

# Frequently Asked Questions



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## BCPS One Overview

[Click here to view BCPSOne Overview Video](#)

Or visit [www.bcps.org/academics/BCPSOne/](http://www.bcps.org/academics/BCPSOne/)

**What is BCPSOne?** BCPSOne is a key initiative that will provide a fully integrated system bringing together all the district's programs and initiatives around student data, assessments, curriculum, instruction, reporting, and analysis into a single, user-friendly, platform. The system will include data-driven tools, providing educators at all levels within the district, the means to build and extend teacher capacity. This will be accomplished through personalized learning for all educators by coupling multiple measures of educator development with student performance; then connecting this with the appropriate resources for fostering professional growth. As part of this comprehensive approach, BCPS One will provide a Web-based communication and collaboration set of tools which will provide a single, unified presence to distribute information and actively engage the community in the instructional process. Educators will be able to communicate school or classroom level information with colleagues, leadership, parents, students, and the community.

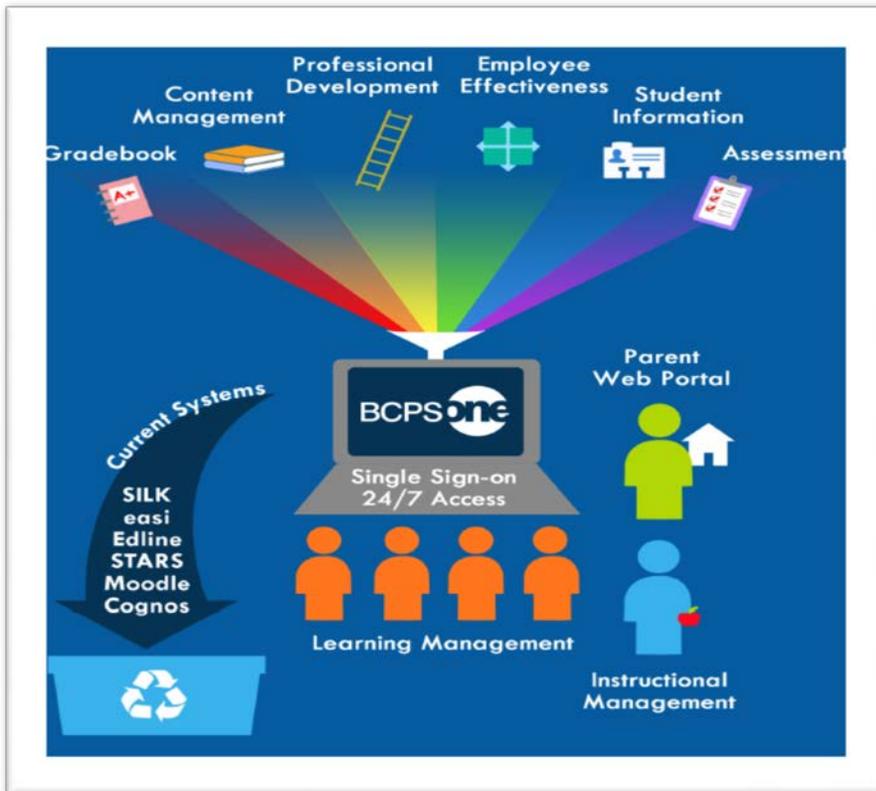
## What are BCPSOne's primary components?

The primary components of BCPSOne are shown in the infographic to the left and listed below:

- gradebook
- content management
- professional development
- employee effectiveness
- student information
- assessment systems

## What is the implementation timeline for all of these components?

- Gradebook: Start of school year 2014-2015 for grades 1-12
- Assessments: Fall 2014
- Content Management: Start of school Year 2014-2015 for ELA at Lighthouse schools
- Professional Development: Fall 2015
- Employee Effectiveness: Fall 2015
- Student Information System: Fall 2014 for scheduling, Fall 2015 for remaining functions
- Assessments: Fall 2014



**Will BCPSOne work on Macs?** Yes, BCPSOne does work on Mac devices.

**How will the Intranet be affected?** BCPSOne will serve as the instructional platform for teachers. Since many resources housed within the Intranet, including the HR and Finance systems, serve BCPS personnel in other ways the Intranet will remain in place.



## Training

**How will training be rolled out to school staff?** STAT teachers and school-identified personnel in schools that do not yet have STAT teachers will receive a BCPSOne overview and gradebook training during the month of April. These staff will then work with school leadership to develop a customized training plan for their school using the provided training resources (BCPSOne Introductory Video-see link on page 1 above, [Gradebook Training Video](#) or visit <http://vimeo.com/engrade/bcpsonegradebook>, FAQ list, etc.).

**Where are training resources for BCPSOne housed?** Principals can find the BCPSOne Overview and Gradebook Demonstration (pre-recorded Webinar) within the easi Principal's Toolbox. Other resources, including a gradebook training video, and this Frequently Asked Questions List are also housed there. STAT teachers also have access to the same materials within the BCPS One Demo Site and within the Office of Organizational Development's Edmodo site.

**Will training materials for students and parents be provided?** Yes, these will be provided to schools for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.

## BCPSOne Gradebook

**What grades will use the BCPSOne gradebook in the upcoming school year?** Teachers of grades 1 through 12 will begin using the gradebook in the fall of the 2014-2015 school year.

