Updates on DOE’s Grading, Attendance and Messaging Application (GAMA)

Schedule for Upcoming Features

September 19
Grades and Attendance:
- Export assignments and assignment level grades into an Excel spreadsheet for one, multiple, or all students.
- Teachers and administrators can view student lists in DOE Grades and DOE Attendance in alphabetical order.

October 5
Grades:
- Teachers will be able to share assignment and assignment level grades with students and families.
- Students will be able to view assignments and assignment level grades in TeachHub.
- Families will be able to view assignments and assignment level grades in NYCSA.

Attendance
- For schools that submit both period attendance and daily attendance, the teacher who usually completes two attendance rosters in DOE attendance (one for the period, one for daily) will only need to complete the period attendance.

November 15
Grades
- Administrators will be able to easily filter between the courses they teach and all other school courses.
- Teachers and administrators will be able to submit anecdotal records, and share them with other teachers who are assigned to the student as well as school support staff and administrators.
- Any grading categories, weights, and scales that are defined by the school administrator at the school level will automatically carry over to future marking periods for that school year.
- Teachers will be able to create nicknames for their courses in DOE Grades. This will only be visible to the teachers associated with those nicknamed courses in DOE Grades.
- Teachers and admins will be able to see basic student biographical information within the DOE Grades and Attendance applications.
• Admins will be able to select between rolling/cumulative averages or marking period averages for their school.
• Admins will be able to lock grading categories, weights, and scales for their school.

Attendance:
• Co-teachers will be able to view and update attendance rosters.
• Teachers and administrators will be able to view period attendance for a specific student for the entire day in real time.
• Middle and high school teachers and administrators will be able to view student photos that have been uploaded in STARS, in the Attendance application.

Messaging:
• Families will receive an automated message at noon if their child is absent from school.
• Families will be able to view their child’s assignments, assignment grades, and term level/marking period grades in NYCSA.
• School staff will be able to send targeted messages to custom distribution lists they have created in STARS.
• School and central staff will have enriched formatting capabilities including sending attachments as well as including logos and other images in their messages.
• The system will auto translate messages into the nine DOE languages.
• School staff will be able to send the same message to guardians, students, and staff at the same time.

System Training and Support
*Please note, DOE login may be required for the following links:*

1. Throughout September you and your staff can participate in live training sessions.
2. You and your staff have ongoing access to our on-demand, self-paced courses (Grades, Attendance, Messaging) on WeLearn.
3. There are how-to-guides and other related documents on the application InfoHub pages.
4. You can watch this video introduction to the applications from the #NYCSchoolsTech Summit.
5. We host DIIT office hours (Microsoft Teams required) each Wednesday from 11:00 A.M-noon. Borough technology teams and DIIT subject matter experts are on hand to respond to questions and address concerns.
6. You and your staff can also post questions and join the discussion in the Grades, Attendance + Messaging SPOC Team (Microsoft Teams required).