



Northwest CPS Users Newsletter



Fall 2005

CPS 3.5 Adds Teacher Requested Functionality

The latest version of CPS was released on June 1, 2005 and includes a variety of exciting new features:

Import from Microsoft Word

- Take a set of questions created in Word, add a few simple formatting words and save as an RTF file. Your questions can now be imported to CPS!

New Question Templates

- Ask questions with up to 8 answer choices in Teacher Managed Assessment mode.
- Create rubric questions for non-multiple choice questions to add to your CPS assessments.

Session Merge

- Merge two CPS sessions to create one session for your reports and grade book. When students who are absent take a quiz or test, their session data can be merged

with the class's session.

Large Class Compatibility

- Prior to CPS 3.5, users were limited to numbers between 1 and 256. Now, higher education classes with as many as 2000 students can use CPS. (Can you imagine 2000 college freshman in one class?)
- Creating classes of this size can be done using both the Create Default Class and Classes Tab wizards.

New COM Detection

- Your receiver is detected as you open CPS or you may manually override the settings to specify your COM port.

Teacher-Led Student Managed Assessment Mode

- This new delivery option combines the Teacher Managed Assessment with Student Managed Assessment. Students complete an assessment on paper and then enter an-

swers at a teacher-led pace.

Anonymous Mode

- Engage CPS with a group without collecting individual data. Collect general or sensitive information without fear of embarrassment.

Send Assessments/REAP: Real-time Evaluation of Academic Progress

- K-12 Teachers can now download tests, lessons and activities from the District level using CPS Online. After engaging the lesson, results are automatically uploaded to CPS Online for viewing at the District level.

Download your FREE upgrade today at www.einstruction.com. Click on Downloads! If you experience difficulty and wish to receive an install CD, please call or email your request.

Detailed instructions for using the new features are included at the front of the User's Manual. It will download automatically when you upgrade.

Sample ISAT questions are still available at www.glenisgroup.com or email us for a CD.

Welcome to the CPS Family!

We've seen tremendous growth this year!

New CPS users from the following districts have been added in 2005:

Idaho	Washington
Bear Lake	Adna
Boise	Bethel
Bonneville	ESD 101
Butte	ESD 112
Coeur d'Alene	ESD 189
Glenns Ferry	Kennewick
Idaho Falls	Marysville
Jefferson	Monroe
LCSC	Quincy
Meridian	Richland
Orofino	Seattle
Plummer-Worley	Vancouver
Shoshone	Yakima
Soda Springs	Utah
Valley	Alpine
Weiser	Granite
Montana	Jordan
Hardin	Salt Lake City
	New Mexico
	Alamogordo



Introducing the CPS Chalkboard

Imagine using the CPS Chalkboard question feature to ask a question from anywhere in the room. Bring up a map, a coordinate plane or diagram! Annotate and discuss! Engage CPS to ask

questions and hand off the chalkboard to a student who wants to share his or her thinking.

Only \$350 + \$15 S&H. Fax your purchase order to 208.898.5012.



CPS Chalkboard



Bloom's Taxonomy and CPS: Eliciting Higher Level Thinking from All Students

Susan Stauffer, AP Statistics teacher at Boise High School, noticed some her students trying out an answer before thinking through a problem when using CPS during her instructional time. To make it a bit more challenging and encourage thought, she created a 4 x 4 or 5 x 5 grid and asks students to first identify the ROW with the correct answer and then the COLUMN. She found that by sifting through more choices, students were more apt to think critically about the problem.

This method allows teachers to utilize more Application or Analysis level questions within the framework of a multiple choice question.

Susan suggests clearly labeling rows and columns and putting answers in alphabetic or numeric order so students can find correct answers easily. To double ones' options, simply add two answers to each cell and ask "top or bottom" for a third question.

Suppose you want to know if the proportion of kernels popped is associated with the type of popcorn used. You

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 1	Z Test	T Test	1- Prop Z test	1- prop Z Int
Row 2	2-Samp Z test	2-Samp T Test	2-Prop Z-Test	2- Prop Z Int
Row 3	Z interval	T interval	2Samp Z Int	2 Samp T Int
Row 4	X ² Goodness of Fit	X ² for Independence	X ² for Homogeneity	Lin Reg T test

have several bags of three types of microwave popcorn: Buttered, lowfat, and caramel. Find the best inference procedure for this situation.

1. Which ROW contains the best procedure for the above situation?

- A. Row 1
- B. Row 2
- C. Row 3
- D. Row 4

2. Which COLUMN contains the best procedure for the above situation?

- A. Column 1
- B. Column 2
- C. Column 3
- D. Column 4

For a brief overview of Bloom's Taxonomy and additional sample questions, please go to www.glenisgroup.com.

Correct Answer: Row 4, Column 2 (The Chi Square Test for Independence)

CPS REAP: Real-time Evaluation of Academic Process



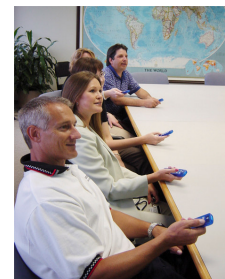
Take a Flash tour at www.einstruction.com!

MAKE IT CLICK! Sessions Being Scheduled

MAKE IT CLICK! sessions are lively 30-minute, interactive demos of the latest features of CPS.

Held at your school during your before or after-school faculty meeting, lunchtime or team prep period. Best of all, we bring the treats and these sessions are FREE!

Attendance by both current and future users is encouraged! Our calendars fill up quickly so schedule your MAKE IT CLICK session today!



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Training and Conference Schedule

Date	Location	Event
8/11/05	Yakima, WA	Professional Development Seminar
8/11/05	East High School, Salt Lake City, UT	Professional Development Seminar
8/15/05	Yakima, WA	ACTE Summer Conference
8/15/05	Holloman Intermediate School Alamogordo, NM	Professional Development Seminar
8/19/05	Washington State University	Professional Development Seminar
8/22/05	Altara Elementary School, Sandy, UT	Professional Development Seminar
8/22/05	Richland, WA	Professional Development Seminar
8/23/05	Monroe, WA	Professional Development Seminar
9/14/05	Jefferson School District, Rigby, ID	Professional Development Seminar
9/15/05	Alpine SD, UT	Professional Development Seminar
10/6/2005	Boise, ID	Boise Tech Expo - Borah High School
Mid-October, 2005	W.H. Taft Elementary School, Boise, ID	Professional Development Seminar
10/27/05	Boise, ID	Idaho Association of Elementary School Principals
Fall 2005 - TBA	Glenns Ferry, ID	Professional Development Seminar
Fall 2005 - TBA	Seattle, WA	Professional Development Seminar

eInstruction's Professional Development Seminars are now offered for graduate credit through Muskingum College.