**How may elementary teachers use the electronic gradebook?** At this time, BCPS is not ready to translate rubrics into percentages. Professional development on this process will take place during the 2014-2015 school year. In the meantime, elementary teachers may:

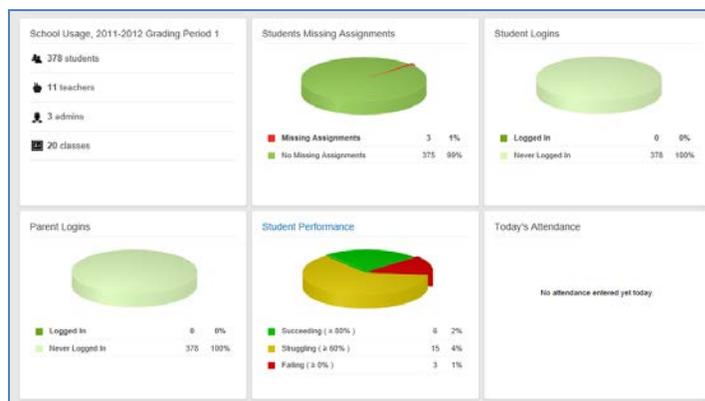
- Turn off the grade calculator in the gradebook.
- Enter grades in a way that makes sense to the teacher and can be explained to the parents. Since 2014-2015 is a transition year, teachers may be using various methods for entering grades.
- Calculate final grades the way you have always calculated them or use the BCPS grade calculator if you prefer.

## What is the difference between what teachers and principals can do within the gradebook component?

Principals will be able to see grading information for all of their teachers, students, and classes. Principals will also have access to a dashboard providing relevant gradebook metrics.

Teachers will have the functionality to build lessons, enter assignments, and enter grades.

Both principals and teachers will be able to generate summary reports.



**Will student and parent information be available through BCPSOne outside of the school building and BCPS network?** Yes, students and parents will be able to access BCPSOne from any Internet connection, including any Baltimore County Public Library.

Quizzes (88% avg.)	Due	Score	Comment
Triangle Unit test	Thu, Mar 20	81 / 100	
Quiz 2	Mon, Mar 17	E / 10	
Assignment 7	Mon, Jan 27	- / 100	

Classwork (91% avg.)	Due	Score	Comment
Geometry*	Thu, Mar 20	3 / 10	
Assignment 6	Mon, Jan 27	100 / 100	
Triangles	Mon, Jan 27	8 / 10	
Tough Skill	Mon, Jan 27	5 / 10	

Homework (81% avg.)	Due	Score	Comment
Geometry Part 2	Mon, Jan 27	75 / 100	

**What will the parent and student view look like?** Students and parents will view similar information including a student's class schedule, class grades, and assignment grades. The view to the left shows the summary view of assignments for one class.

**If a parent has multiple students in the system will they need multiple logins?** No. Parents will be able to link their students' accounts, using verification IDs. Within the parent account the parent will be able to switch between their students.

**If a parent of a student is also an employee with access to BCPSOne will they need two different logins?** The link-feature will allow multiple

role functionality within a single BCPSOne user account.

**Is there are feature within the gradebook that allows a teacher to hide an assignment and/or grade until he/she is fully prepared to publish?** Yes. BCPSOne gradebook does allow teachers to hide assignments and grades until they want to publish the information.

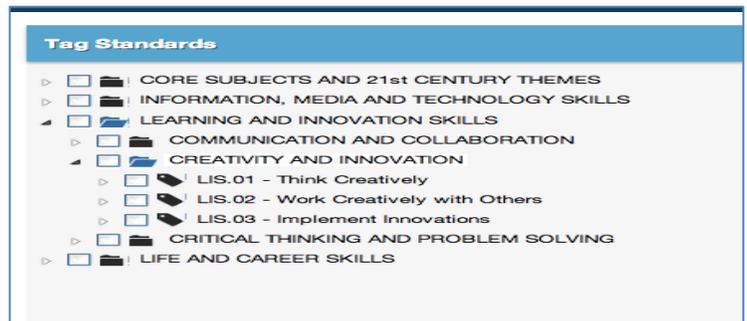
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01. Assignments	25 %	<input type="checkbox"/>
02. Classwork	25 %	<input type="checkbox"/>
03. Tests	50 %	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Does the gradebook allow category weighting?** Yes. Teachers can customize the category names and category weights. Teachers also have the option not to weight categories.

**How does the gradebook sort information?** The gradebook can sort by students and by assignments.

- Students can be sorted as follows:
  - First name
  - Last name
  - ID number
  - Class percentage
- Assignments can be sorted as follows:
  - Date collected- newest first
  - Date collected- oldest first
  - Date entered – newest first
  - Date entered – oldest first
  - Category

**Do students have the ability to view the standards tagged to their assignments?** Within BCPSOne, teachers will have the ability to tag standards to assignments, although not required. Yes, students can view the standards that are tagged to their assignments.



### Student Information System (SIS)

**Will BCPSOne allow principals access to longitudinal data to support student transition from elementary to middle to high school?** Longitudinal data will become available as the student progresses from one grade to the next. This will be part of the new SIS implementation and information will be populated as the data builds in the coming years.

**Will BCPSOne replace SILK, if so, when?** Eventually, as part of BCPSOne's new SIS a new scheduling system will also be integrated. This is slated for the 2015-2016 school year. As an interim solution and in preparation for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year, SILK has been integrated with BCPSOne and updates to BCPSOne daily at 4:30 p.m.

**Will BCPSOne replace Connect Ed?** BCPS One will replace ConnectEd, as part of the 2015-2016 school year implementation.

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