

Welcome to **The Education Edge 7.86**. Before you begin using the program, please take a moment to review the following notes, which highlight some of the new features. It is important to share this information with all **Education Edge** users in your organization. A shortcut to the Release Notes for **The Education Edge** has been added to your desktop, so you can access these notes at any time. **Admissions Office, Registrar's Office, Student Billing, Faculty Access for the Web, NetClassroom, and Graduation Requirement Management** are available as part of **The Education Edge** only if you have purchased each.

We're always working to improve the quality of our software so in addition to the improvements below, we also provided general bug fixes and performance enhancements. Thank you for reporting your issues so we can make quality our number one priority!

Enhanced Medical Field Security

- We improved the security around your medical fields. You won't see any differences when you view medical fields but the information in the database has increased encryption.
- However, to make adjustments for the increased security, we did have to make a change to *Query*. For your queries, if you have a criteria value for a medical field that is anything but "equals, not equals, one of, not one of, blank" we will change the value to "one of." We recommend you review your existing queries that contain medical fields in the criteria to ensure they are correct.

Microsoft Windows

- With this release, we now support **The Education Edge** in *Windows 2012* and *Windows 8*.

SQL Server 2012

- With this release, we added support for *SQL Server 2012*.

Shared Assignments

- Based on your feedback, in **The Education Edge 7.85.52 Patch 1**, we updated Shared Assignments in *Faculty Access for the Web*.
- We updated the name to provide more clarity. Shared assignments is now linked assignments.
- From *Faculty Access for the Web*, under **Gradebook**, when you copy categories/assignments, if you copy to a different academic year or marking column, the assignments will not be linked. If you copy within the same academic year and marking column, the assignments can be linked.
- On the Assignments page, when you add a new linked assignment, we now use a link icon to show you which fields will be linked for the new assignment.
- If you edit a linked assignment, you will now be prompted to make the change for all linked classes or break the link and make the change to the one assignment.
- If you delete a linked assignment, you will now be prompted to see if you want to delete the linked assignments for the other classes or break the link and delete the one assignment.

Online Express Bill Pay

- In **The Education Edge 7.85** we added *Online Express Bill Pay*. This new feature is a user-friendly way to accept payments on your NetClassroom website and integrate them directly with **Student Billing**. Blackbaud recognizes the critical role of paying student bills online in a secure transaction. *Bill Pay* provides a quick, easy way to create a payment form for your student bills. *Bill Pay* also works hand in hand with your existing *NetClassroom* setup.

The following list contains new accounting features and enhancements available in **The Education Edge**. Specific accounting components, including **General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Cash Receipts, Fixed Assets, Student Billing, Payroll** and all other programs and optional modules are available as part of **The Education Edge** only if you have purchased each.

WebPortal

- With this release, we added a business rule to help you manage the process of submitting requisitions. In **Accounts Payable**, on the Requisition business rule page, you can now select how you want to handle requisitions that are submitted without attachments. You can choose to always allow, never allow, or to warn the requisition processor. Keep in mind, each time you change the business rule, you must reset IIS for the change to take effect in *WebPortal*.
- *WebPortal* now allows approvers to add or remove attachments at any time during the approval process in both requests and requisitions. The original submitter can view these attachments at any time during the process as well.

Purchase Orders

- With this release, we made it easier to access requisition records. You can now access requisition records directly from the requisition line item in *Purchase Orders*. From an open requisition line item, select **Line Item, Go to, Requisition**.

Aged Accounts Receivable Report

- The Aged Accounts Receivable Report now includes an **Invoice ID** column. This column displays when you select **Show transaction detail** from the Detail section on the Format tab. This new column lists the ID of the invoice to which that line item belongs. The invoice ID will help those using the report to more quickly identify the invoice information they need.

Windows Support

- With this release, we added support for *Windows 2012* and *Windows 8*.

SQL Server 2012 Support

- With this release, we added support for *SQL Server 2012*.