ADULT EDUCATION & LITERACY Data Specialist Handbook

2019

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Note: On July 1, 2023, lowa's Adult Education and Literacy Programs began transitioning to lowa Workforce Development as part of a consolidation of programs primarily focused on workforce development and employment. Iowans can expect the same quality services from these programs, in addition to greater access to overall job services. The following content was originally prepared by the Department of Education, but these documents will continue to be updated as the transition continues.

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

DATA SPECIALIST HANDBOOK

PROGRAM YEAR 2021

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Preface

The purpose of this document is to provide the Data Specialist with a comprehensive reference on entering data into the TOPSpro Enterprise system. Sources for this document are referenced in the Appendices. It is intended to provide some step by step instruction with reference to existing documentation.

Getting Started

Review the following to be sure you are ready to administer assessments and collect data for reporting.

Install TOPSpro Enterprise® Online

Refer to <u>TOPSpro Enterprise® Guide</u> to install TE online. TOPSpro Enterprise® is used to collect data on students and assessment progress related to the National Reporting System (NRS) and state requirements. The <u>TOPSpro Enterprise Guide®</u> is available in the appendix, however, it is California based.

Administering Assessments

Refer to the <u>Iowa Assessment Policy</u> with regards to administering assessments. <u>CASAS</u> and <u>TABE</u> assessments are used. Proctor and implementation training are required. Refer to the <u>Appendices</u> for additional information.

Setup

Create a Site

Once established, this should be relatively rare task. You should never delete a site once established.

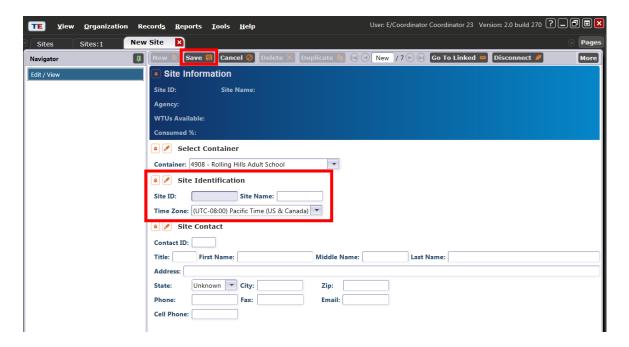
Sites are defined as physical locations. Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> for site categories. A new site may need to be added for various reasons. The first two digits of the Site ID number refer to the site category. For example, Correctional Education Agencies begin with a site number of "02" while a Postsecondary Educational site begins with "10." The remaining numbers can be more specific to the local program. For example, the next two digits may represent a campus building.

1) Go to Organization – Sites. The existing sites and information are listed. Click on the New button.



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- 2) The Site Information screen appears. Enter the Site ID. This is something individual programs would create. The first two digits should follow the site categories in the Data Dictionary. Examples:
 - a. 1001
 - i. The first two digits referring to 10 Postsecondary Education
 - ii. The second two digits referring to 01 Building One
 - b. 0201
 - i. The first two digits referring to 02 Correctional Education Agencies
 - ii. The second two digits referring to 01 Building One
 - c. 1203
 - i. The first two digits referring to 12 Faith Based Organization
 - ii. The second two digits referring to 03 Third church site added
- 3) Press tab and move the focus to the Site Name. Examples corresponding to the previous step:
 - a. Acme College Building A
 - b. Correctional Facility Building A
 - c. ABC Church
- 4) Change the time zone to Central Time. (optional)
- 5) Update Site Contact Information. (optional)
- 6) Click Save.



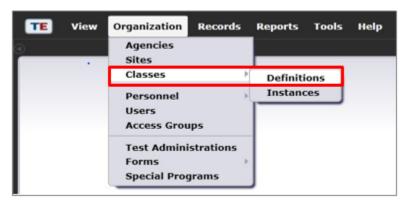
Adding Class Definitions

Adapted from "Adding Class Definitions." *Classes*. CASAS, 2013. Web. January 2015. https://www.casas.org/docs/te-help-documentation/how-to-create-classes.pdf?sfvrsn=8?Status=Master

Each class has a **Definition** and an **Instance** within the program year. Class Definitions can be carried over from year to year. You may need to add or remove as necessary. <u>Adding Class Instances</u> should be done each program year.

Class Definition: simply a Class ID and Class Description, which can optionally include an Extended ID and/or Course Code. The combination of Class ID + Extended ID is required to be unique within a given site. One purpose of the Class Definition is to allow the Class ID to be repeated from one program year to another. Using the Extended ID allows the same Class ID to be used in the same program year but is not required.

1) From the Organization menu, select Classes -> Definitions

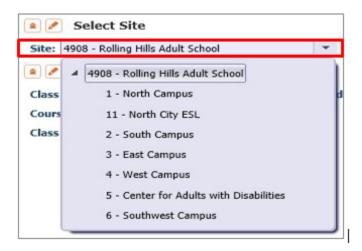


2) Click the New button.



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3) Select the **Site** location that offers the class.



4) Enter a unique Class ID

- a. The Class ID is assigned by the agency to uniquely identify a particular class within a site.
- b. This is a mandatory field.



5) Enter a Course Code (optional)

- a. A course code records class content according to local or statewide definitions.
- b. The course code appears in reports along with the Class ID.



- 6) Enter the Class Description
 - a. Each agency chooses a class description (a mandatory field) to describe a class at a particular site.



- 7) Use **Extended ID** (*optional*) in the class definition to make multiple class instances from a common class definition.
 - a. For example:
 - i. Class ID = 101,
 - ii. Extended ID = Morning
 - iii. Class ID = 101
 - iv. Extended ID = Evening



8) Click Save.



9) In the Navigator click Class Instances.

Note: From here, skip to the next section on <u>Adding Class Instances</u>.



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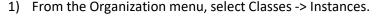
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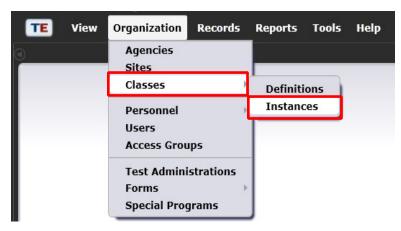
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Each class has a **Definition** and an **Instance** within the program year. Class Definitions can be carried over from year to year. If continuing from previous steps, please skip to **Step 7**.

Class Instance: is the particular implementation of the Class Definition within a program year. The Class Instance includes many vital characteristics of the class such as the start and end date, instructional program, instructional setting, etc. In addition, students are assigned to a Class Instance via class enrollment records.



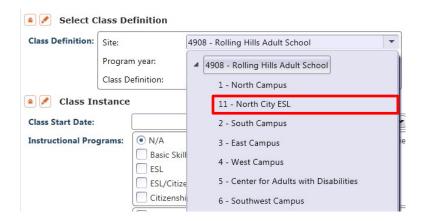


- 2) Click **New** to create an instance of the class within the current program year.
 - a. Multiple instances may exist for a single class definition.



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3) Select the **Site** location that offers the class in the program year.



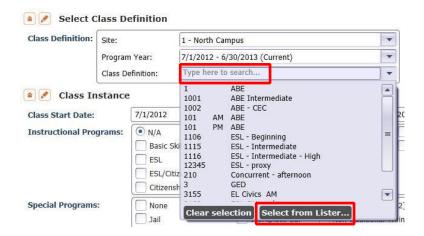
4) Select the **Program year**.



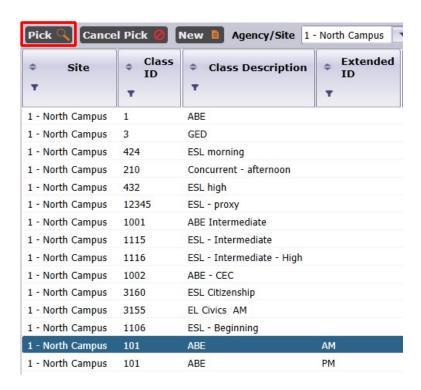
5) Select the **Class Definition** to add an instance of the class as it occurs in the program year.



Note: To search for a Class Definition. Use the Type here to search. Click Select from Lister.



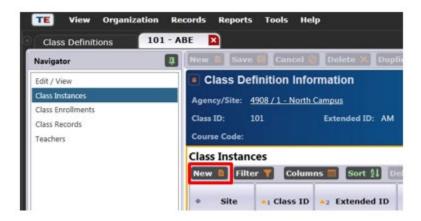
Filter lister by column. Click Pick to select the Class.



6) Click **Save.** Go to step 9.

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- 7) If continuing from Adding Class Definition, select Class Instances from the Navigator bar.
- 8) Click New.



9) Select the **Start** and **End** date of the class as it occurs during the program year.

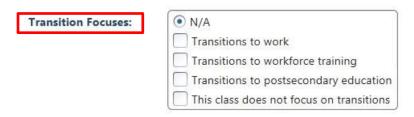


- 10) Check the Instructional Program(s) that best describe the class offering.
 - a. You may select multiple programs.
- 11) Steps 11-18 are optional. You may go to step 19 to save. Check any **Special Program(s)** to further define the class offering (optional).



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- 12) Check all **Transition Focuses** that apply to the class.
 - a. A transition class has a specific purpose to prepare students for entry into postsecondary education, training, or an apprenticeship program.



- 13) Select the **Focus Area**, if applicable for the class.
 - a. Civic Participation
 - b. Citizenship Participation

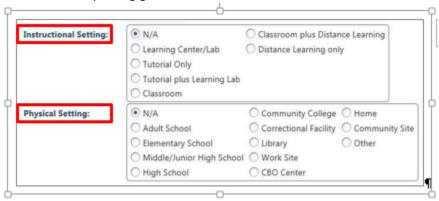


14) Enter Class Notes to provide additional details about the class.

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- 15) Identify the **Instructional Setting** (optional) for the class. This is the contextual characteristic of the setting where actual instruction takes place.
- 16) Identify the **Physical Setting** (optional) for the class. This is the physical environment of the classroom, or instructional setting, to support teaching/learning.

