

# **ITT CONNECT AND ACHIEVE**

# Training Guide

This training guide, developed in partnership with subject-matter experts and Connect users, will walk you through the fundamental and most critical steps to getting started with Connect. Upon mastery of this content, you will be ideally suited to set up, modify, and deliver a course that drives the outcomes you and your students desire.

For additional training resources, please visit www.ConnectSuccessAcademy.com

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# **Section 1: Course and Section Creation**

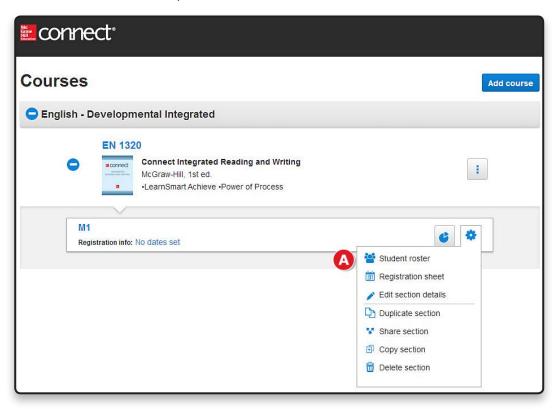
### **Logging in to Connect**

Go to <u>connect.mheducation.com</u>. and enter your e-mail address and password. Please check your e-mail in-box for a "Welcome to Connect" message. This message should contain your account information, including login and password. If you are unable to locate this welcome message, please speak to your local McGraw-Hill Rep to reset or create your Connect account.

# **Locating the Student Roster**

Your section roster displays each student's name, e-mail address, and account status. You will also see the number of active students in that section. "Active" means students have purchased registration for the course or are using the courtesy access option.

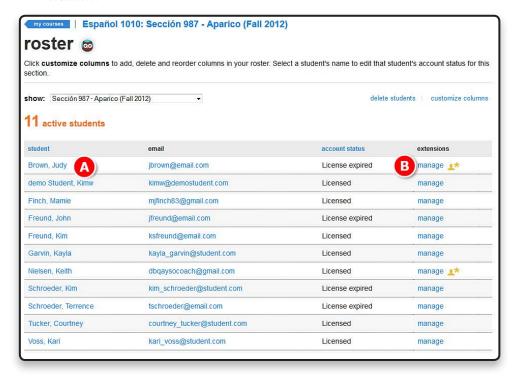
Click the student roster icon on your My Courses page, next to the section whose roster you want to access.



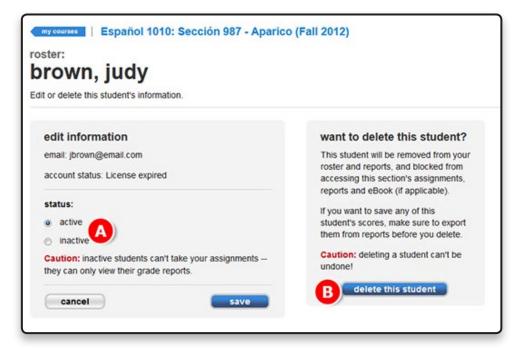
There are four possible account statuses:

- **1. Licensed:** The student has registered and paid for the course.
- **2. Courtesy Access:** The student has signed up for courtesy access of the course, which will expire on the date listed.
- **3. License expired:** The student's courtesy access has expired. The student must upgrade to paid access before assignments may be taken.
- **4. Inactive:** You have changed the student's status from active to inactive.

- A Click a student's name to make changes.
- **B** Click **manage** to adjust extensions or due dates for an individual student.



- ⚠ Toggle the options to change the status of a student to inactive if the student doesn't belong in the course You are always able to change the status back to active.
- **B** Deleting a student will *permanently* remove that student and *all* scores they have received on assignments in your section.

