Transitioning to the Modern HUB Interface

The HUB has received a facelift this Summer! For users already familiar with the HUB’s Classic design, there are going to be a few changes now that we have switched to Modern.

No More Left Navigation Bar!
When you enter the site, you’ll notice there’s no Left Navigation bar to be found... anywhere. It’s been eliminated to give more room for content. Items that used to be there have been relocated as follows:

Dashboards
Dashboards for the district and any campuses you are associated with will now appear under the Groups link in the Main Site Toolbar. This is the default start page for Staff and behaves no differently than it used to.

ePortfolios and Your Files
These are now in the Personal Toolbar accessed by clicking on your name in the Main Site Toolbar. (see right)
Course Tools

All the items that used to run along the left in courses are now contained in the Course Toolbar that appears just below the Main Site Toolbar. As always, if your screen is too narrow, additional items will appear under the More link at the far right.

For those looking for their Course Tree, it’s now under the Resources link. And to quickly add elements to the course, there’s a handy green Add button to the far right.

New Course Overview Screen

When students enter a course, they will now get the new Overview screen which shows all the current information about the course. This replaces the old Course Dashboard.

SUPER IMPORTANT TO NOTE: With the exception of the Planner block, the Overview page layout is fixed and cannot be customized!!! This provides students with a consistent user experience across all courses.

If you opt to use the Planner, it will automatically appear on the top left and display plans that are active based on the current date.
Any posts you make in the **Bulletins** block will also appear in the **Recent Updates** section of the student’s **Home** page when they log into the HUB.

**Anticipated Questions**

*Do I have to use the Planner?*
No. You can opt to use Bulletin posts instead and link to the items students need to use that day by using the Resources link under the bulletin body. But if you follow this route, you’ll miss out on some benefits of using the Planner.

*What are the benefits of using the Planner?*
Among the advantages to using the Planner to organize your course:

- **Easy Transfer**: Any work you do to in the Planner will easily transferable to new courses in the future via the Copy command for the Planner. Bulletins only stay with the instance of the course that they were posted in.

- **Control Over Visibility**: Unlike Bulletins which are posted immediately when created, Plans can be created in advance and made visible automatically by date without you being there. This could be useful in the event you can’t make it to campus, such as a sick day or jury duty, and a sub needs to run your class.

- **Built-In Navigation**: Items in the Planner will have a built-in Plan View that will allow students to view all the resources in a plan as a linear sequence that they navigate step-by-step.

- **Eventual ability to share entire lesson plans with other teachers.**

*Will campuses still have a place to put campus-wide announcements?*
Yes. The campus dashboard is still the student landing page. It’s just moved under the Groups link on the Site Toolbar.

*I miss my course dashboard! Is there anything I can do?*
You can opt to set a Page as your course landing page instead of using the Overview page. You can change this under **More > Settings > Course Properties and Features > Choose Start Page**. That way the first page students see when they enter the course will be your customized Page.