Example: You might want to add this information for local data and historical reasons. It could be useful for reporting grant information.



17) Indicate the Start Time, Days and Hours per Week when the class meets.



18) Indicate if **Computers are used in a class or lab**, and if they are connected or not connected to the Internet.



19) Click Save to close the record.



Personnel

Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> and General Instructions on the Entry Record for guidelines on specific options and required fields.

For **Personnel** to appear in Table 7, all four Personnel sections need to be added. Each personnel record includes a **Registration**, **Functional Role**, **Employment Record**, and **Professional Status** information.

Note: When one instructor leaves and is replaced, each teacher should be counted individually. If there are two part-time instructors filling one position, each would count individually.

Note: Corrections needs to be added the same as any other personnel.

Select Personnel and Use the Personnel Navigator

1) From the Organization menu, select **Personnel - Registration**. A list of personnel should appear. If no Personnel are listed, then go to Add Personnel Registrations.



 Once a specific personnel is selected, use the Personnel Navigator on the left of the screen.
 Select edit or view the Registration, Functional Roles, Personnel Employment, or Professional Status.

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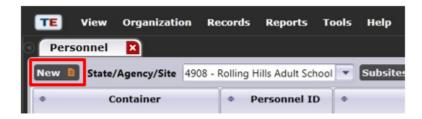
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Add Personnel Registrations

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Refer to the <u>lowa Adult Education and Literacy Data Dictionary</u> for field descriptions.

- 1) Select **Personnel** and Use the **Personnel Navigator**.
- 2) Click **New**. Add a personnel registration record.

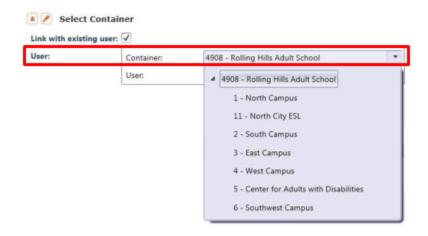


3) If a user account exists for the personnel member, check **Link with existing user**.



4) Select the user Container wherein the personnel member has a user account.

Note: If a user account does not exist for which to link the personnel member, skip to Step 5.



Page 16 of 89 Last Updated: 4/12/2019 5) Select the **User** from the dropdown list of accounts.



Note: To search for a user,

- i. Click Select from Lister.
- ii. Click User.
- iii. Click Pick.
- iv. Select the Container wherein the personnel member has an association.



- 6) Enter Personnel Identification.
 - a. If linked with an existing user account, this information will populate.
 - i. User Account personnel email address
 - ii. **Personnel ID** a Datatel ID, Colleague ID, or another unique number used by the college to identify personnel.
 - iii. Title, Last Name, Middle Name, First Name



b. If not linked with an existing user account, enter Personnel Identification.

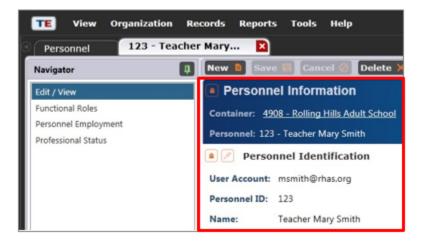
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7) Click Save.



8) Review saved Personnel Registration. Click **Edit** or Edit Mode to edit saved information.



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Add Functional Roles

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If continuing from previous steps, select Functional Roles from the Navigator. Otherwise, follow steps in Select Personnel and Use the Personnel Navigator and Add Personnel Registrations.



Note: You may also select from the Organization menu. Select Personnel - Functional Roles.

1) With a specific personnel member selected and the Navigator menu appearing, click **New** to add a functional role for the personnel member.



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- 2) Enter Role Identification information.
 - a. Select Functional Role.
 - b. Enter **Start Date**.
 - c. Enter **End Date**.

Note: When Role is related to Instructional Program, this information becomes non-selectable.

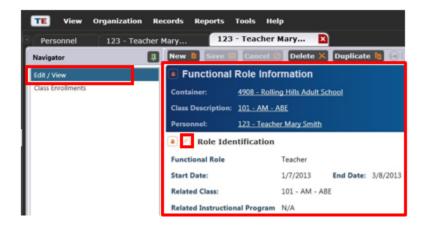


3) Click Save.



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- 4) Click **Edit Mode** to edit Role Identification.
 - a. Review saved Functional Role Information.



- b. Click the X to close the personnel member's Functional Role Tab.
- c. Click X to close the Functional Roles Lister tab.

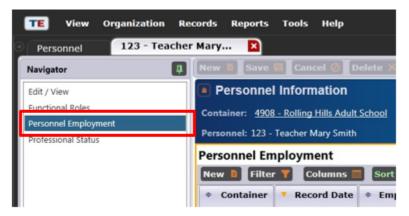


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Add Personnel Employment

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If continuing from previous steps, select Personnel Employment from the Navigator. Otherwise, follow steps in <u>Select Personnel and Use the Personnel Navigator</u> and <u>Add Personnel Registrations</u> and <u>Add Functional Roles</u>.



Note: You may also select from the menu. Select Organization – Personnel – Employment Records. Then, select the personnel.

1) With a specific personnel member selected and the **Navigator** menu appearing, click **New** to add a personnel employment record.



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1) Select the **Container** wherein the personnel member has employment.



- 2) Enter Employment Identification
 - a. Select Record Date.



b. Select Employment type.

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2 3

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4

c. Select Job type.



Click Save.



- 4) Review Saved Personnel Information.
- 5) Click **Edit** mode to edit saved information.



6) Click X to close the personnel member's **Employment Record Tab.**



7) Click X to close the **Personnel Employment Lister** tab.



Note: Continue to <u>Adding Professional Status.</u>

Add Professional Status

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If continuing from previous steps, select Personnel Employment from the Navigator. Otherwise, follow steps in <u>Select Personnel and Use the Personnel Navigator</u> and <u>Add Personnel Registrations</u> and <u>Add Personnel Employment</u>.



Note: You may also select from the menu. Select Organization – Personnel – Professional Status. Then, select the personnel.

1) Click **New** to add professional status for the personnel member.



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2) Select a **Program Year** to record the personnel member's professional status.



- 3) Enter professional status Identification.
 - a. Enter number for Years of Experience.
 - b. Select Teacher Certificates.



4) Click Save.



- 5) Review saved Professional Status Information.
- 6) Click **Edit** mode to edit saved information.



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7) Click X to close the personnel member's Professional Status Tab.



8) Click X to close the Professional Status Lister Tab.



9) Click X to close the Personnel Record Tab. This concludes the setup of a Personnel Record.

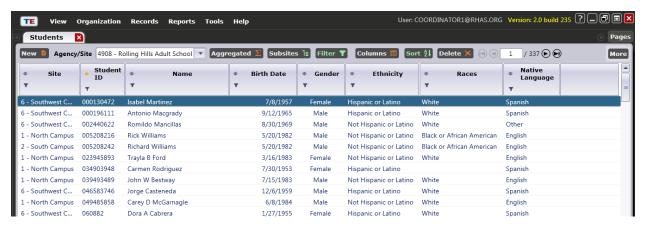


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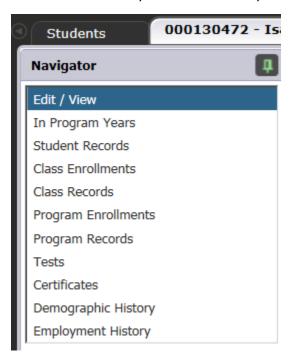
Students

Select Student and use the Student Navigator

1) From the top menu, select Records-Students-Demographics.



2) Once a specific student is selected, the student information tab is open. Use the Student Navigator on the left of the screen. Select one of the Navigator options for a specific area. Remember to save if you add or make any changes.



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* Edit/View: View and update identification, education, ethnicity, race and language.

*In Program Years: View and update the program year(s).

*Student Records: View and update student records to include entry and update records

Education & Goals

• Status - labor status, special goals

Results

Other

• Workforce Pre-Employment Skills

*Class Enrollments: View and update class enrollment

*Class Records: View and update class records to include instructional hours *Program Enrollments: View and update instructional program and status

Program Records: View and update progress in program

*Tests: View and update tests student has taken Certificates: View and update certifications

Demographic History: View and update demographic history. This goes across program years.

Employment History: View and update employment history

Surveys: IA does not use.

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^{*}These screens contain fields that require entry or update.

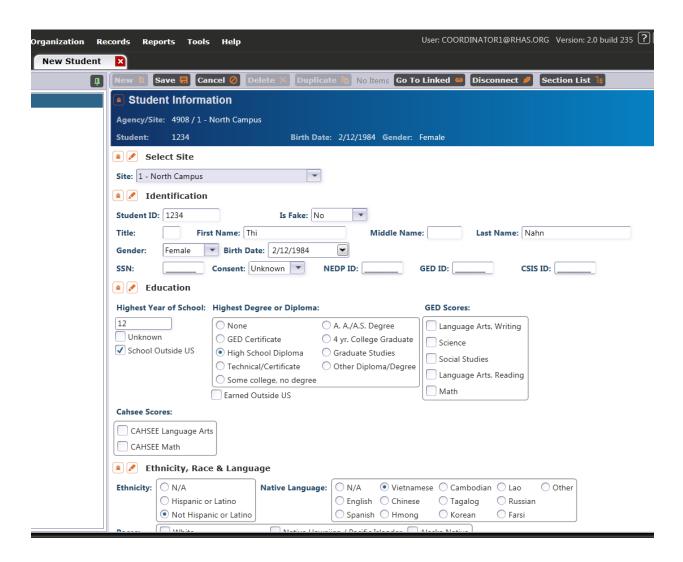
Enter a New Student Manually

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Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> and General Instructions on the Entry Record for guidelines on specific options and required fields.

