



fcConnect

fcConnect assesses student learning on curriculum based outcomes defined by teacher and district developed rubrics. Student progress can be reported to parents in learning outcome report cards. School and district administrators are able to review student achievement results at the outcome, course, school and district levels. Additionally, fcConnect contains tools for tracking and reporting attendance, communication, evaluations, and standardized testing.

- **fcConnect maximizes the technology investment in Open Text's FirstClass**
- **fcConnect leverages the powerful, online, collaborative environment of FirstClass software, securely from work or home**
- **fcConnect can be used district-wide, in multiple schools, by all staff and students, to provide outcome based student assessment, district report cards, gradebooks, standardized test tracking, attendance and communication management**

As a FirstClass® school management “add-on” application, fcConnect™ is the solution to managing student learning outcomes, assessments, and report card development and production, while providing district administration with information on student, school and district performance. fcConnect is used in conjunction with the fcSchool® student information system (SIS) or with an existing non-FirstClass based SIS to view student information and link to its many features.

ENHANCE YOUR ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY

FirstClass is a popular collaborative system best known for its use by staff in school districts, world-wide. fcConnect provides teachers with the tools to efficiently manage student reporting by using curriculum outcomes while providing effective feedback to students and parents.

KEY FEATURES

Assessment and District Report Cards

Assessment of learning outcomes is the focus of fcConnect, rather than just a percentage mark provided in a particular term of study. Student learning progress is tracked with areas of success and need for improvement being identifiable which can then be presented on a report card to parents and students. Districts are identifying the need for uniform reporting methods to assess student learning. Using fcConnect to report on learning outcomes meets these mandated requirements.

fcConnect helps to improve current reporting processes by delivering a product from the same system for the whole district. Learning rubrics can be itemized and generated into a standardized report card to ensure a common communication throughout the school and district thereby maintaining the integrity of the curriculum.

With fcConnect, summations can be made based on specific outcomes with real data rather than on a preconceived notion or impression. A school performance profile can be created based on this real data.



Gradebook and Standardized Tests

The gradebook can handle calculated averages or a manual entry style with course weighting applied to the overall gradebook, bin or task. Marks, grades or codes with comments can be entered for a task, or omitted. Results and averages can be viewed by bin/task or by class. Upon completion, the student report card mark, along with comments, is submitted.

Results of standardized testing, like Provincial and State Achievement Tests (PATs and SATs), can be compiled at both school and district levels. Data mining of specific test characteristics is made possible.

Student Attendance

fcConnect goes beyond simply recording when students arrive at or miss school by providing the ability to audit the attendance work flow from teacher to office to administrator. Administrators can perform queries, such as attendance history, for follow up or verification of attendance issues. By providing this detailed attendance tracking, fcConnect helps schools or post-secondaries meet attendance reporting requirements of an authority to ensure funding, scholarships or other benefits.

Communication and Incident Tracking

Maintain a comprehensive history of student interventions, issues, and resolutions with unresolved issues alerted to administrators, if required. Staff members are able to provide and view others' posted communications.

Mass Email and Text Message Alerts

Used primarily for emergencies, an immediate communication can be sent to district students, staff and parents by email or text message.

Customized Forms and Report Cards

Develop customized reports, like report cards or student interim reports, which evaluate on specific learner outcomes. Generate and print reports and forms for an individual or for a group at one time.

By consolidating your users' collaboration and data management to a single platform, it becomes easier for the end user to adopt, access, and succeed at managing the needs of your organization.

ADVANTAGES TO THE END USER

Traditionally, accurate feedback may not be given to a student as to where areas of strength and need for improvement specifically lay with respect to curricular learning outcomes. With fcConnect, students and parents can target specific need for improvement areas as assessment is no longer reduced to a single, reportable value such as a final percentage or scale grade, nor is individual student progress compared to class performance. Instead, teachers can review where overall class outcomes require further activities or instruction to improve student success.

While complying with provincial or state requirements, administrators can focus curricular initiatives based on specific learning outcome reporting, rather than on subjective feedback.

DATA PROTECTION

Data can be regularly updated from a student information system, such as fcSchool®, including an initial batch import of staff and students. Information is stored on a central server with appropriate security and backups where data entry, storage and access are independent of the workstation or software on a specific Windows or Mac computer using the FirstClass client.

OTHER COMPATIBLE SOLUTIONS

fcSchool®:

Student information management of student profiles, registrations, fees, class enrollments, schedules, reporting, communication, grades, transcripts, and forms

fcLearnerPlan™:

Facilitated student learning plan (IEP/IPP) management

fcBookTracker™ and fcAssetTracker™:

Track organization resources to staff and students

fcTimesheet™:

Employee activity management and time tracking

Bramm Technologies Inc. is a Canadian based software development and consulting company that has been incorporated since 2003.

Our commercial solutions are designed to consolidate our clients' data management processes to FirstClass®: a communication and collaboration platform widely used by school districts and corporations world-wide. Leveraging FirstClass, the access and management of organizational data can be achieved from virtually any location having an internet connection, in a secure manner. For more information visit www.brammtech.com

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