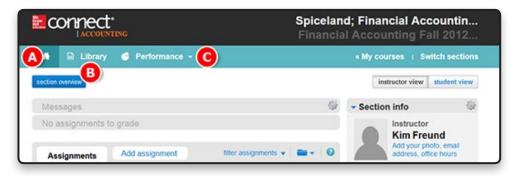


# **Section 2: Section Home Page**

# Three Tabs on the Section Home Page

The Connect section home page has three tabs:

- A Home tab will be your general page in which you can review and edit assignments or access your e-book.
- **B** Library: additional course resources (links for the e-book, question bank, lectures, instructor resources, media resources [audio/video], and more). See Section 7 for more details.
- **© Performance:** view student results and run reports. See Section 8 for more details.

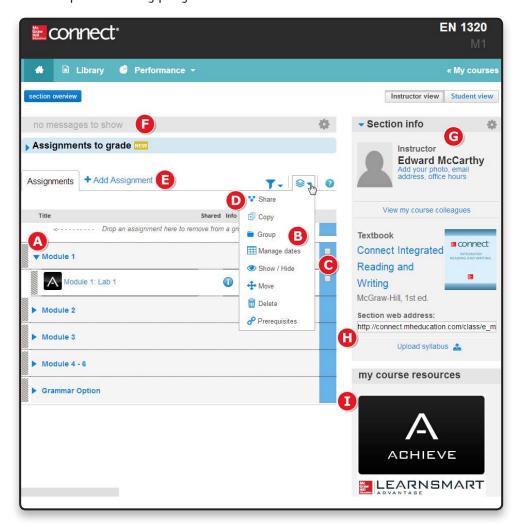


What's on the section home page?

The section home page opens when you click a section of one of your Connect courses. Here, you can add and edit assignments and view your course.

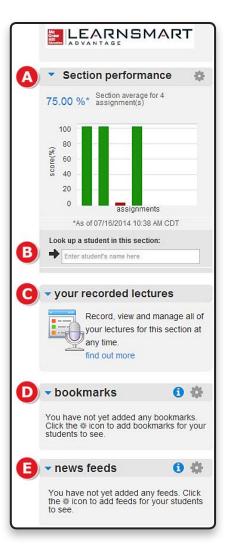
- A Your assignments are listed here. Assignments that have not yet been assigned to students appear highlighted in yellow.
- You can choose to group assignments into categories by clicking the group icon.
- Use these boxes to select assignments for action.
- These links allow you to to share, copy, manage dates, or delete assignments.
- **(E)** To create a new assignment, click **Add assignment**.

- If you have new messages, an **envelope** icon will appear here. Click anywhere in the line to expand the list of messages.
- G In this Section info box, you will see your information, the title used for the course, and other identifying section information. By clicking on the gear to the right of Section info, you will see a menu of select actions to take to edit the section info.
- At the bottom of this box is the **section web address** and a place to **upload your syllabus**.
- Under my course resources there will be a link to LearnSmart, the adaptive learning program as available.



This is the bottom half of your section home page:

- Section performance shows the average scores of students.
- B You can also search for a specific student by name to get only his or her average.
- Click on **go to lectures** to record, view, and manage lectures for this course.
- Bookmarks allow you to add links to websites for your students.
- E You can add RSS news feeds for your students here to help keep your course page current.



# **Section 3: Assignments**

Within all of the Connect English products is a variety of assignments you can utilize in your course. Some of the most popular assignments are:

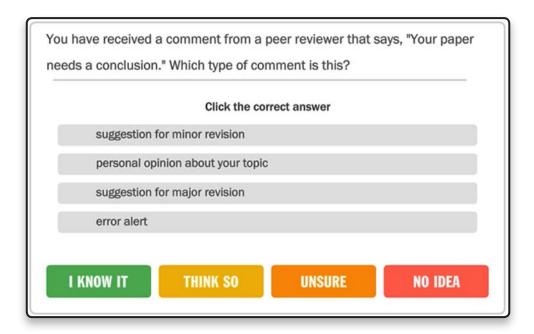
- 1. LearnSmart Achieve: McGraw-Hill's adaptive learning experience, in which students are assessed on key course topics and provided a customized learning experience based on their strengths and weaknesses. #1 most popular assignment within Connect and what McGraw-Hill recommends new instructors start with in their Connect courses.
- 3. E-book Chapters or Reading Selections: In Connect Composition, instructors have access to online handbooks or writing guides in which they can assign readings or quizzes. In Connect Reading, Writing, and Integrated Reading & Writing, instructors have access to thematic reading selections, which also include pre-made quizzes by McGraw-Hill.
- **4. Writing Assignments :** Allow instructors and departments to assess written assignments with custom rubrics built around learning outcomes and to generate detailed reports that support formative assessment and that improve efficacy at the student, section, and program levels.

