

Grouping Students Forum Notes:

- IF you want to have teams that are sharing then you can do the following:
 - Create three teams. One team will be the big team (Y) and the two other teams (A and B) will be the small team
 - Then open up the small team and use the relationship tab to “include” the big team (Include A and B in the Y team)
 - The student is associated with the small team (A or B) and the section is associated with the big team (Y)
- You can use the following to group students:
 - Section linking
 - Loader rules
 - Teaming
 - Faculty Preferences – make sure to check the “honor request” box if you want the computer to make it a hard rule. Don’t forget to check the “faculty preferences” box in the Loader Options before you run the loader
- Variants
 - Don’t call Scott. Email chuck allen at callen2@sandi.net
 - IT doesn’t make variants
 - District likes to negotiate requests for variants (see Susan)
- Schedule Map
 - Map it first before plugging it in (very important for Loader rules)
 - Include following in map:
 - Teacher name
 - Course number
 - Section number
 - Team ??? / House
 - Period
 - Room
 - Term
 - Max class size
 - Will include L’s and G’s too?
- Section linking
 - Can go horizontal or vertical –
 - The limit is your own brain (regarding the numbers for children in section link)
 - Make the root course be the course that NEVER EVER is anywhere else in the master schedule
 - Do not do the section linking until you are finished with the Master Builder – do it right before the loader.
- Biliteracy MEC/SEI

- Two potential issues. One is sites want ability to edit OPL score in Zangle to make it “correct”. Solution is to contact Biliteracy
- Sites have reported that MEC/SEI groups do not work correctly. Scott asked site to send ONE example for EACH issue of a student for us to investigate. Please send the following data:
 - Student ID
 - First name and last name
 - What the data currently is
 - What you think it should be
 - Why you think it should be that
- The wheel - you can use the following techniques
 - Section linking
 - Loader rules
 - OR use the mass schedule app to give course requests or you could just schedule one class, wait until the enrollment numbers are stable and then use the Mass Schedule app to fill in the other sections in the wheel.
- Lock students into classes
 - You can lock students into a section by picking pre-schedule from the schedule app (both manual and mass)
 - The Loader will NOT touch this work
 - The Builder WILL ERASE ALL.
- Course Request Alternatives
 - You must add main request first then you can add a different one.
 - You can have multiple alternatives but only for the same main
 - Don’t mess with the priority box
 - Reports show what is alternative – and so does Course Request App
- I want my home room teacher to be with his kids for one section a day but I don’t care what it is (home room teachers= core content area teachers)
 - Make a loader rule that says “TRY to put a student in an advisory class that has the same teacher as Eng.”. Make one rule for each core subject
 - Hopefully the loader will keep trying until it gets it right

Randomly assign students to a team

1. Give all students you care about a course request for something you don’t care about
2. Only put sections in schedule for this course
3. Run the loader
4. Make a dynamic group that says “all students where course = X and section = y
5. Mass assign a team designation based upon the dynamic group

6. Delete everything