- 1) In TE, go to Records Students Demographics.
- 2) Click New.
- 3) Complete the Site, Name and demographic information on the student and click **Save**. Once you save the record, the Student Information appears with the Student Navigator bar on the left. Required fields include Site, Student ID, First Name, Last Name, and Gender.

Note: The student ID **should NOT** be the social security number. The social security number has its own field. The consent field needs to be completed. If temporarily used, change within two week timeframe.



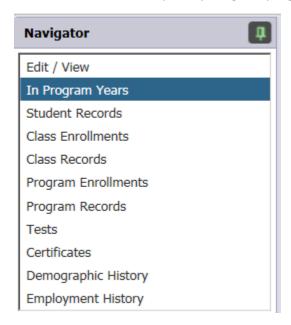
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Note: If the student information tab is left open you can navigate between the different options on the Navigator bar (In Program Year, Student Records, Class Enrollment, Program Enrollment and Tests) on the left. This cuts down considerably on time and makes it easier to remember to do all of the steps.

In Program Years

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This indicates that the student is participating this program year.



 With the Student Information tab open, select In Program Years from the Navigator or go to Records – Students – In Program Years. Click New.

Note: If you did not use the Navigator, select the student from the drop-down menu. If you don't see the student's name on the list in the screen, you can click Select from Lister and that will open the list of all students at your agency.

- 2) The key field to complete here is the Program Year. Complete any other information you have for the student on this screen, then click **Save**.
- 3) Click the X to close the New Student in Program Years and/or return to the Student information tab.



Barriers to Employment

Enter Barriers to Employment under In Program Year information.

- 1) With the Student Information tab open, select **In Program Years** from the Navigator or go to **Records Students In Program Years**.
- 2) Select the student in the In Program Years section.
- 3) Select the pencil icon next to Barriers to Employment.

Barriers to Employment			
Employment Barriers:			
Cultural Barriers	Long-term Unemployed		
Disabled	Low income		
Displaced Homemaker	Low Levels of Literacy		
English Language Learner	Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker		
Ex-Offender	Seasonal Farmworker		
Foster Care Youth	Single Parent		
Homeless	No TANF in 2 Years or Less		

4) Check all that apply and then click the Save button.

Student Records

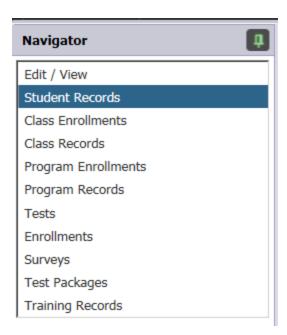
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Indicates Student Entry Record and Update records.

 With the Student Information tab open, select In Student Records from the Navigator. Click New.

Note: You may also go to Records – Students – Records and select the student.

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2) The Site, Program Year and Student are already selected. The first record in a program year is the Entry record. The required field is the Record Date. Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> for field descriptions. Complete the following fields:

Education & Goals:

Record Date

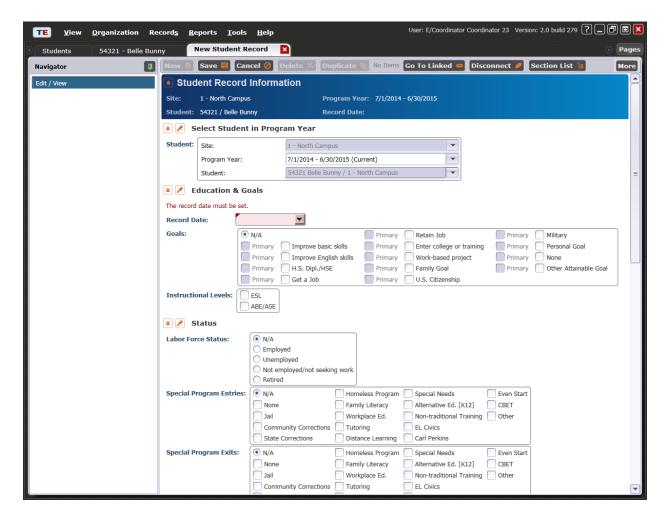
Goals

Instructional Level

Status:

Labor Force Status

Special Program Entries



- 3) Once the above sections are completed, click **Save**. The **Navigator** will reflect **Edit/View**, Class Records and Program Records.
- 4) Click the Red X on the Tab to close this tab and return to the student record.

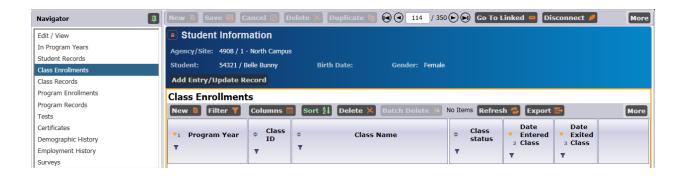
Class Enrollments

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Indicates Student Class Enrollments.

1) Select Class Enrollments from the Navigator.

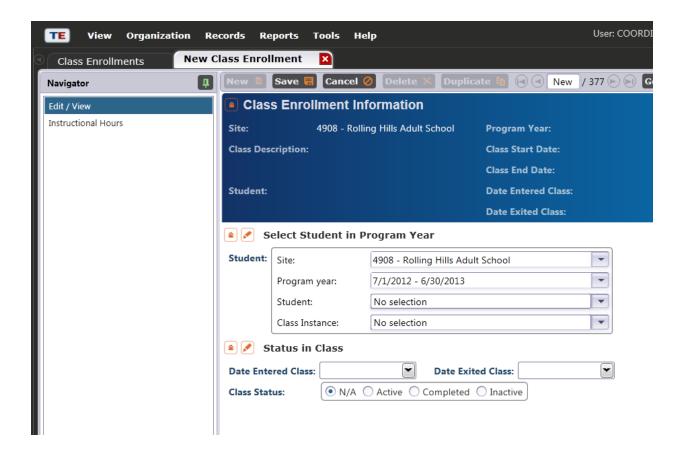
Note: You may also go to Records – Classes – Enrollments. Select the student.



2) Click New.

Note: If you did not use the Navigator, use the drop-down menus to choose the program year, student.

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3) Enter the **Date Entered Class**. Use the drop down to select a class instance.

Note: Optional - Mark Active for Class Status. This helps when filtering reports such as Competency reports to identify current active students. This is not required and requires the field to be kept up to date if used, but may be helpful. For example, class reports can be used as a roster if class status is kept up to date. Date Exited Class may also be useful when filtering records. Again, it must be kept up to date to be useful, but is not required.

- 4) Click Save.
- 5) Click the red X on the tab to close the tab and return to the Student Information tab. Your student now has a complete record demographics, program and class enrollment.

Program Enrollment

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Indicates information about the instructional program the student is enrolled in. Students are required to have a Program Enrollment assigned based on the test score level (ESL, ABE, or HSE). **Per current lowa policy, a student should be enrolled in only one instructional program.**

Note: When more than one instructional program enrollment is used per program year, the system looks at the enrollments from low to high an order of ESL, ABE, and HSE. This is the program of record and used for federal reports.

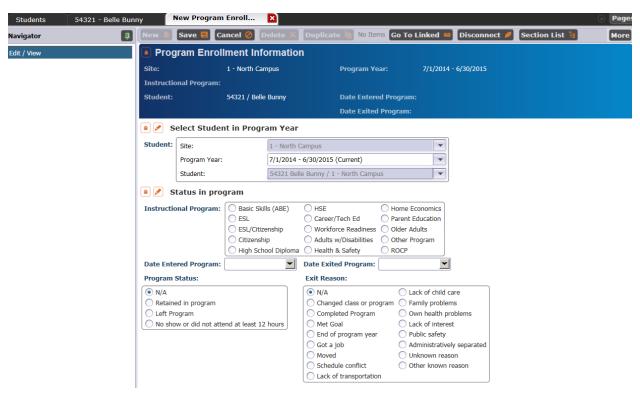
1) Select Program Enrollments from the Navigator.



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2) Click **New**. The Program Enrollment Information screen opens in Edit mode.



- 3) Select one of the Instructional programs (ESL, ABE, High School Diploma or HSE).
- 4) Enter the Date Entered Program.
- 5) Click **Save**. Click the red X to close the New Program Enrollment tab and return to the Student Information tab.

Enter Instructional Hours per Student

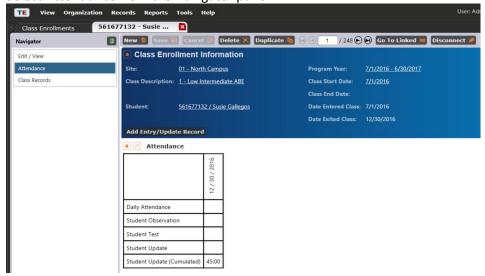
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1) Go to Records - Classes - Enrollments.

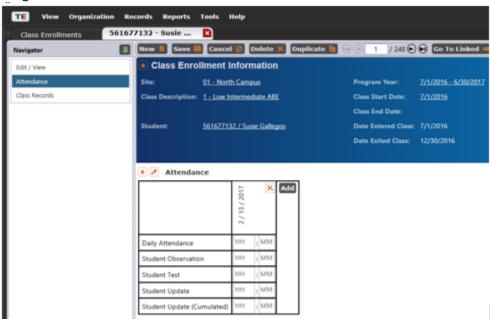


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- 2) Select one student record from the lister and double-click it to open the details page.
- 3) Select Attendance from the Navigator panel.



- 4) Click the pencil icon next to **Attendance**.
- 5) Click the **Add** button. The instructional hours field will now appear for each of the five categories.



6) Add the correct number of hours and click **Save**. Leave blank if they do not attend. Do not enter zero hours.

