

Welcome Back to School

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Welcome back to school! We hope your new year is starting off well. We've had a lot of updates recently, so as a reminder, here's what's new:

Feature Updates

- **Increased language support:** We have added translation support for 21 new languages, including several right-to-left languages. [Learn more.](#)
- **Deadlines filter:** A new filter has been added to the **Students / create new** page, allowing users to return students based on their deadlines. [Learn more.](#)
- **Meeting Mode:** We have released a new feature called **Meeting Mode**, which enables users to conveniently view a document or a set of documents in a presentation format. [Learn more.](#)
- **Dashboard:** A new **Dashboard** page was added to the left menu that gives users a quick and easy way to see important information in SameGoal. [Learn more.](#)
- **Bulk actions:** We've updated our bulk action functionality by allowing users to complete bulk actions on more than 50 items at a time by "selecting all". [Learn more.](#)
- **Increased guardian share:** Documents can now be shared with up to 4 parents/guardians. [Learn more.](#)
- **Stored signatures:** Districts on the Pro edition of SameGoal can allow users to store their own electronic signatures to "stamp" into documents. [Learn more.](#)
- **MFA is required:** Users must reauthenticate at least one a month on each of their devices. [Learn more.](#)
- **Non-admin reports:** User role permissions may now grant non-administrative users the ability to run reports. [Learn more.](#)
- **Guardian activity notifications:** When parents/guardians make changes to a document, the document owner(s) will now be notified. [Learn more.](#)

Form and Report Updates

- **Updated RIMP:** In accordance with the Ohio department of Education (ODE), we have added an updated version of the RIMP for the new school year. [Learn more.](#)
- **Parent/guardian signature fields:** In order to better support the new **Stored Signatures** feature, we have separated parent/guardian signature fields from team member signature fields. [Learn more.](#)
- **EMIS updates:** Reporting codes have been updated for the new school year: the GQ record now pulls from the WEP, new RIMP codes are now included in the GQ record, and we've added a new GG report.

Tips and Reminders

All users:

- **Register refresher training sessions:** You are still able to register for refresher training sessions, which are running through August 23.
- **Register for Product Updates webinar:** You are now able to register for the Product Updates webinar being held on September 6th.
- **Share your documents:** Navigate to your **Caseload** page, use the **Show: All Docs** dropdown and select **Show: Owner**. Share documents with any other users who will need access to them.
- **Bookmark SameGoal:** You can bookmark your district's login page to help save you time when navigating to the site.

Admin users:

- **Calendars:** Update the default and building calendars for the new fiscal year if you haven't already done so.
- **District banks:** Review existing district banks and update them as necessary.
- **District settings:** Review the settings and administrative options in **Settings > District Information** to ensure everything is configured correctly, especially the **MFA Required Interval** and **Electronic signature storage**.
- **Add a link to SameGoal to your district page:** Consider adding a link to SameGoal to your district website to help users find the site more easily.