

What's New in Redbird for Back to School 2021

This document introduces you to the latest features available in Redbird Math and Language Arts & Writing.

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Student History

During the last year, the ability for a teacher to see notifications and student history has not been possible unless the student and the teacher are online at the same time.

Now, when teachers log into Redbird, they will see historical newsfeed alerts/notifications generated by students for the past seven (7) days.

Access Student History

In the Redbird Learning Center:

1. Select the school.
2. Select the class.



View Student History

The screenshot shows the 'View Student History' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with several filter and sort options: 'Filter' (with a dropdown arrow), 'All', 'Positive' (with a thumbs up icon), 'Alerts' (with a warning icon), 'Session Info' (with a three-dot menu icon), 'Games' (with a game controller icon), 'Group' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Date' (with a calendar icon), 'Student' (with a person icon), and 'listening' (with a green dot). A red circle 'A' is placed over the 'Filter' button. To the right, there is a 'listening' status indicator with a green dot and a red circle 'C'.

Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Today' with a red circle 'D' next to it. The list of activities is as follows:

Activity	Time
Mohammad Fellows completed their Course Placement Activity and was placed at the middle of grade 4 in unit Equivalent Fractions	2021-09-02 4:23 pm
Ashley Lessard has ended their session	2021-09-02 11:37 am
Ashley Lessard has just finished 7 minutes of playing the game Special Delivery	2021-09-02 11:30 am
Blair Pollock has demonstrated proficiency in the precursor lesson Numbers through 100	2021-09-02 11:25 am
Ashley Lessard has started playing the game Special Delivery as part of their course	2021-09-02 11:23 am
Blair Pollock has started a session	2021-09-02 11:20 am

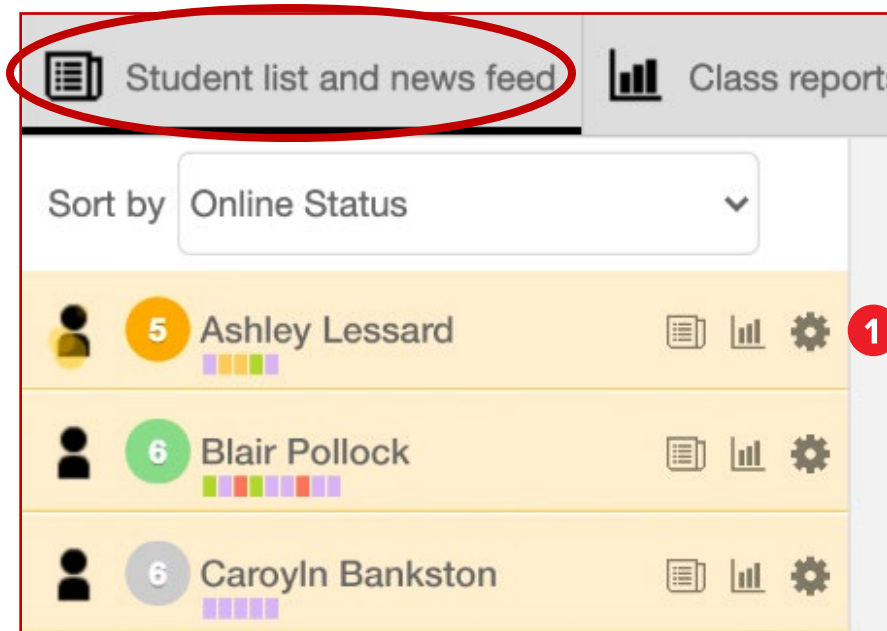
- Filter by specific alert type (or view **All**) by selecting the **Filter** buttons.
- You can sort the list by date or student by selecting **Group** buttons.
- Notifications appear for last seven (7) days and are not dependent on when you were online.
- Notification tiles are grouped by **Date** first (with **Today** at the top).