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Enter Instructional Hours per Class

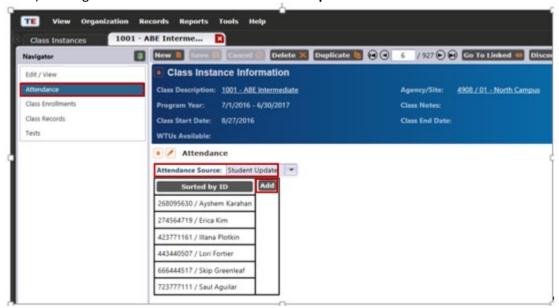
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Instructional hours are important for indicating the intensity of instruction.

1) Go to Organization - Classes - Instances.



- 2) Select a class that has at least one student enrolled. Double-click that record to open the details page.
- 3) Click Attendance in the Navigator panel.
- 4) Click the pencil icon ext to **Attendance** to modify the record information.
- 5) Change the **Attendance Source** to **Student Update**.



Important! Note: Make sure Student Update is selected. Otherwise, multiple class hours may not accumulate.

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- 6) Click the **Add** button, and then enter the **Instructional Hours** into the new fields. Leave blank if they do not attend. Do not enter zero hours.
- 7) Click **Save**. The screen refreshes and the Participation Source is set back to Daily Attendance. Change the Participation source to Student Update to see the Student Update hours that you just entered.
- 8) **Note**: There is more than one way to perform most functions.

Another Option:

Go to Organization – Classes –Instances.

Select corresponding class.

Select class enrollments on the navigator bar.

Select the first student for which there are hours. (Filter the enrollment list for no exit date to display only active students.)

Select Attendance on navigator bar.

Click the edit button.

Select add. Add the date and hours under "Student Update."

Save.

Select the right arrow at the top of the screen to go to the next student.

Save. Repeat for each student in the class.

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Enter Test Information

This section includes information on how to manually enter the High School Equivalency test records and other assessments. The High School Equivalency is categorized under the Student Demographics. The Adult Education and Literacy assessments are a subsection under Tests. While most are entered automatically, there may be situations where a test record would need to be entered manually. Refer to the Data Dictionary and Test Record for guidelines on specific options and required fields.

HiSET Scores

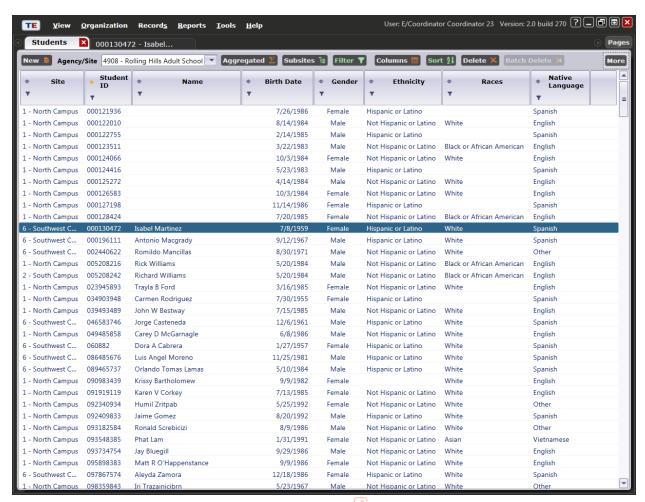
HiSET scores should be entered monthly at a minimum. These need to be entered because they contribute to one of the NRS Core Outcome Measures of receiving a secondary school or High School Equivalency diploma.

1) Go to Records-Students-Demographics

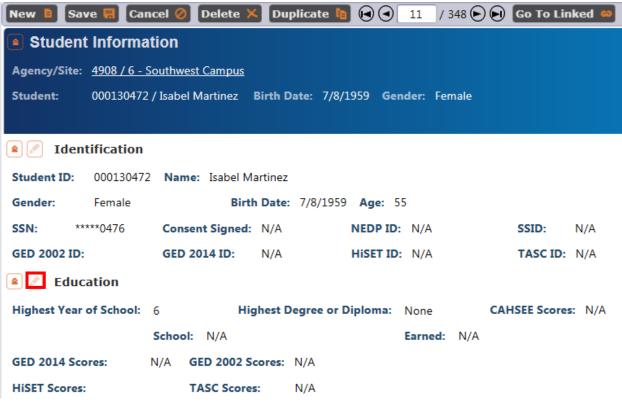


2) Select the student from the lister.

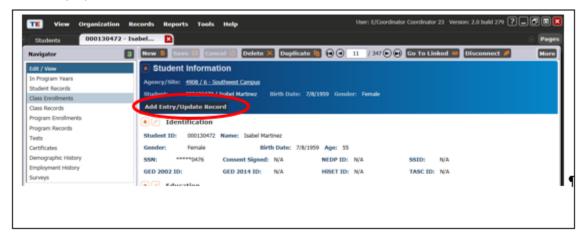
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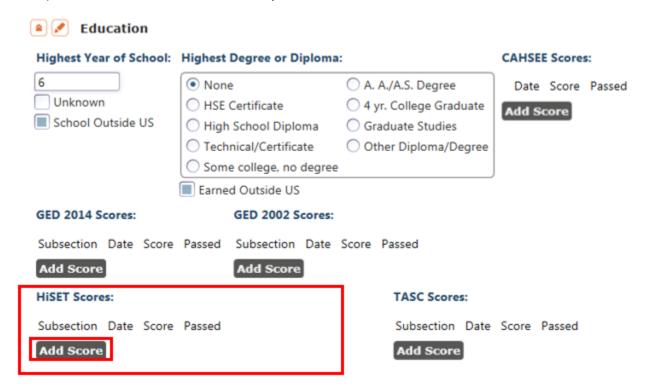
3) On the Student Information, click the pencil icon on next to **Education** to update the HiSET scores.



Note: There is more than one way to perform most functions. The Navigator bar or the Add/Entry update button can be used to update student records. The Navigator bar has smaller screens broken into sections while the Add/Entry Update Record combines sections into one screen.



4) The Edit section of Education will open. Click Add score.



5) Select a subsection.



6) Enter the test date and score (optional). If score is not entered, you must check passed or uncheck for not passed.

Note: When you enter the score, TE will determine whether or not the score is a passing result. Otherwise, you may manually check or uncheck passed without a score, however, you **cannot leave blank**.

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Examples: Blank with check box filled in as blue Unchecked check box Checked check box with check mark in box

HiSET Scores:



7) Click Save.



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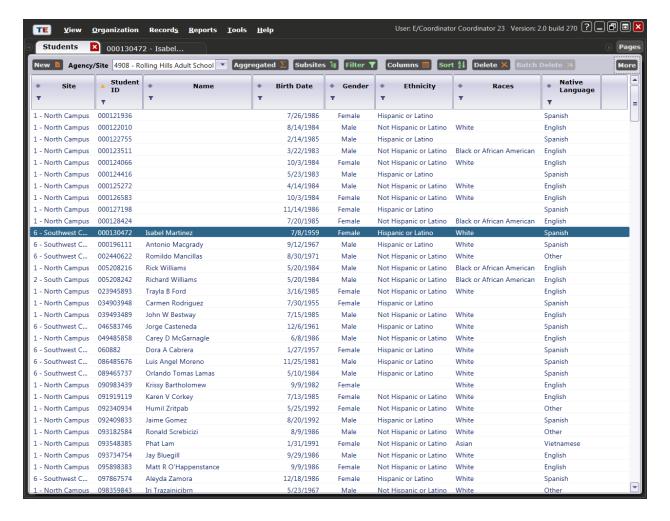
TABE Scores

While the CASAS scores are automatically entered from eTESTS, other approved assessments can be used and manually entered. Refer to the <u>Assessment policy</u> for approved assessment and guidelines.

1) Go to Records-Students-Demographics

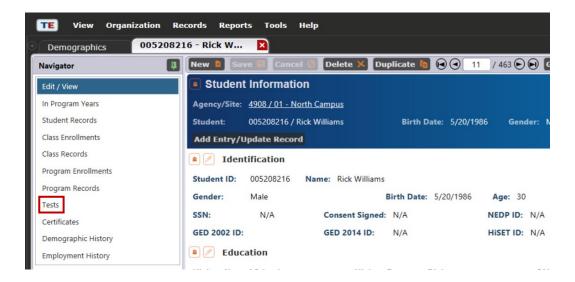


2) Select the student from the lister.

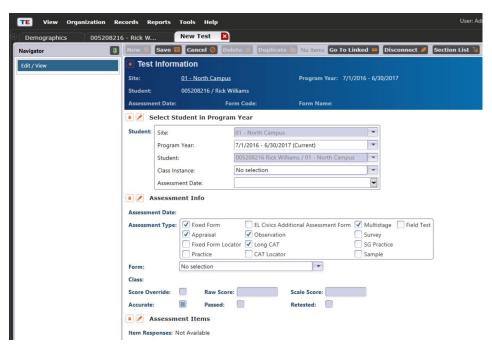


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3) On the Student Information screen, from the Navigator, select **Tests**.

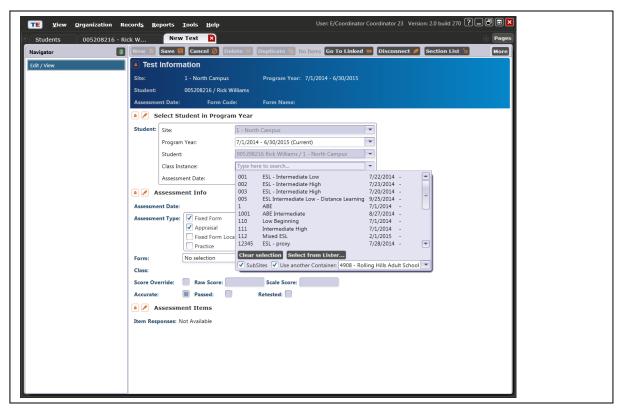


4) Then click New. A new tab opens with Test Information. Complete the Select Student in Program Year Information. Select a Class Instance and Assessment Date.