#### **LearnSmart Achieve**

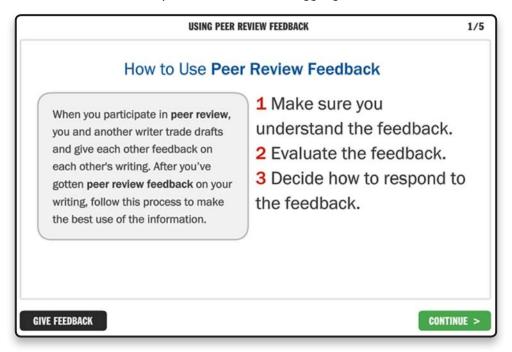
#### **How It Works**

LearnSmart Achieve uses a simple three-phase process to help students master core concepts:

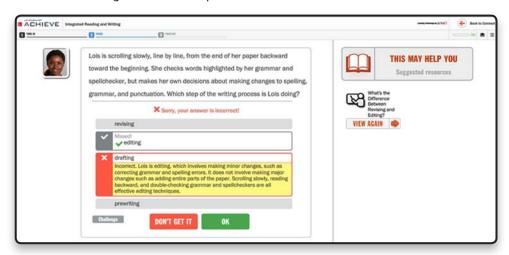
**Tune In:** Students are asked a series of questions related to a specific learning objective to assess their baseline understanding of the content.



**Focus:** Based on the student's responses to the Tune In questions, Achieve presents a variety of learning resources (videos, detailed artwork, a narrative coach, supplemental reading, and more) to reinforce the concepts that student is struggling with most.



**Practice:** After the Focus phase, students are asked an in-depth series of questions to confirm their understanding of key objectives. Achieve then adjusts the learning plan to provide learning resources to assist students in mastering all core concepts.

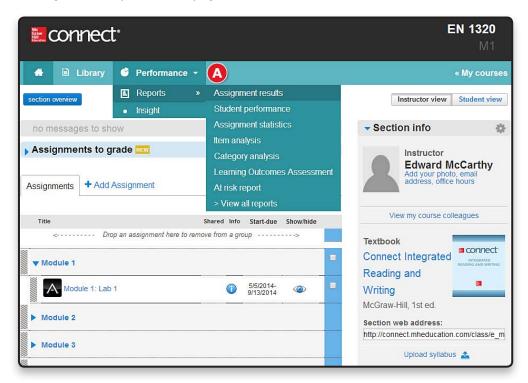


# **Section 4: Reports**

# **Locating Reports**

The variety of reports, described below, will help you to assess student performance in your class.

A From the section home page, click on the **Performance** tab and hover over **Reports**. Click on the report you wish to view or click on **View all reports** to go to the reports home page.



# Connect Reports vs LearnSmart Achieve (Adaptive) Reports

Within Connect, LearnSmart Achieve assignments gather data and results regarding student performance. While the LearnSmart Achieve assignments' overall or final score is available through the Connect reports (like the Assignment Results report), a much more detailed breakdown for LearnSmart Achieve can be found in the LearnSmart-specific reports. McGraw-Hill recommends utilizing these specific adaptive reports for viewing your LearnSmart Achieve assignments.

### **Connect Reports**

#### **Assignment Results (Gradebook)**

The Assignment Results report functions as the primary gradebook within Connect. It can be accessed by clicking on the Performance tab located at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on "Assignment results."