Change a Student's Access to Games

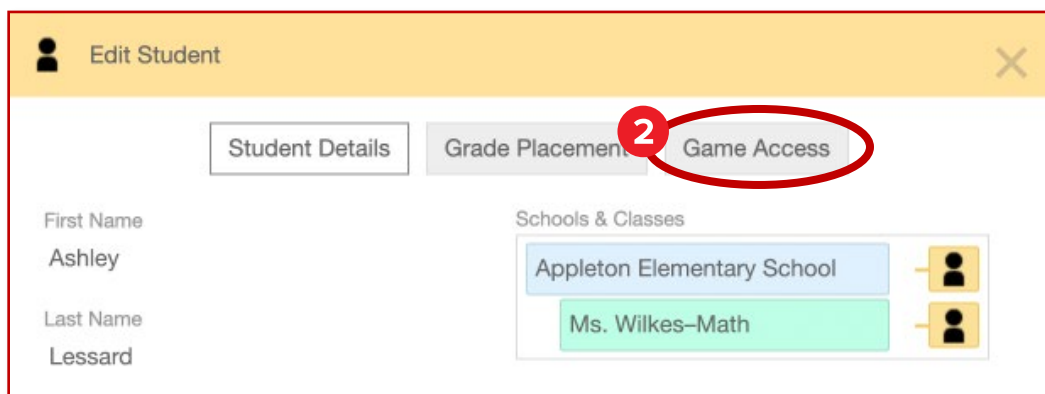
Games are a central part of the student's experience. Unfortunately, students sometimes abuse the access to in-lesson and multi-level games. Teachers now have the ability to limit a student's access to games in their course.

To change a student's access:

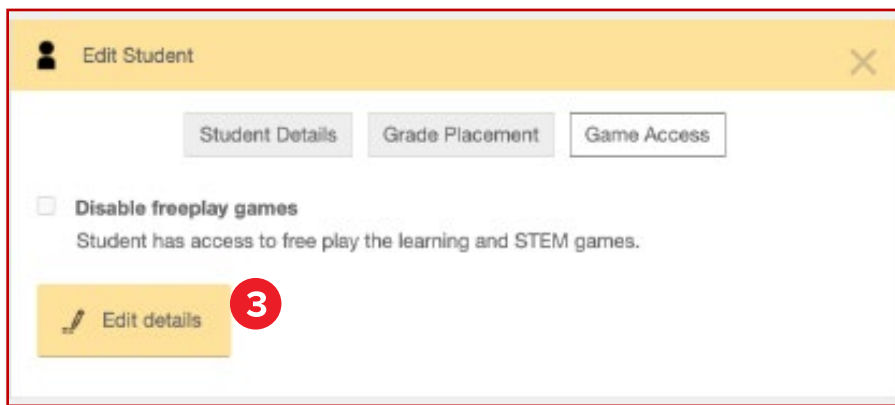
1. From the **Student List and news feed** view of your class, select the Gear icon for a student to view their details.