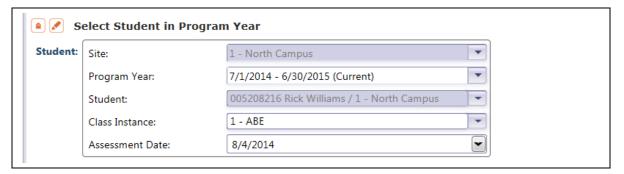


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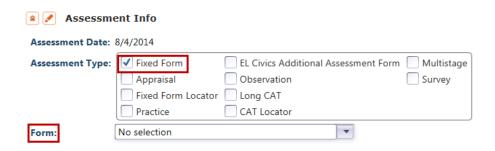
5) Select an option from Class Instance.



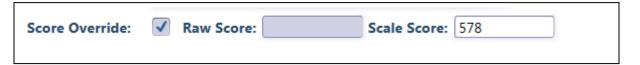
6) Enter an Assessment Date.



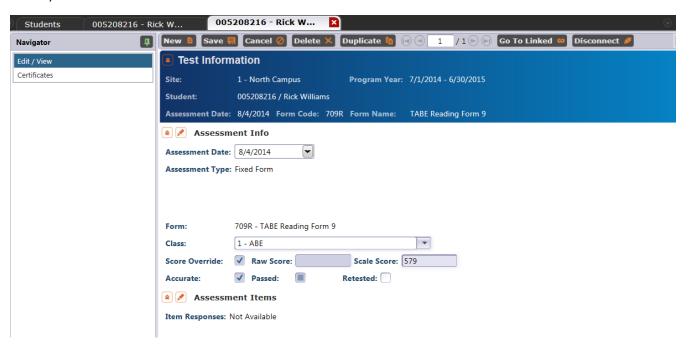
- 7) Check Fixed Form for Assessment Type
- 8) Select **Form**. Click Select from Lister to choose from a list or click on the down arrow and type in the beginning of the name of the form to apply an automatic filter.



9) The Score Override is checked by default and the Raw Score is grey. Enter the Scaled Score for the corresponding test.



10) Click Save on the Test Information tab to save the results.

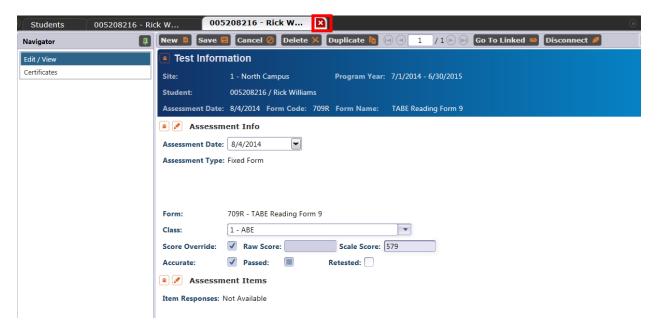


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Pretest Note: Once the student has at least 12 hours of instruction, a corresponding Educational Functional level will be assigned if this is a pretest.

Posttest Note: The same procedure would be followed to enter posttest information after the required and/or targeted hours of instruction have been met.

11) Close the Test Information tab by clicking on the red x on the tab.



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Student Update Records

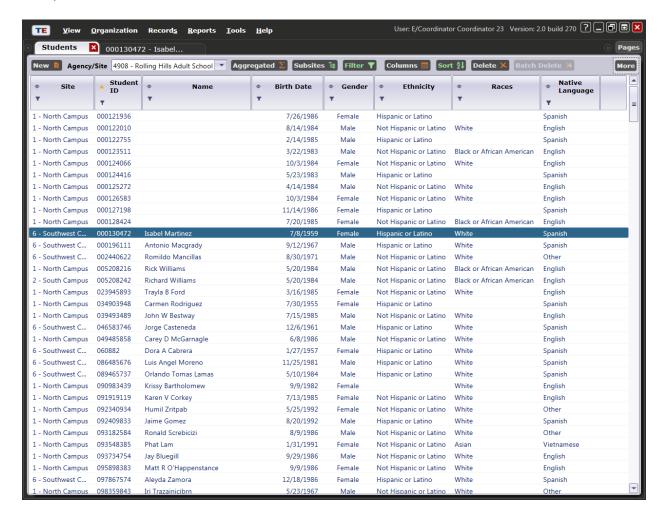
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Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> and General Instructions on the Update Record for guidelines on specific options and required fields. This needs to be done when there is a change in the student's Status.

1) Go to Records-Students-Demographics.



2) Select the student from the lister.

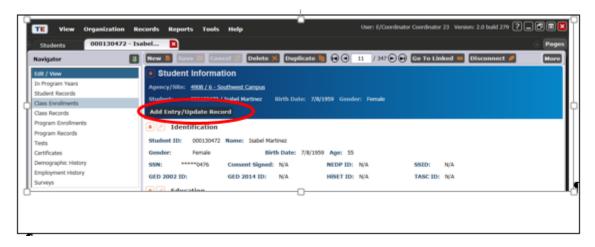


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Select Program Enrollment.



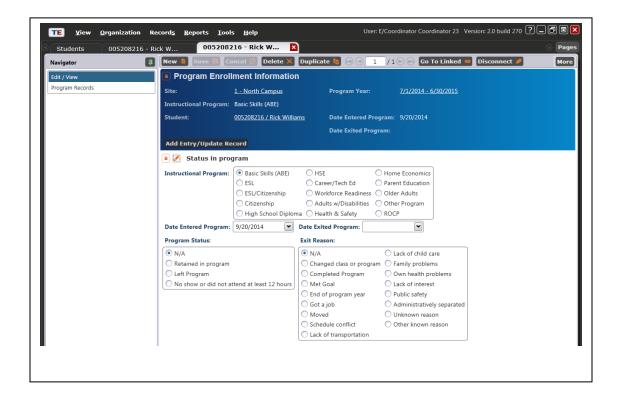
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- 3) Double click on the **Program Enrollment** to open the Program Enrollment Information.
- 4) Click on the Edit mode to update.

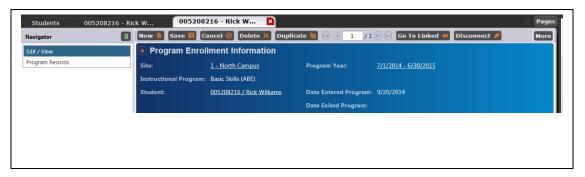


- 5) Update Program Enrollment Information.
 - a. Retained in Program
 - -Select if students absent for more than 90 days but have planned services



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6) Click **Save**.



7) Close the Program Enrollment tab and return to the Student Information tab.

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Special Programs

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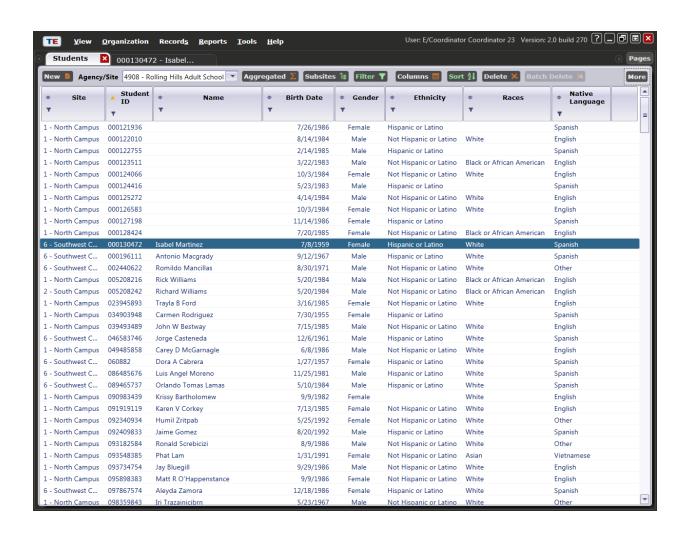
Refer to the <u>Data Dictionary</u> and General Instructions on the Entry Record for guidelines on specific options and required fields. Special Programs should be updated on the Student Information Record. Go to the Navigator and Select Program Enrollments. This can be done on the Entry record and updated during the program year.

1) Go to Records-Students-Demographics.



2) Select the student from the lister.

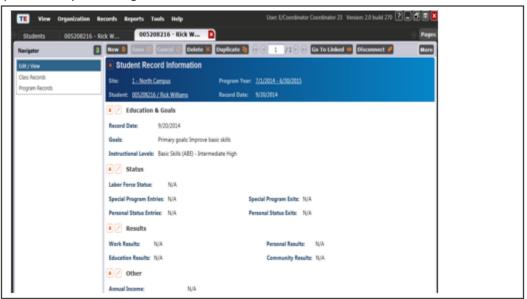
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3) The Student Information tab appears. Select Student Records from the Navigator. Double click on the first record for the program year. It is NOT necessary to add a new record.



4) The Student Record Information tab appears. Click on the pencil icon next to Status and update the Special Program Entries.



5) Check the Special Programs that apply. Click Save.

Note: Key programs we want to identify include but are not limited to State Corrections, Distance Learning, Special Needs, CBET (STAR), and PACE.

Special Program Entries:	● N/A	Homeless Program	Special Needs	Even Start
	None	Family Literacy	Alternative Ed. [K12]	CBET
	Jail	Workplace Ed.	Non-traditional Training	Other
	Community Corrections	Tutoring	EL Civics	
	State Corrections	Distance Learning	Carl Perkins	

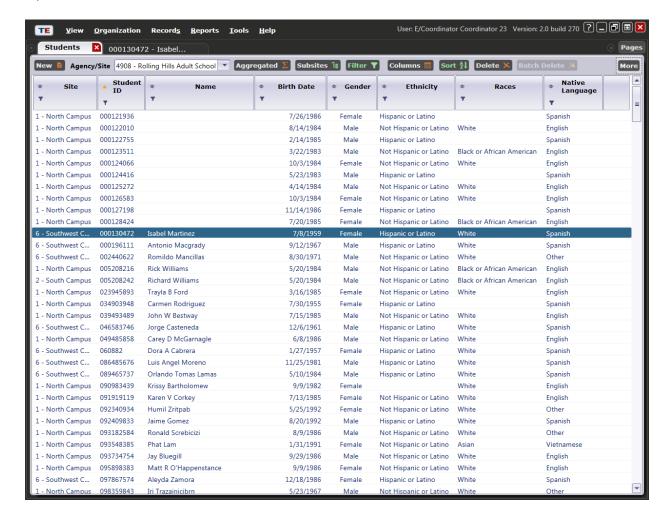
Student Results

Enter Student Results under Student Information.

