on, students’ proficiency level on a particular skill, students’ overall performance, or any other criteria that the instructor decides to use.

Auto-Grouping by Skill

Exact Path's grouping feature is getting even smarter. In addition to being able to filter student performance by skill or domain, an auto-group button will move students automatically into homogeneous small groups based on ability to help you make instructional decisions even faster. As always, you can override auto-groupings and make adjustments by dragging and dropping students to suit your needs. Since auto-groups will never override teacher's custom groups, it's easier if teachers create their first groups using the auto-group feature, then customize from there.

Emergent Diagnostic Placement for Kinder

With this summers’ release, teachers will gain a clearer understanding of where kinder students are, and more importantly, how they have progressed throughout the year. Rather than the scale only going down to a kindergarten level, the lowest portion of the scale maps to an Emergent categorization. Emergent will show in place of "below grade" when a class contains only kinder students. If the class has mixed grade levels, Below Grade will show instead.
Engaging Students and Parents

Challenge Badges and Mastery Trophies

To inspire motivation and keep learning on track, Exact Path now incorporates two powerful engagement elements—mastery trophies and challenge badges.

Mastery Trophies are earned automatically based on Progress Check results. Students can receive a Mastered trophy (by earning an 80%) or Perfected trophy (by earning a 100%). Students also have visibility into practicing trophies (i.e. those that are currently in their learning path that they will see next on the Progress Check).

Students can find Trophies in the Reward Case (3-5 interface), My Trophies (K-2 interface) and in the My Rewards area (6-8 interface). This is a great place to direct parents to see the progress students are making.

Challenge Badges are a teacher-defined motivational goal-setting element. Based on either number of skills mastered or time-on-task, teachers can define the time frame, choose the badge that will be earned, and set up the challenge for students. Teachers can personalize challenges with additional prize incentives outside of the platform and have a dashboard to see all challenges, who is completing them, etc.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement can be critical in elementary and middle school. A few summer release features are especially good to highlight for educators to use with parents and families.

Parent Letter - Available in the Help Center in both English and Spanish, these PDFs can be printed or emailed to families and serve as a friendly introduction to the online program and coach parents on how to use key product features. They are a great pairing with the Login Cards.

Login Cards - Now available for any class in the Class set up page. Teachers can print these cards both for students and to send home with Parent letters. Login cards are available for both Easy Login and the traditional login process. Remember, when Easy Login is activated, both the graphical password and traditional password will work.
Learning Path Content Enhancements

100% Mobile Learning Paths

As of July 31st, all learning path content is 100% mobile-optimized. This ensures your students will have an optimal user experience on all devices, including Chromebooks and iPads. As Exact Path continues to grow and expand in grade levels, we are committed to offering a Flash-free environment for you and your students.

For students, they will see this change following the completion of their next Progress Check.

State Standards within Learning Path

After August 28, 2017, state specific standards will be viewable in Content Search and the Knowledge Map, showing correlations of Learning Path Content to Standards. The setting needs to be selected as a default, but will then be leveraged throughout the program.

Searchable Content by Skill, State Standard, Resource Type, and Keyword

In addition to providing your students with a competency-based progression of skills, you will now have the ability to conduct a global search by skill, standard, resources type, or keyword, to pull up all associated learning path content or teacher resources available in Exact Path. Pinpoint just what you need, preview content and engage in teacher-led whole-class instruction or small-group intervention.

Educators will be able to search using the drop-down filters you see listed on the left in the image below. Results will show when the filters are applied. The top result bar reinforces what was searched. The first line of actual resources represent the primary lesson and activities that are provisioned as part of the standard learning path. In other words, these are the lessons and activities that students take first. Any subsequent rows of results (if applicable) show other pieces of content that cover that skill, but might not be included in the student's learning path the first time they practice that topic.

Study Island Topics Referenced in the Content Drawer 8/28

Just in time for the 2017-18 school year, Study Island and Exact Path are linking up to help you improve student learning! Beginning August 28th, view suggested Study Island topics from Exact Path student progress views. Save time searching for meaningful resources and connect instruction in Exact Path with additional practice and reinforcement in Study Island by leveraging this helpful feature. View this brochure with more details on how Exact Path and Study Island work together.

Additional Teacher Resources 8/28

This summer, and throughout the fall, even more teacher resources will also be added to Exact Path to help support your intervention strategy and differentiate learning for all students. In addition to those tools currently available, additional lesson ideas and Khan Academy videos will both be available in progress monitoring views and searchable by skill or standard.
New and Enhanced Reports

Throughout the summer, additional reports and meaningful metrics have been added to Exact Path to support educators. To help quantify a school's return on investment, key usage reports have been created. Additionally, demographic data and national norm-referenced percentiles will be infused in appropriate reports and data visualizations.

Learning Path Progress Report: Feel confident students are making the most of their time in Exact Path with a detailed report that captures key usage metrics such as time spent in their learning path, number of activities completed, and time in system. Disaggregated data will be available to all educators, while aggregated trends will also be accessible for administrators.

Demographic-based Reporting: Beginning at the end of August, Administrators now have access to even more robust reporting options to support accountability requirements. In addition to refining reports by school or grade, administrators can also filter key data points according to demographic information associated with user records. This is located within the diagnostic reports area.

Diagnostic Results Export: Administrators and educators can use this report to analyze how individual students are performing between testing administrations. Review overall score growth, Lexile, norm percentile, and demographics at the student level. This is great for viewing norm data, account closeout, and exporting data for school/district analysis.