2. On the **Edit Student** panel that appears, select the **Game Access** button.

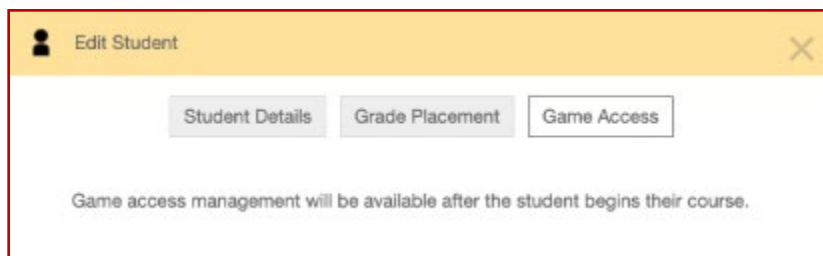


3. On the **Game Access** tab, select the **Edit Details** button.

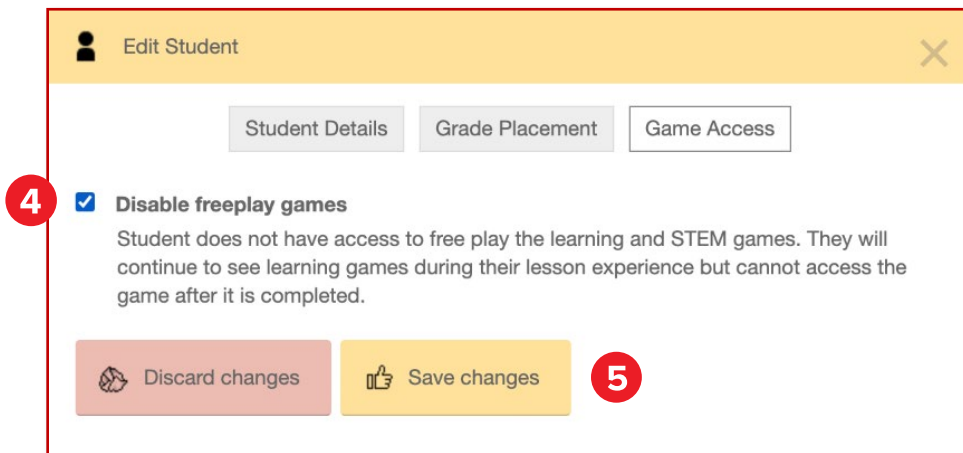


- You can only edit a student's access to games if the student has already **started the course**.

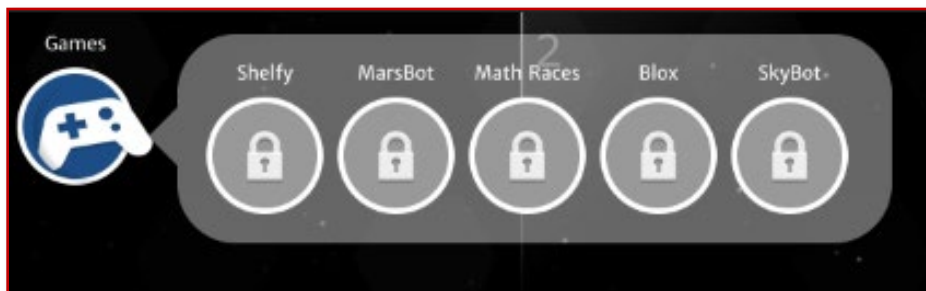
If the student has not started the course, you will not be able to access this screen.



4. Select the **Disable freeplay games** check box.
5. Select the **Save** button to save your changes.



The student's access to freeplay games will be disabled in the Redbird course the next time they launch the course.



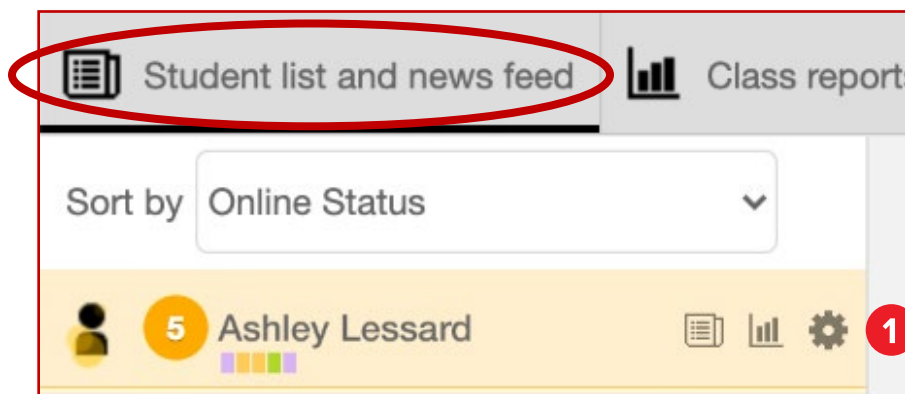
- Students will still see games as they continue to progress through their course, but they will not be able to replay those games once they have been completed.