1) Go to Records-Students-Demographics.



2) Select the student from the lister.



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- 3) Select Student Records.
- 4) Double click to select the existing record.
- 5) Click the pencil icon next to **Results**.
- 6) Update
 - a. Work
 - b. Personal
 - c. Education

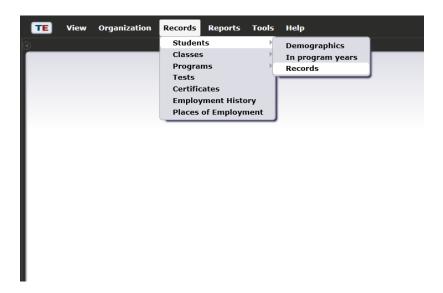
Note: Be sure to indicate when all five sub-sections of the HiSET have been passed. **This is** required. Other result indicators are optional.

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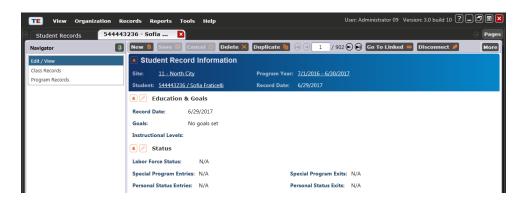
- d. Community
- 7) **Save**.

Update Co-enrolled

1) From the **Records** menu, select **Students->Records**. A list of students should appear.

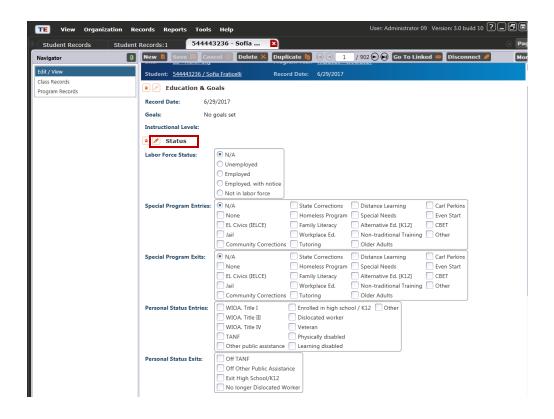


2) Select a student (e.g. Sofia Fraticelli). Once a specific student is selected, the **Student Record Information** of that student should show up.

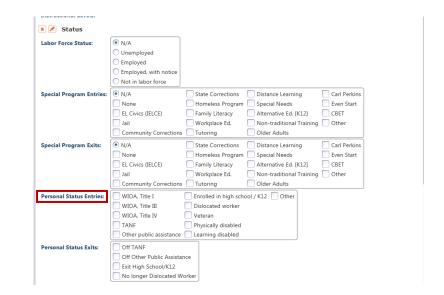


3) Click the pencil icon next to the Status. Five boxes (i.e. Labor Force Status, Special Program Entries, Special Program Exits, Personal Status Entries, and Personal Status Exits) should appear.

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4) Check any program in the box of **Personal Status Entries**.



5) Click Save.

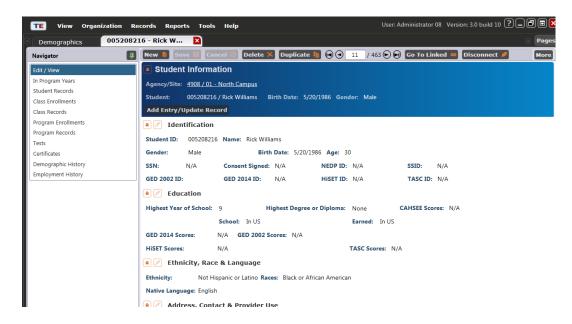
Update Training Services

1) From the **Records** menu, select **Students->Demographics**. A list of students should appear.



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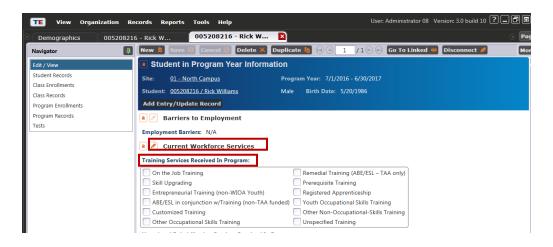
Select a student (e.g. Rick Williams). Once a specific student is selected, the information (e.g. Identification, Education, Ethnicity etc.) of that student should show up.



3) Select **In Program Years** from the **Navigator**, and the program year information of the selected student should appear. Double click the student.



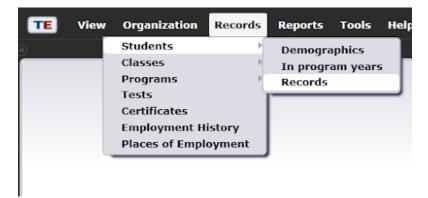
4) Three options should show up (i.e. Barriers to Employment, Current Workforce Services and Previous Workforce Services). Click the pencil icon next to the Current Workforce Services. Four boxes (Training Services Received in Program, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Received In Program, Transition Services Received In Program, and Supportive Services Received In Program) should appear. Under the box of Training Services Received in Program, please check one or more programs that are applicable to the student.



5) Click Save.

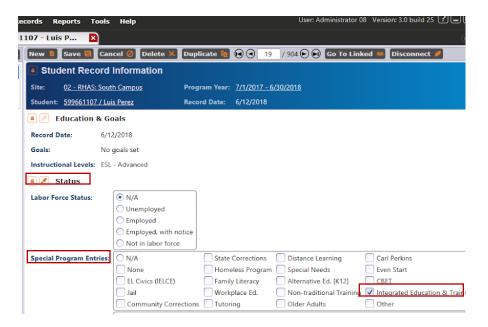
Mark IET

Please go to Records->Students->Records. Find the student of interest, then click on that student.



Edit Status. Under Special Program Entries, check Integrated Education & Training.

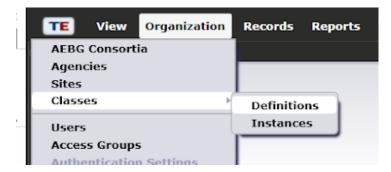
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Mark IELCE

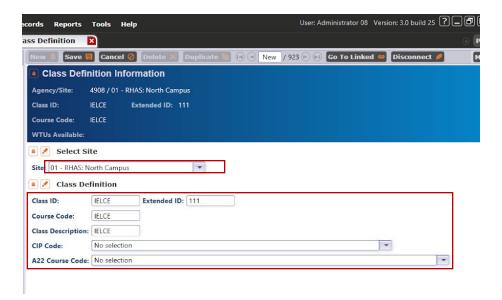
Note: we can only mark IELCE at class level, so we need create a class first, then enroll IELCE participants in that class).

Please go to Organization-> Classes-> Definitions to create a new class.



While creating new class definition, you need choose a site for that class. Type in Class ID and other relevant information.

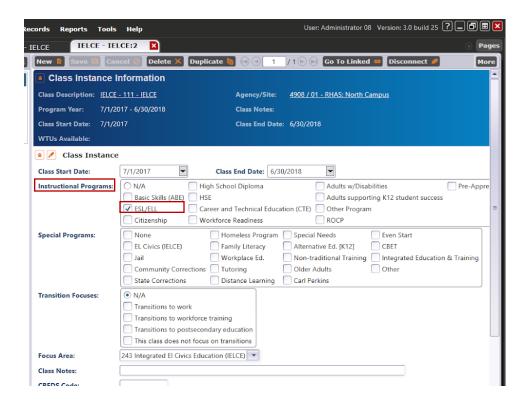
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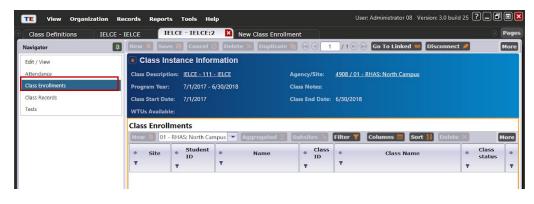
After filling in Class Definition Information, please continue create **Class Instances** for that class.



When creating Class Instance, Please check **ESL/ELL** under **Instructional Programs** and select **243 Integrated El Civics Education (IELCE)** under **Focus Area**. Then **Save**.



Once the class is created, please **enroll students** who are eligible IELCE participants in that class.

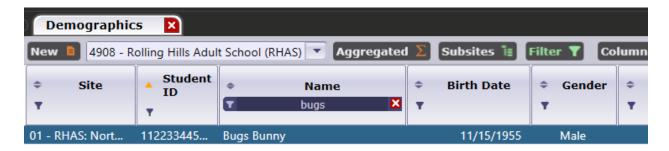


Mark Retained in Program

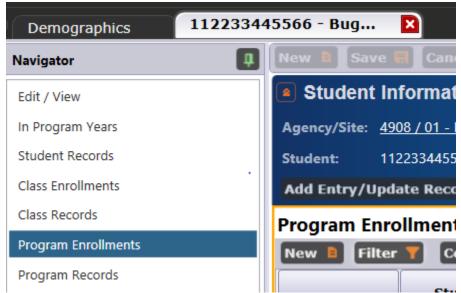
For students left program for more than 90 days but with planed services, "retained in program" should be marked to keep the student in the same PoP. Specific steps are as follows:

1) Go to Records->Students->Demographics.





2) Find the student of interest, double click. Under Navigator, please click Program Enrollments.



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3) There are two scenarios:

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a) The last activity of a student is close to the end of this program year, but we know the student will come back in next program year. To keep this student in the same PoP, we need enroll this student in the new program year. Then, under Program Status, check "Retained in program".