The Assignment Results report contains the students' scores for all instructor-created assignments within Connect. You can customize the type of material you would like displayed in your Assignment Results report.

After selecting "Assignment results" as a report, a filtering page will list the sections you can draw information from, as well as the types of assignments that will be included in your report. Once you have customized your selections, click on the "View Report" button to pull those selections.



Your report will look something like this:

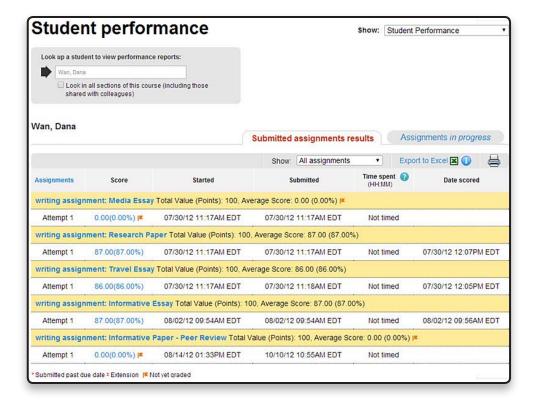


Students' assignment results can be shown as either points or percentages. A color range is also available to show you at-risk students.

#### Student Performance

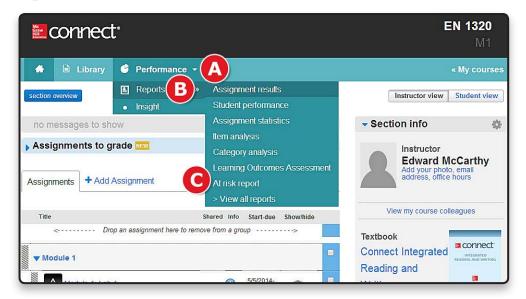
The Student Performance report allows you to look at results and scores for a specific student in your course. To access the Student Performance report, click on the Performance tab at the top of your Connect home page, and then click on "Student performance."

You will be prompted to type in the student's name, and a report will be generated around the scores and assignments for this student. The same results you saw previously in the Assignment Results report will be shown in the Student Performance report, which is designed to allow instructors to easily focus or check in on individual students, one at a time.

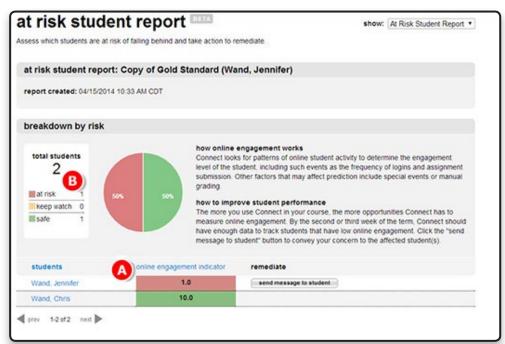


#### **Creating At Risk Reports**

- A Select the **Performance** tab.
- B Hover over Reports.
- Select At risk report.



- A You will be able to see the online engagement indicator score that shows which students are at risk and allows you to e-mail those students directly.
- B You can see your entire class and how many students fall into each category.

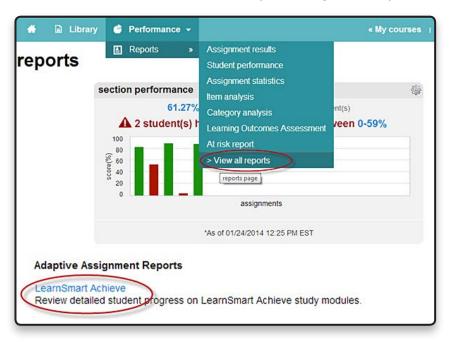


### **LearnSmart Achieve Reports**

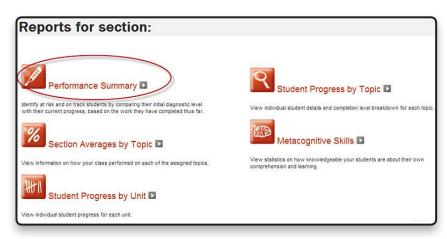
#### **Performance Summary**

The Performance Summary report functions as the overview report for LearnSmart Achieve. This is the best report to use to see all of the results for all of the students in your course.

