

When will PowerTeacher gradebook (PTG) accounts be rolled over to the new Pro version?

Perry will be working on this over the summer so that we can begin the year with the new Pro gradebooks. We will be providing support and professional development during opening in-service.

What are the benefits of using PT Pro?

While PT Pro still allows teachers to use traditional grading practices, PT Pro's functionality greatly improves our ability to report out on students acquisition of standards or proficiencies.

Q: What is the long term plan for grading and reporting within PowerSchool?

Ideally, grading and reporting in PowerSchool will provide students and parents with a clear picture of what students know, understand, and can do towards proficiencies, as well as their habits of work. Furthermore, if we are calibrated in our grading practices than we will ensure that our curriculum is vertically aligned PK-12. With this in mind, OCSU will be working in the upcoming months to provide consistency and uniformity in our assessment practices.

Can I migrate data in my current gradebook into PT Pro?

Yes. However, The following conditions must be met in order to successfully migrate assignment data:

- Your PowerSchool administrator has set the Gradebook Type to PowerTeacher Pro for the section for the current year.
- No assignments exist in PowerTeacher Pro.
- Assignments exist in PTG for the current year

Can I still use traditional grading methods in PT Pro?

Yes. PT Pro allows you to determine if assignments to record will be scored as points, a percentage, or letter grade. If you are using standards based reporting, you can set this as well.

Does PT Pro allow me to still weight categories?

Yes. Weighting gives particular assignments, whether points, percentage, or letter grades, more value than others when determining final grades. The weight value is used to multiply the points earned and the points possible.

What about Standards-Based Grades?

You can assign any number of standards to an assignment, which can be scored separately or auto-calculated from assignment scores.

What are the score types in PT Pro?

Choose from four different score types —points, percent, grade scale, or collected only. It's possible to use one score type for one category and a different type for another, but it's best to choose one method and use it consistently. When assigning specific score types to a category or assignment, choose from the following scoring options:

Score Type Examples Points –

- Record all scores as points 25 out of 25, 8 out of 10, 50 out of 100 Percent
- Record all scores as percentage values 100%, 80%, 50% Grade Scale
- Record all scores as values from the grade scale A, B, F or 4, 3, 1
- Collected Only – Record all scores using the collected score indicator. This type has no score value and therefore does not count toward the final grade.

Once you have set the way scores are to appear in each category, any assignment you create uses that format by default. You can change the default setting when you create individual assignments. Making a decision in advance for categories in general simplifies your gradebook work in the long term.

Do grade calculation types change in PT Pro?

No. Use calculation formula sets to define the final grade calculation methods—how you want students' assignment scores to count towards their final grades. Choose whether you'll calculate the students' final grades using total points, term weighting, standards weighting, or category weighting. You can combine calculation methods by using different methods for different reporting terms, such as total points for Q1 and Q2 and term weighting for S1. With standards based grading you also have a variety of options to choose from for calculating grades such as mean, median, mode, highest, specific weighting, & specific sum.