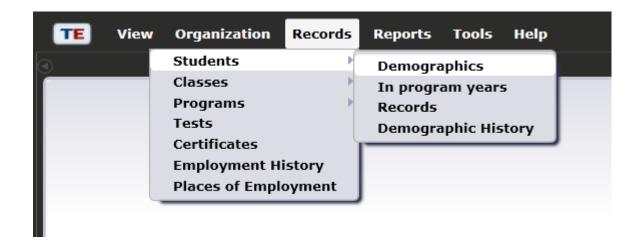
Select Student in Program Year											
Student:	ent: Site: 01 - RF		1 - RHA	RHAS: North Campus							
	Program Year: 7/1/20		/1/2018	2018 - 6/30/2019 (Current)							
	Student: 11223		122334	33445566 Bugs Bunny / 01 - RHAS: North Campus							
Status in program											
Instructional Program:			ABE)	Career and Technical Ed	ucation (CTE)	O RO	СР				
○ ESL/ELL			○ Workforce Readiness		O Pre-	-Apprenticeship					
○ Citizenship			Adults w/Disabilities								
High School Diplor		Diploma	ma Adults supporting K12 student success								
		HSE		Other Program							
Date Entered Program: 7/1/2018 Date Exited Program:											
Program Status: Exit Reason:											
○ N/A			● N/A	C Lack of child	d care	O D	eceased				
Retained in program			Changed class or program	O Family prob	lems	O Le	ong term				
C Left Program				Completed Program	Own health	proble	ems O U	nknown re			
O No show or did not attend at least 12 hours			ours	Met Goal	C Lack of inter	rest	00	ther know			
				End of program year	O Public safety	У					

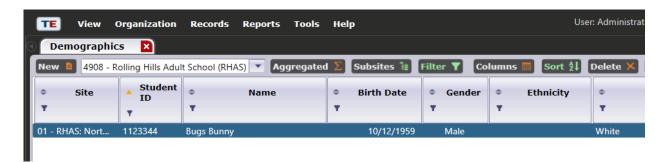
b) For students left program for more than 90 days but will come back in the same program year, there is no need to create a new program enrollment for this student. We can just edit the existing one by selecting "Retained in Program" as shown above.



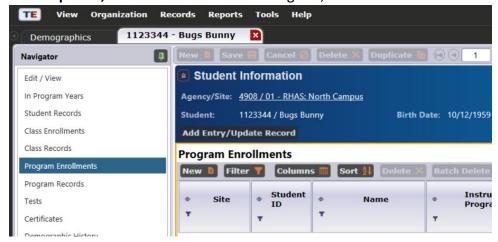
Mark HSE Option 2

1. Go to **Records->Students->Demographics**. Find the student of interest.

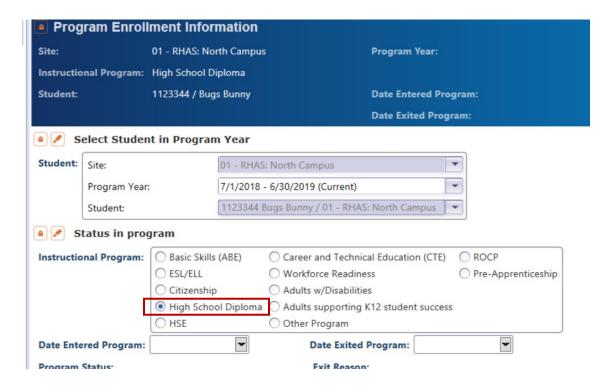




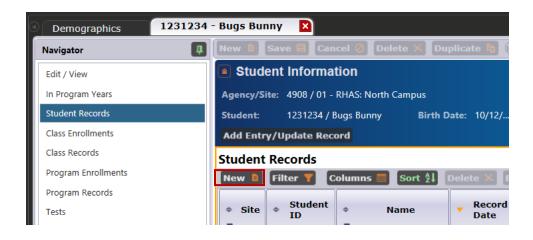
2. Double click the student. Under **Navigator**, double click **Program Enrollments**. **Click New to** enroll the student in the program year. For Instructional Program, please **select High School Diploma**, select the Date Entered Program, and save.



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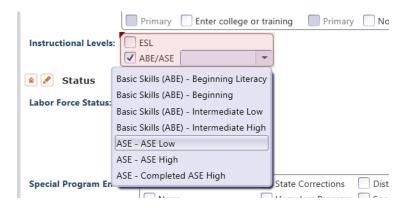


- 3. In order to show up in NRS Tables, this student should have at least 12 hours of instruction. Please enroll this student in a class and enter 12 hours for this student.
- 4. For the same student, under **Navigator**, double click **Student Records**, and create a new student record.

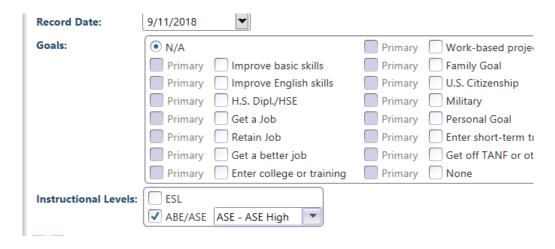


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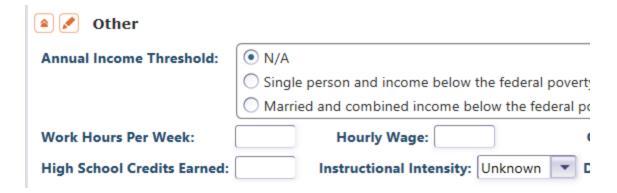
5. For Instructional Levels, please select ABE/ASE->ASE-ASE Low. Also select a Record Data



6. Once the student completes enough Carnegie Units, create a new student record. For instructional levels, select ABE/ASE, ASE-ASE High. NOTE: the Record Data for entering ASE-ASE High should be later than the record data for entering ASE-Low.

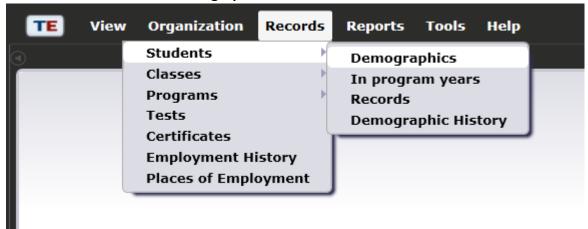


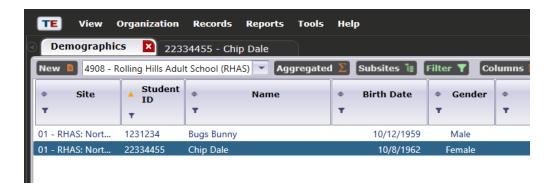
7. Create a new student record. Under **Other**, please enter **High School Credits Earned**.



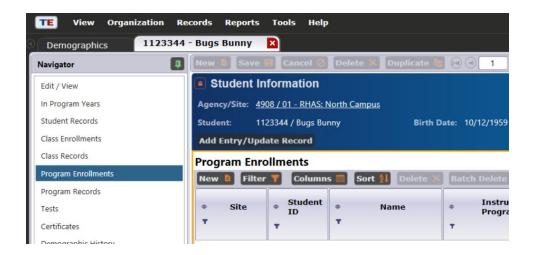
Mark HSE Option 4

1. Go to **Records->Students->Demographics**. Find the student of interest.





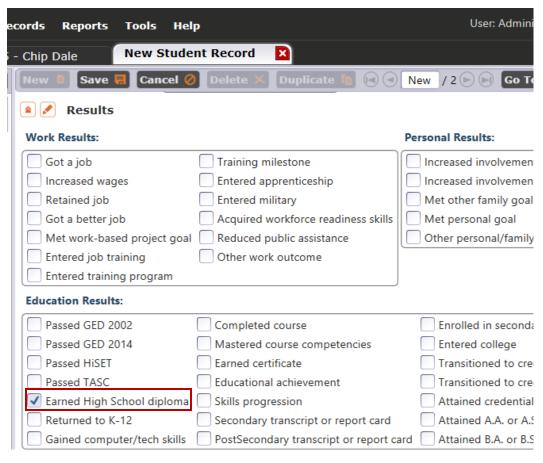
 Double click the student. Under Navigator, double click Program Enrollments. Click New to enroll the student in the program year. Please enroll the student in ESL/ELL program.





3. Once the student completes a civic class, create a new **Student Record** for this student. For the new student record, under **Results, Education Results,** please check **Earned High School diploma**.

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Exit Reason

The program should mark exit reasons for students if they are Active in duty in armed services, Incarcerated, or Deceased.

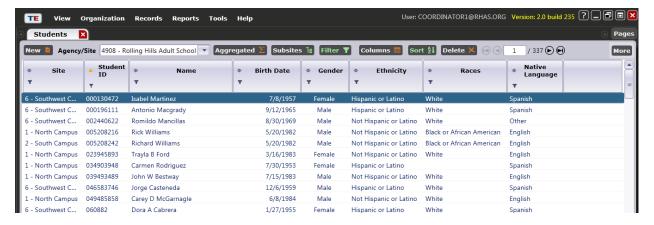
- 1. Go to **Records->Students->Demographics**. Find the student of interest.
- 2. Double click the student. Under **Navigator**, double click **Program Enrollments**. **Click New**. Choose an exit reason (one of the three mentioned above).

Exit Reason:

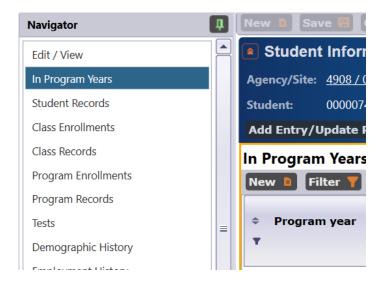
● N/A	C Lack of child care	O Deceased
O Changed class or program	Family problems	O Long term medical treatment
Completed Program	Own health problems	O Unknown reason
Met Goal	Lack of interest	Other known reason
End of program year	O Public safety	
Ogot a job	Administratively separated	
Moved	Released from Incarceration	_
Schedule conflict	Active duty in armed services	
Lack of transportation	○ Incarcerated	

Mark COVID-19

1) From the top menu, select Records-Students-Demographics.