It can be accessed by clicking on the **Performance** tab located at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on **View all reports**. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the Reports page and click on **LearnSmart Achieve** under the Adaptive Assignment Reports category.



All of the available LearnSmart Achieve reporting options will be presented. Click on **Performance Summary**.



Within the Performance Summary report, you will be able to view every student enrolled in that section, their Overall progress for all assigned LearnSmart modules, Time on task, Question Count, Current Unaware level (the metacognition element in LearnSmart that shows how many times a student responds "I Know It" but gets the question wrong), the date the student Last accessed LearnSmart, and a Details option to see more specifics for a particular student.

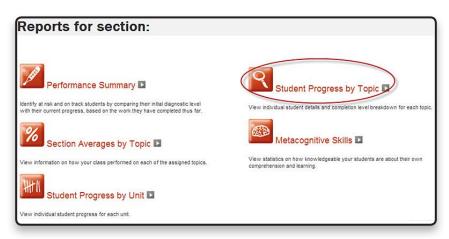
Perfori	mance sur	nmary for	section:				
Student	Overall progress	- 100	Time	Question Count	Current Unaware	Last Accessed (UTC time)	Details
Aggarwal, Shelly	1	3%	00:08:04	(21/61) 34%	59%	Jul 30, 2012	Details
Cashen, Clare		26%	01:54:14	(362/464) 78%	21%	Dec 13, 2013	Details
Wan, Dana		0%	00:00:00	(0/0) 0%	0%	N/A	Details

#### **Student Progress by Topic**

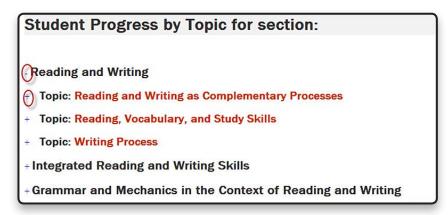
The Student Progress by Topic report allows you to see how all of your students did in a specific topic.

It can be accessed by clicking on the **Performance** tab located at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on **View all reports**. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the Reports page and click on **LearnSmart Achieve** under the Adaptive Assignment Reports category.

All of the available LearnSmart Achieve reporting options will be presented. Click on **Student Progress by Topic**.



Within the Student Progress by Topic report, you will be able to select a specific unit and topic to examine. Once the topic is selected, you will be able to see every student enrolled in the course, their progress on that particular topic, time spent on that particular topic, and the student's e-mail address.



#### **Section Averages by Topic**

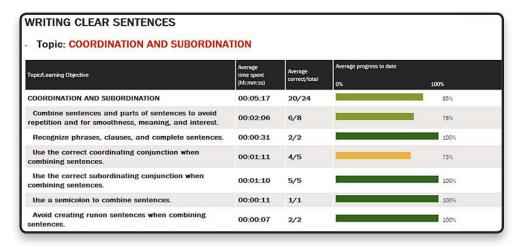
The Section Averages by Topic report allows you to view a detailed breakdown of how the entire section performed on specific topics and learning objectives. This is the best report to use when you want to examine which elements of certain topics or skills students do not understand. This report can be used to help modify face-to-face lectures or to help narrow down more difficult learning objectives for this particular section.

It can be accessed by clicking on the **Performance** tab at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on **View all reports**. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the Reports page and click on **LearnSmart Achieve** under the Adaptive Assignment Reports category.

You will be presented with all of the available LearnSmart Achieve reporting options. Click on **Section Averages by Topic**.



Within the Section Averages by Topic report, you will be able to select a specific unit and topic to examine. Once the topic is selected, you will be able to see a learning objective breakdown by each topic that includes the average student results across the section.