Expanded Grade Controls

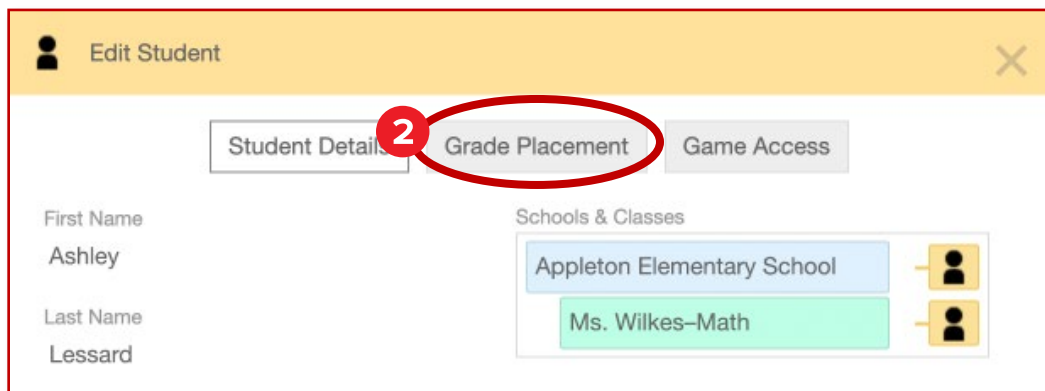
Teachers now have the ability to place their students at the start of any unit within a Redbird course. This allows placement in a more granular level, without negatively impacting student progress through the content.

To change a student's placement:

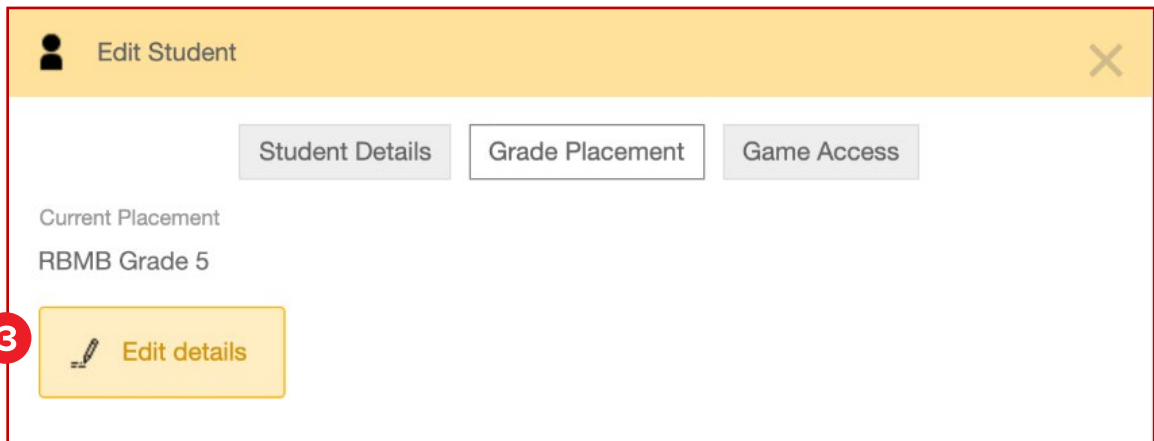
1. From the **Student List and news feed** view of your class, select the Gear icon for a student to view their details.