 Once a specific student is selected, the student information tab is open. Use the Student Navigator on the left of the screen. Select In Program Years, then click New to create a in program years record.



3) Under Force Majeure, check COVID-19.



Reports

The following is a list of fundamental reports that can be used in TOPSpro Enterprise® to monitor and improve programs. CASAS provides many reports and this is not a comprehensive list.

Report	Menu Options	Description
*Table 4	Reports- Federal Reports-	Identify the number of students
	NRS Tables 1-7	qualified for federal reporting,
		attendance hours, number completed
		a level, and number remaining in level.
*Table 4B	Reports- Federal Reports-	Identify the number pre- and post-
	NRS Tables 1-7	tested, attendance hours, number
		completed a level and number
		remaining in level.
Federal Reports	Reports- Federal Reports	Reports generated for federal reporting
		including NRS tables 1-7.
*Data Integrity	Reports-Data Management-	Identify potential issues with critical
	Data Integrity	data elements including missing data.
NRS Tables Summary Audit	Reports-Federal Reports-	Summary of students in federal tables
	NRS Tables Summary Audit	and those that have dropped off.
*NRS Tables Monitor	Reports-Federal Reports-	Identifies students on federal tables
	NRS Tables Monitor	includes <i>total</i> instructional hours, pre
		and post-tests. Sort alphabetically
		recommended.
NRS Performance	Reports-Federal Reports-	Summarized report of educational
	NRS Performance	functional levels, state goals, and Table
		4 & 4B completion rates.
Instructional Hours	Reports-Demographics-	Detail list of students includes hours
	Instructional Hours	per class by class. Sort alphabetically
		recommended.
Next Assigned Test	Reports-CASAS eTESTS-Next	Shows next assigned test and form for
	Assigned Test	each modality.
*Competency Performance	Reports-Test Results-	Summarizes student responses to each
Summary	Competency Performance-	test and groups by test item, overall
	Summary	competency, competency area, or task
		area.
WTU (Web Test Units) Balance	Reports-CASAS eTESTS-	Provides a summary of WTUs
	WTU Balance	purchased, used, and remaining.

^{*}Key reports

Frequently Asked Questions

Trouble assigning data access rights to new proctors. Error message indicates "cannot assign rights that I do not possess myself."

If the coordinator is in the ET Coordinator or ET Coordinator/Proctor access group, then he or she has access to generate basic reports and can list/view records. If the coordinator is in one of the CASAS Controlled 'ET' Access Groups, then please use the Clear All Rights button on the individual account to restore the account to its original settings so that the user will inherit the appropriate eTESTS rights along with basic access to menus and data assigned to the 'ET' group according to Appendix N in the CASAS eTESTS Online Guide.

Are instructional hours tracked over program years?

No.

Can a student be enrolled in more than one instructional program?

Previously, Iowa policy stated to indicate only one instructional program. Multiple programs are now allowed. One of the following should be marked – ESL, ABE, High School Diploma or HSE. Additional instructional programs can be marked when applicable. When multiple programs are selected, the system selects the instructional program from low to high in order (ESL, ABE, and HSE).

What does a diamond score mean?

A diamond score is still valid for federal reporting. A diamond is an indicator a specific test may be too easy for the student. If there were a lot of those, then there might be a need to check on testing practices. Retesting is not required.

On the Data Integrity Report item #21 – Learners with a pretest in the conservative estimate range indicates the number with a diamond score.

Why aren't my teachers showing in Table 7?

For Personnel to appear in Table 7, all four Personnel sections need to be added. Each personnel record includes a <u>Registration</u>, <u>Functional Role</u>, <u>Employment Record</u>, and <u>Professional Status</u> information. The Personnel Employment record needs completed for each program year.

Topics Specific to Corrections

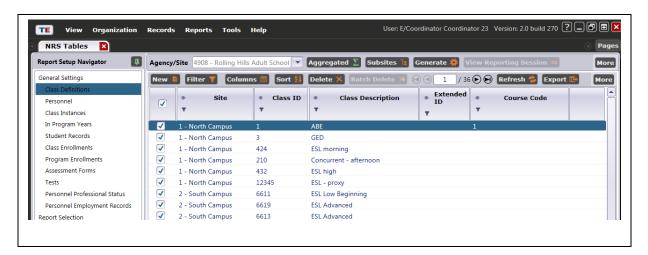
Add as Special Programs

Students in state corrections should have their entry record marked as State Corrections under Special Program Entries.

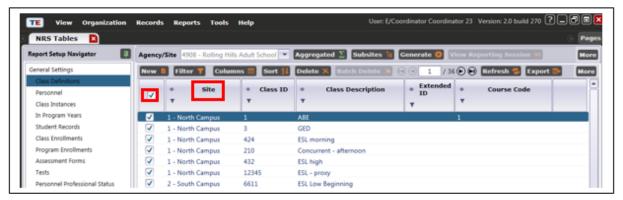
Filtering Federal Tables by site

Adapted from "Use the Navigator Bar to Refine your Reports." CASAS, 2013. Web. January 2015. http://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/te-help-documentation/using-the-navigator-bar-to-refine-your-reports.pdf?sfvrsn=4?Status=Master

- 1) Go to Reports- Federal Reports-NRS Tables 1-7
- 2) On the Report Setup Navigator, select Class Definitions.

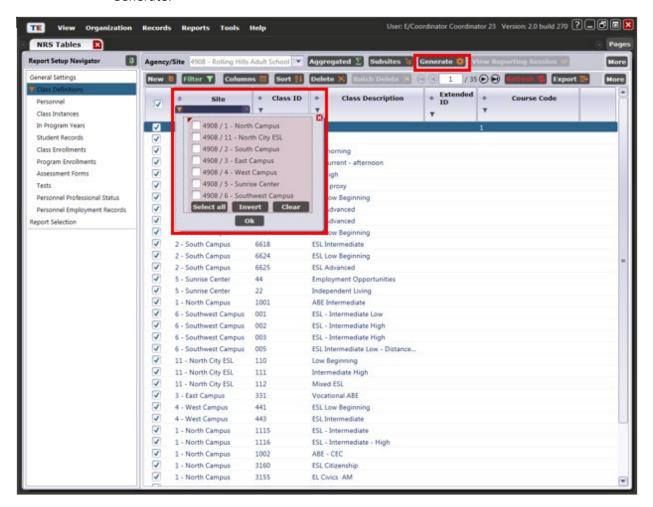


- 3) Click on the Site column heading to sort by Site number.
- 4) To filter by Site,
 - a. Uncheck the checkbox left of the first column, Site. Then, check the class definitions and sites you want to include. Then click the Generate button.



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b. Click the Filter button. Select a site by clicking on a check box. Then press OK. Then Generate.



5) The report will generate based on the filter criteria. This method can be applied to any of the NRS tables.

Outcomes for Adults in Correctional Education Programs

This refers to the NRS table 10 and would include the number of participants in correctional education programs as indicated in <u>Special Programs</u>. This population would include those that have the Special Program - State Corrections indicated on their Entry record.

Appendices

Contacts

CASAS

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Iowa Workforce Development

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TOPSpro Enterprise Guide

<u>Iowa Adult Education and Literacy Data Dictionary</u>

<u>Iowa Adult Education and Literacy Coordinator Handbook</u>

Instructor Handbook

CASAS

TABE

McGraw-Hill TABE 11&12

Minnesota TABE Resources

CASAS and TABE Comparison

TABE Professional Development

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Commonly Used Acronyms

ABE Adult Basic Education

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

AEL Adult Education and Literacy

ANI Adult Numeracy Instruction

CAELA Center for Adult English Language Acquisition

CAI Computer Assisted Instruction

CASAS Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment

System (AEL and ESL Standardized Tests)

CBE Competency Based Education

CBT Computer-Based Testing

CCR College and Career Readiness

CCRS College and Career Readiness Standards

CCSS Common Core State Standards

CBO Community Based Organization

CIMS Continuous Improvement Monitoring System

COABE Commission on Adult Basic Education (national professional organization)

CoP Communities of Practice

CTE Career and Technical Education

DE Iowa Department of Education

DE Distance Education

DOK Depth of Knowledge

DMR Desktop Monitoring Report

DRS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

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EFL Educational Functioning Level (federal NRS)

ELA English Language Arts

ELL English Language Learner

EL/Civics English Literacy and Civics Education

ESL English as a Second Language

ESOL English for Speakers of Other Languages

ETS Educational Testing Service

GED GEDTS High School Equivalency Test

HiSET ETS high School Equivalency Assessment

HSED High School Equivalency Diploma

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (federal legislation)

IET Integrated Education and Training

KeyTrain WorkKeys preparation software

L&W Life and Work (CASAS test)

LEA Local Educational Agency

LD Learning Disability

LINCS Literacy Information Communication

System (national online resources for Adult Education)

LEP Limited English Proficient

ME Managed Enrollment

MIS Management Information Service

MLP My Learning Plan

NALS National Adult Literacy Survey

NCAL National Center on Adult Literacy

NCSALL National Center for the Study of Adult

Learning and Literacy

NRS National Reporting System

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OPT Official Practice Test

OCTAE Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

PD Professional Development

PIACC Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies

PLP Professional Learning Plan

PV Pearson-Vue testing and products

ProLiteracy Non-profit International Literacy Organization

RWDB Regional Workforce Development Board

STAR Student Achievement in Reading

TA Technical Assistance

TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (welfare program)

TE Tops Enterprise

TESOL Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages (professional organization)

WIOA Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WIN Career readiness courseware

WorkKeys Standardized job skills assessment

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