



Idaho CPS Users Newsletter



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CPS Software Release 3.4 Provides Exciting New Features

Current CPS users may download version 3.4 free of charge at: www.einstruction.com.

Along with the download, you will receive a new user's guide with easy-to-find instructions on these new features:

Dynamic Standards

The dynamic standards feature allows you to align state standards to your questions during your lessons with greater efficiency and spontaneity.

Audio/Video Notes

You can now attach videos, audio clips, and more to your CPS questions.

Taking Attendance From the Engage Taskbar

Attendance is easier than ever with this new administrative feature. Simply click the 'class' button while giving a lesson to collect attendance.

CPS Training Opportunities

PDS in Boise

Join us at Timberline High School in Boise on **August 17th from 8:30–3:30!**

Register online at www.einstruction.com. Free with purchase!

CPS Gradebook Enhancement

CPS 3.4 makes customizing your Gradebook easy. There are now two types of Gradebook settings available. You can leave the Gradebook default setting to reflect grades as percentages, or you can choose to display grades on a point system. The maximum points for assessments are also adjustable with either of these gradebook settings in CPS 3.4.

PowerPoint Integration

You can now access, organize, and run your PowerPoint presentations from the new Presentations folder in the Lessons tab.

ExamView

The new ExamView Control feature makes using ExamView with CPS easier than ever. Your lessons tab now contains a folder exclusively for holding ExamView content. ExamView settings are custom-

izable giving you even greater efficiency and flexibility in teaching.

Subjective Question Grading

With this new feature in CPS you can engage a lesson consisting of objective and subjective questions while having only the objective questions given "weight" in your grade reports.

Auto Move to Next Question

Put CPS on autopilot! Set a timer for your questions; when your timer runs out, CPS automatically advances to your next question.

Class Creation

eInstruction has made it easier for CPS users to create and sync their classes with CPSONline. With CPS 3.4 a class creation wizard in the Classes tab of CPS takes you through the whole process.

Host a Professional Development Seminar

Join Boise, Madison, New Plymouth and Marsh Valley School Districts in hosting your own seminar for teachers in your area.

Online Training through eInstruction

Free, one hour training sessions are available through eInstruction. Register online for these effective seminars on a variety of CPS features. Go to www.einstruction.com and click on Professional Development today!

New to the Idea of CPS?

Schedule a Demo!

Amy Jones is happy to bring her CPS system to your school for a lively 30–45 minute demo with faculty, administrators or students. If you live within 100 miles of Boise, she is happy to come anytime. Currently, she is planning to be in Eastern Idaho at the end of September and in North Idaho in mid- or late October. In addition, she will have a booth at the Boise Tech Expo/ICTM Conferences on October 7 & 8 at Borah High School in Boise.

Amy's contact information is on page 2.

Borrow a System for 30 days!

eInstruction is happy to let you borrow a 32-pad CPS system at no charge. Email or fax Amy to receive the simple form and receive your loaner right away!



Engage every student with eInstruction's Classroom Performance System.



Engaging Uses of CPS in Idaho Schools!

5th grade teachers, Vicki Matthews-Burwell, Eddie Reed and Diana Gillum at New Plymouth Elementary successfully used CPS for a Math Competition for 4th and 5th graders from Weiser and New Plymouth.

Fifth grade teachers at Mary McPherson Elementary School in Meridian, used the sample ISAT questions to rotate students through effective ISAT review centers.

Dr. Pat Blatter, special education teacher at West Junior High School in Boise, used the sample ISAT questions in her resource room to familiarize

students with the format of the questions resulting in greater confidence.

8th Grade Science Teacher, Doug Lawrence, Les Bois Junior High, Boise, found that his current text book included ready-to-use questions through ExamView, easing the burden of question writing.

Marsh Valley Alternative High School teachers used CPS to help students review for a science test...and experienced their best scores ever! Students were so excited, they were invited to share CPS at a school board meeting.

Lyman Elementary (Rexburg) 4th Grade Teacher, Pat Parker, uses CPS everyday. "I love it and the students don't want to give it up when it is time to move on to another form of learning," says Pat.

Virginia Robinson, first and second grade teacher at Inkom Elementary School proved to her students that using scratch paper for math ISAT questions helped them get more correct answers.

To have your story told here in the next issue, email Amy!



New Plymouth and Weiser students solve problems together then use their CPS response pad to enter their answer.

Idaho Districts Using CPS

Boise
Challis
Coeur d'Alene
Declo
Idaho Falls
Lewiston
Kuna
Madison
Marsh Valley
Meridian
New Plymouth
Pocatello
Preston
Ririe
Soda Springs

Sugar-Salem
University of Idaho

Congratulations to Mini-Grant Winners from NCEE, EdTechQuest and CTEI:

Robyn Eastin, Madison
Janet Gates, Pocatello
Ildiko Roth, North Idaho College
Jan Kidd, Cassia
Shannon Nation, Middleton
Gayle Bean, Twin Falls
Michele Mussman, Cd'A
Diane Schmerbach, Kuna

Free 32-pad systems were provided to Idaho schools by eInstruction and Amy's Jones' company, The Glenis Group. We are proud to leave a significant and lasting imprint of innovation, partnership, and philanthropy in schools around the country and world. eInstruction has exceeded \$5.2 million in retail donations.

Sources of funding for purchased systems included Tech funds, Title II D grants, Carl Perkins funds, PTO and School District Foundation Grants.

ExamView Content and Dynamic Questions

Imagine real assessment through the learning process. Imagine your "guided practice" time being student-driven. Imagine not waiting until tomorrow's homework is corrected to know whether your students have really learned that day's concepts.

With dynamic questions, programmed through ExamView and delivered with CPS, new, similar questions are available at the click of a button. For example "What is 30% of 50?" will instantly become "What is 40% of 30?"

ExamView comes bundled with most current textbooks,

along with question banks. To see if your textbook is one of these, head to www.examview.com. However, if you don't have ExamView, you may order the program (without content) for \$99.00 + \$4.95 S & H. and create your own dynamic questions.

"When practicing the math portion on the CPS, NONE of my students used the scratch paper that I provided!!!! It dawned on me that this is also the case during ISAT testing!! In helping 2nd graders, I found that I really had to 'teach' them to use the information and USE their provided paper to figure it out! It's taken over a month, but now 98% of my students use the paper to figure out problems. It was definitely an 'ah ha' moment for me!"

Virginia Robinson,
Inkom Elementary School

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