2. On the **Edit Student** panel that appears, select the **Grade Placement** button.




3. On the **Grade Placement** tab, select **Edit Details**.



Edit Student

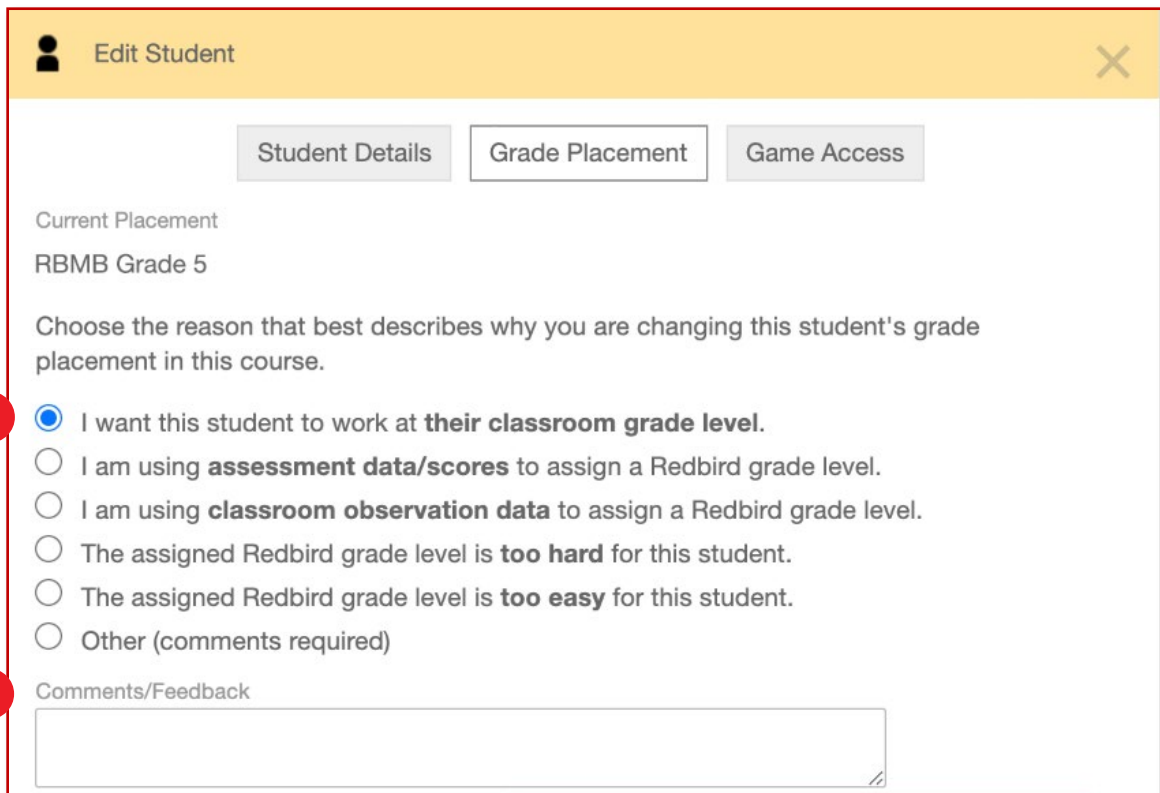
Student Details | **Grade Placement** | Game Access

Current Placement
RBMB Grade 5

3  Edit details

4. The student's **Current Placement** appears at the top.

Select the radio button next to the reason that best describes your reason for changing the student's placement.



Edit Student

Student Details | **Grade Placement** | Game Access

Current Placement
RBMB Grade 5

Choose the reason that best describes why you are changing this student's grade placement in this course.

4 I want this student to work at **their classroom grade level**.

I am using **assessment data/scores** to assign a Redbird grade level.

I am using **classroom observation data** to assign a Redbird grade level.

The assigned Redbird grade level is **too hard** for this student.

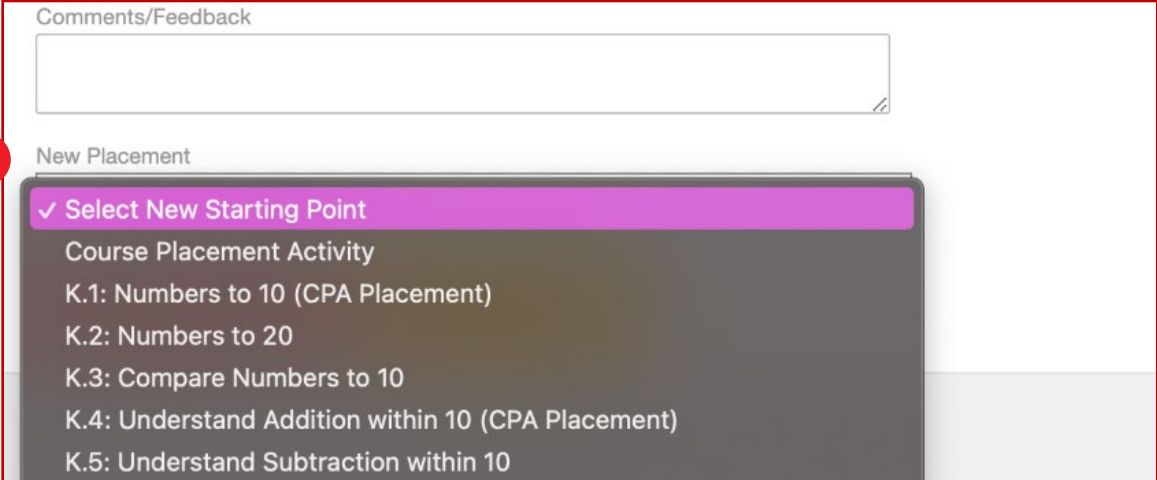
The assigned Redbird grade level is **too easy** for this student.

