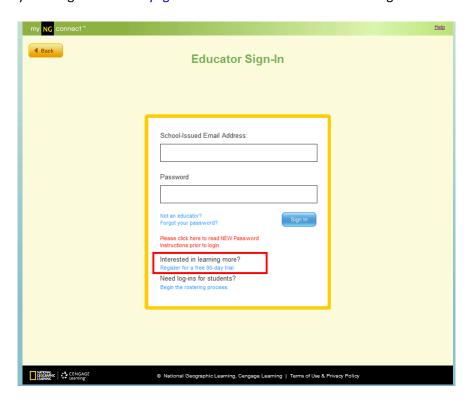## myNGconnect Release Notes
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myNGconnect Trial Accounts replace Preview Accounts

Preview Accounts were first made available two years ago to allow customers to peruse National Geographic Learning online content. New Preview Accounts have been officially replaced with Trial Accounts allowing prospective customers the opportunity to review all the content and features in myNGconnect.

All existing Preview Account holders will be converted to regular user accounts for your existing program(s). If you are interested in learning more about other National Geographic Learning programs, you can go to www.myngconnect.com and click on the link Register for a free 90-day trial.

All of these National Geographic Learning programs can be examined through our Trial Account program.

1. Inside 2nd Edition
2. Edge 2nd Edition
3. Reach
4. Reach, California

5. Reach, Texas
6. Reach for Reading
7. World Cultures and Geography
8. Science
9. Science Florida
10. Science, Indiana
11. Our World

Student School Change/Move

All rostering templates have been modified to support student school changes by using the rostering files. If a student has moved to another school within the district, our rostering templates will overwrite the existing student information placing the student in the correct school.

Teacher Password Change

Rostering templates now support the change of a teacher's password. Now we can "overwrite" teacher passwords when the district submits a file with a different and custom password such as RedSox2012.

Custom Student Usernames

Custom student usernames can now be submitted via the rostering template. In the past, all templates required the use of a numeric student ID which would be used to generate the student's username. The original algorithm was the first two letters of the first name, first two of the last name and last 4 digits in the student ID. Chuck Origer + 12345678 = chor5678.

Now the student username can be a custom username and can be processed by our fulfillment team using the Advanced Rostering Template. For example, a district may wish to add a prefix to the student IDs such as **fh123456**

SFTP (Secure FTP sites)

If your district wants a secure FTP site to transfer student and teacher data for rostering, our fulfillment team will be glad to assist you. If you're interested, simply contact www.NGLdigitalsolutionaccess@cengage.com.

Partially Process a Rostering File

Before: Until now all the errors in rostering files had to be corrected before the whole file could be processed. For example, if a school submitted a file with 30,000 students and there were 150 errors in the worksheet, all of the errors would have to be located and fixed before anyone could be rostered. None of the 30,000 users would get rostered.

After: In this scenario, now the 29,850 valid student and teacher records will get processed immediately. The system will separate out the invalid records, publish an "exception report" and then our fulfillment team can go back, fix the 150 records with errors and process them separately.

World Cultures and Geography

A few new features were added to World Cultures and Geography during the 2012 school year.

- Assignments: Teachers can create, edit, save, view
                        Students can view assignments and assessments
- Lesson Planner: Create new, add pre-made, access, view, change, remove and print
- Global Search: Lets you find resources and add them to lesson plans and assignments
- Digital Library: Lets add digital resources to Lesson Planner and Assignments

System Time Out

The system "time out" on myNGconnect was extended to 90 minutes to match that of the User Management Console.

New District/School Add and Edit

Numerous enhancements have been made to the User Management Console which greatly expand District Admin, School Admin and Teacher capability.

- As a District, School Admin or Teacher, I can assign subscriptions to multiple students based on my search results.
- As a District Admin, I can assign a District Admin to multiple schools.
- As a District Admin or School Admin, I can change a Teacher's role to School Admin or District Admin.
- As a District Admin, I can assign a School Administrator to multiple schools.
- As a District Admin, or School Admin, I can change a Teacher's role to School Admin or District Admin.
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- As a District Admin, School Admin, I can assign subscriptions to students that don't belong to a class.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, Teacher, I can search for students based on student ID.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, Teacher I can unassign subscriptions for multiple students.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, I can assign subscriptions to students that don't belong to a class
- As a District Admin, School Admin, Teacher, I can preview a test.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, or teacher I can set or change an activation date for a selected test from student tests tab for Inside and Edge.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, or teacher I can view Inside/Edge tests available to activate/deactivate for my class.
- As a District Admin, School Admin, teacher I can change student Program level for Inside & Edge.

One Student with Multiple Teachers Assigned

A major enhancement to the system is that now a student may have several teachers or support personnel aligned with them in myNGconnect. For example, let's assume an ESL student has a Home Room Teacher, a Reading Specialist, a Resource Teacher and Coordinator all helping him/her. Using the User Management Console, you can now associate those three other teachers in the system with that student's class. These teachers can now access myNGconnect and have access to all the same content in myNGconnect just as the Home Room Teacher allowing them to work with that student.

Simple Portal Integration

We now can connect your District Portal to myNGconnect allowing teachers and students to login through the District's homepage. For more information contact your National Geographic Learning representative.