NWEA Integration for Kindergarten—8th Grade

Now, your MAP assessments scores become even more powerful. Edmentum Exact Path has partnered with the NWEA to offer a fully integrated solution that provides adaptive learning paths for students based on their MAP® Growth or MAP Growth K-2 assessment results. Exact Path and NWEA customers can accurately pinpoint strengths and weaknesses, delivering a tailored playlist of skills through Exact Path's high-quality curriculum to support students below, on, and above grade level.
Updated Scoring Model: Based on your feedback and the evolution of how you use Study Island today, we’re surfacing something even more meaningful—best score and total number of attempts. Thus, cumulative scoring will no longer be the scoring mechanism for Study Island. Instead, students will be scored based on answering a set of 10 questions for each topic and their best score will be saved and reported. Review the example below to learn more about this update to scoring.

This change also means:

- students will always receive a fixed 10 questions per session, but may take a topic multiple times for additional practice with a fresh bank of items.
- students will retain Blue Ribbons earned even if they return to the same topic and get a lower score or a building block topic.

My Classes

A refreshed Classes page has also been rolled out this summer. From this page, students can quickly view class assignments, message their teacher, and read class updates with fewer clicks. From the Assignments page, available work is now easily sorted by Group Session, not started, in-progress, and completed work to help students more easily monitor their assignments.
New Student Dashboard
To create a more personalized student experience, we’ve unveiled a brand-new learner dashboard that puts greater academic ownership in your students’ hands.

New Content Added
To maintain a tight alignment with changing state and national standards, Study Island is releasing new state-specific content, including:

- Tennessee: Math; Algebra I, II and Geometry; ELA; English I, II and III Grades 2-8 (Academic Standards)
- New Jersey: Math; Algebra I, II and Geometry Grades 2-8, and ELA Grades 2-11 (Student Learning Standards)
- Georgia: Biology, Physical Science Grades 3-8 and Social Studies Grades 3-High School
- North Carolina: Math 3-8, Math I; ELA 3-8, English I; Science 5th & 8th, and Biology
- SAT/ACT Test Taking Strategies
Study Island

**Topic Tree for Learners**
The Topic Tree has been updated to provide a more streamlined user experience for students. Two key changes include:

1. **My Best Score:** a student’s best score from all practice attempts is elevated to keep motivation high.
2. **Standards:** Standards are clearly visible for each topic and can be reviewed by students who want to see the detail for what they are learning.

![Topic Tree for Learners](image)

**Topic Tree for Educators**
Educators will also see a refreshed Topic Tree layout. Passing goals are clearly defined and standards alignment for each topic has been elevated. Teachers may now select the specific standard code or click to view the entire Standards Map to read further details regarding alignment.

![Topic Tree for Educators](image)

**One Place For Content Visibility**
All available practice options for the selected topic will display here. Students will now notice that the Lesson is listed first to encourage completion prior to practice. Educators will also have the option to view available teacher resources.

![One Place For Content Visibility](image)
Enhanced Group Session Experience
This summer, we’re taking the functionality of Group Sessions and Built Tests up a notch. Review the updates to how Built Tests can be used and how Group Sessions display below:

Printable Worksheets
Improvements have been made to printable worksheets to better allow you to provide quality offline practice. A print option will create a PDF that respects page breaks between questions and includes printable versions of technology-enhanced items. Additionally, you open in Microsoft Word to manipulate questions as you see fit prior to printing.

Un-Submit a Built Test
Educators will now have the ability to un-submit either a school-created or district-created Built Test. From the Built Test Report, click on any of the blue links for an individual student who has turned in their Built Test. This brings up the Built Test Individual Report where you can select ‘un-submit test.’ This feature is useful for students that accidentally submit a test early and need additional time to complete all questions.

Clever Integration—Mid August
A mid-August release allows customers to be able to import classes into Study Island, along with usernames and passwords, using Clever. This upgrade will save teachers and administrators time by allowing the process of creating classes to become part of the Clever upload.
New Content

We are excited to announce that we’ve upgraded 81 items for EducationCity to offer more interactive, mobile-optimized Learn Screens, ThinkIts, and Activities for your students to work on. To sample some of the new content available, navigate to the New Content tab within the Teacher Area.

Manage Users

Manage Users will receive a new design that allows teachers and administrators to edit existing students after uploading as well as make bulk changes using a CSV file. Within the Manage Users area, educators will be able to upload a spreadsheet that contains new or existing students, and the system will match existing students to the students already on that account or it will create new users. This update comes with a straightforward and intuitive wizard so customers will no longer need to update their students individually and are able to take bulk actions at any time to make changes to students. This update will not impact the management of teachers or administrators within the platform.

Html Conversion of all ThinkIts Content for Tablet Compatibility

ThinkIts will now be accessed like any other content type and will now have a select style screen that will appear in Search and the Curriculum Map. Newly converted HTML content can be found in the teacher area within the product.

Georgia Standards Map

For our Georgia customers, we've aligned all content across our core subjects to your state standards. Now, during lesson planning, you can quickly navigate to the Standards Map to see Lesson Ideas, Activities, Learn Screens, and more content aligned to the specific Georgia standard you're covering in class.
In Product Support

Personalized Support, When You Need it

Edmentum is committed to customer success which includes not only designing and developing innovative solutions, but also providing resources to help our customers get the most out of our partnership.

Our in-product support strategy features three unique levels to provide you with a more personalized self-service experience. You have the control and flexibility to access in-product support in the way that works best for you.

The Help Center button leads to expanded content that relates directly to items of importance on the page you are visiting:

By clicking on ‘Support’ you will be directed to an entire support website with getting started resources and troubleshooting options. You can also call, email, or chat with our award winning customer support team.