Other (comments required)

5 Comments/Feedback

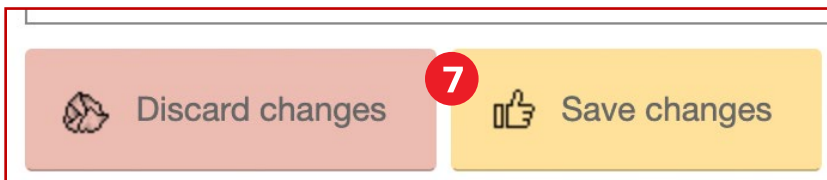
5. Enter additional **Comments/Feedback** in the text box.

6. Select the new location in the **New Placement** drop-down list.



The screenshot shows a 'Comments/Feedback' text area at the top. Below it is a 'New Placement' dropdown menu. A red circle with the number '6' is positioned to the left of the dropdown. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options. The first option, 'Select New Starting Point', is highlighted in purple and has a checkmark icon. The other options are: 'Course Placement Activity', 'K.1: Numbers to 10 (CPA Placement)', 'K.2: Numbers to 20', 'K.3: Compare Numbers to 10', 'K.4: Understand Addition within 10 (CPA Placement)', and 'K.5: Understand Subtraction within 10'.

7. Select **Save changes** to change the student's placement.



The screenshot shows two buttons: 'Discard changes' (with a trash can icon) and 'Save changes' (with a thumbs up icon). A red circle with the number '7' is positioned above the 'Save changes' button.

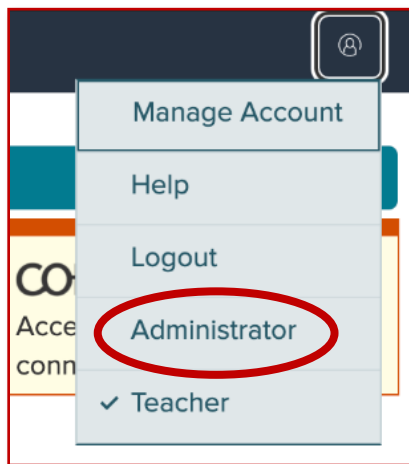
Please note: The student now begins the location you have selected. If the student has been **placed backwards** from their current location, they will repeat previously completed content.

Redbird Administrators

Become an Administrator

Historically, school administrators needed to complete a multi-step process to become Redbird administrators. There is now a simplified process that allows administrators in the Open Learning Platform to become Redbird administrators automatically.

- When you are a new administrator in McGraw Hill Open Learning and your district is subscribed to Redbird, you are automatically added as a Redbird administrator.



- Administrators no longer need to be both teacher and administrator to access Redbird. They don't need to be made a teacher and an admin have a class to access reports.

Please note: If you are an existing Open Learning user when your district subscribes to Redbird, McGraw Hill can reorchestrate the district's subscription and it will update.

The request can be made to <https://mhedu.force.com/DTS/s/> to facilitate it.

View Reports

In Administrator view in Open Learning, you will see a Redbird link in the left Navigation Menu.

This accesses district-level Redbird reports for the school or schools in your district that have Redbird classes.

- Administrators don't need to be made a teacher as well as administrator to access class reports.

