



CIITS News You Can Use

CIITS News, a supplement to the KSIS & More newsletter, is focused on CIITS data quality. CIITS data comes from Infinite Campus, Kentucky's Student Information System (KSIS); therefore, it is important to know how KSIS data is used and the critical need for accuracy.

2013 Assessment data available

2013 EXPLORE, PLAN, and Brigance Kindergarten Screener assessment data are now available in CIITS.

To view the assessment results, go to School & District Data > Pre-Formatted Reports > Standardized Assessment Performance, or click on the Standardized Assessment tab on the Student Profile.

Final grades now available in CIITS

Grades entered in Infinite Campus for the "Final Grade" grading task of a course/section are now available in CIITS. Classroom teachers, leadership, or those with the custom role of Specialist can view student grades on the Student Profile > Enrollment & Academic Record tab. Grades are loaded to CIITS each week during the weekly data refresh cycle.

Refer to the [Grades Data Standard](#) for more information on setting up grading tasks in Infinite Campus.

CIITS events at KySTE 2014 conference

Several CIITS events will be occurring during the upcoming Kentucky Society for Technology in Education (KySTE) conference coming up March 5-7 at the Galt House hotel in Louisville. This year's conference theme is "Redefining Horizons: Moving Learning Forward."

Pearson and KDE representatives will hold two CIITS Update and Q&A sessions during the preconference workshops on Wednesday, March 5. The preconference workshop schedule is available [here](#).

In addition, Pearson and KDE staff will host a leadership focus group session title "CIITS and You" on Friday, March 7. CIITS users are encouraged to attend the focus group to share experiences, ask questions and learn more about the CIITS product roadmap.

State sponsored Curriculum Manager training

KDE will sponsor Curriculum Manager training in March. It will be open to 25 districts for each daylong session. There will be a half-day on how to use the Curriculum Manager tool and the rest of the day will be devoted to working with participants on entering their district curriculum. Click [here](#) to register. See the dates and locations for this training below.

GRECC (Bowling Green, KY), March 17

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CKEC (Lexington, KY), March 21

CIITS Version 15.3 enhancements

The new CIITS version 15.3, released Feb. 14, included enhancements in the Instructional Management System and Educator Development Suite. Key highlights of the version include:

Instructional Management System (IMS)

Assessments: drag and drop functionality, a 'Teacher Instructions' field for items and passages, co-authoring of items, rubrics and passages functionality, student spelling/grammar checker, item save/share page, ability to track/display student response time on specific items, ability to enable student comments on items, Android device support to take tests in the Online Test Tunnel, anchor items, tools and manipulatives at the item level, and answer layout options.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): districts administrators have the ability to set their district's goals on the KPI dashboard.

Standards Search: functionality enhanced to filter federated materials by resource format, search for standards by dot notation (ex. la.pk.1.), and a consolidated search bar on the top of the screen.

Educator Development Suite (EDS)

Supporting Teachers (Exceptional Child Education (ECE), interventionist, Special Ed) will now be present on the PGES rosters for Observations and the Student Growth Goal Setting Process.

An overview of release 15.3 is available [here](#)

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