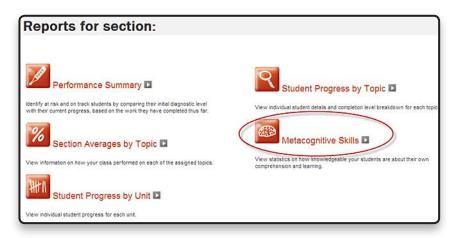


#### **Metacognitive Skills**

The Metacognitive Skills report allows you to view a detailed breakdown of each student's metacognitive skills and responses within LearnSmart Achieve. This report should not be used for grading purposes but may be helpful for instructors looking to identify at-risk students or students who are struggling within their coursework in LearnSmart Achieve.

It can be accessed by clicking on the **Performance** tab at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on **View all reports**. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the Reports page and click on **LearnSmart Achieve** under the Adaptive Assignment Reports category.

All of the available LearnSmart Achieve reporting options will be presented. Click on **Metacognitive Skills**.



Within the Metacognitive Skills report, you will be able to see a list of all the students enrolled in your section and a breakdown of their self-awareness and responses within LearnSmart Achieve. The categories are:

- » Correct & Aware: Students answered the question correctly and knew they would.
- » Correct & Unaware: Students answered the question correctly but were not sure they would.
- » Incorrect & Aware: Students answered the question incorrectly but knew they did not know it.
- Incorrect & Unaware: Students answered the question incorrectly but thought they knew the right answer.

#### **Student Progress by Unit**

The Student Progress by Unit report allows you to view students' overall progress in each available unit within LearnSmart Achieve. This is the best report to use when you want an overall assessment of how far along students are in completing certain sections of LearnSmart Achieve.

It can be accessed by clicking on the **Performance** tab at the top of your Connect home page, and then clicking on **View all reports**. Next, scroll down to the bottom of the Reports page and click on **LearnSmart Achieve** under the Adaptive Assignment Reports category.

All of the available LearnSmart Achieve reporting options will be presented. Click on **Student Progress by Unit**.



Within the Student Progress by Unit report, you can see all the available units in LearnSmart Achieve, the amount of time each student has spent in LearnSmart Achieve, each student's overall progress for all assigned LearnSmart material, and a progress score for each unit within LearnSmart Achieve.



# **Section 5: Support**

#### What If I Have Questions?

Sales	Digital Success	Digital Success	Customer Experience
Representative	Academy	Consultants	Team (Tech Support)
<ul> <li>Class test request</li> <li>Purchasing issue</li> <li>Product questions</li> <li>Product demo</li> </ul>	Easy access to videos, tips/ tricks, how-to's and frequently asked questions  http://www.connectsuccessacademy.com/	<ul> <li>One-on-one training via WebEx</li> <li>Product walkthrough</li> <li>"How do I" contact</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Technical support</li> <li>Student support         (access codes and registration questions)</li> <li>Password resetting</li> <li>Learning Management System (LMS) support</li> <li>Blackboard pairing issues</li> <li>Direct phone:         <ul> <li>800-331-5094</li> <li>http://mpss.mhhe.com/products.php</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# **Self-Service Resources (Success Academy)**

Online videos and additional tutorial guides can be found at McGraw-Hill's **Digital Success Academy:** <a href="http://www.connectsuccessacademy.com/">http://www.connectsuccessacademy.com/</a>

# **Topics to Cover on the First Day of Class**

http://www.connectsuccessacademy.com/fdoc-first-day-of-class/

# **Tech Support Contact Information**

- Phone Support: 800-331-5094
  - » Monday Thurs 8 am 11 pm CST
  - » Friday 8 am 6 pm CST
  - » Saturday 10 am 4 pm CST
  - » Sunday 12 pm 6 pm CST
- Chat Support: <a href="http://mpss.mhhe.com/">http://mpss.mhhe.com/</a>
- E-mail Support: <a href="http://mpss.mhhe.com/contact.php">http://mpss.mhhe.com/contact.php</a>

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