



B Release Notes

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The following features are included in the most recent release of Kite® Educator Portal and Kite® Student Portal.

Annual summer upgrades:

- **Updated Kite Technologies** – Kite Suite application technologies were updated to meet or exceed industry standards for security. The technology updates keep our applications and data secure and stable across all assessment programs.
- **Updated Kite User Interface for Accessibility** – All Kite Suite products were analyzed by the latest accessibility tools, and updates were made as needed. Accessibility updates ensure equity for all users who use the Kite suite of products.

New features:

- **Customized Educator Portal Homepage** – Educator Portal now features a redesigned, tile-based homepage that provides quick access to essential information and commonly used resources. This updated layout helps users navigate more efficiently and access relevant tools with fewer clicks. Additional homepage tiles will be introduced throughout the year.
- **MFA: SMS Option** – Users can now choose to receive their multi-factor authentication (MFA) code via SMS when logging into Educator Portal. This optional feature is available only in states where SMS MFA has been enabled. To use SMS authentication, users must provide a valid mobile phone number (on their My Profile page) and agree to the SMS Consent and Privacy Agreement. Email will remain the primary method for receiving MFA access codes. Whether users receive their MFA access code by email or SMS, a new code is sent for each login and is valid for a single use.
- **Phone Number Field** – The Phone Number (Mobile Only) field, found under the Add/Edit user screen, is no longer available. If available, users may enter their own phone number within My Profile.

- **Student Portal User Interface Updates** – The Student Portal user interface has been updated and modernized, including updates to the login screen, the home screen, Take a Test screen, and testing screen. The toolbox on the testing screen has been moved near the top of the screen.
- **Visuals for Striker Tool's Effect Updates** – The strikethrough effect applied by the Striker Tool now uses multiple X's that dynamically adjust based on the overall size of the content that is being struck through.
- **Chromebook App Updates** – Changed the secure client implementation for the Chromebook client to use the Verified access based method instead of the now deprecated Chrome apps functionality.

Updated features:

- **Test Administration Monitoring Extract Updated to Include Student and Subject SC Codes** – The Test Administration Monitoring data extract has been updated to include the student level and subject level Special Circumstance (SC) codes, allowing users to view all SC codes that have been applied to students.
- **Short Duration Testing Dashboard Update** – To provide additional context for the data displayed, the following description has been added to the Short Duration Testing Dashboard tab: *"This table lists students who completed their test in less time than expected, based on program settings"*. This enhancement helps users better understand why students are appearing in the dashboard table.
- **User Security Agreement Wording Updates** – The user security agreement has been updated to also include additional guidance on proper handling of student score reports.