Park Bench Software VisualPST VERSION 3

Park Bench Software VisualPST uses an individual's API access to their own PowerSchool server in order to log into their server and load their standards within the VisualPST software. At this time (March 2018) this software is in beta form- this version should be used knowing their could be glitches or crashes of the application (not PowerSchool). VisualPST does not retain any password or API key information in the software only the standards setup information is saved. Here's how it's done.

1. Launch Park Bench Software VisualPST V.3 and under FILE, select Load/Update PowerSchool Data…
2. Most likely you would want active standards for a given year. (27).
3. Enter your server's URL without the http:// or the admin/pw.html
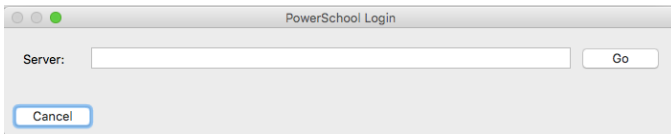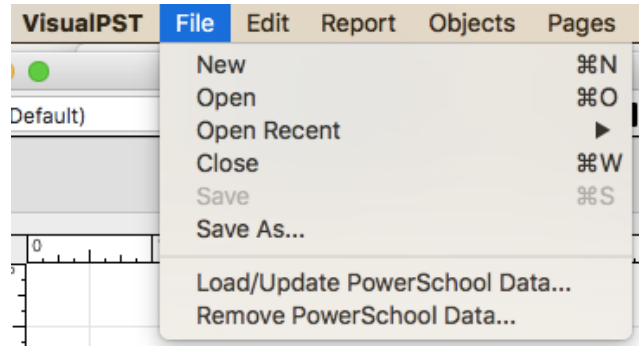
4. Once you successfully enter your URL , you will be presented with your PS log in page. If you have
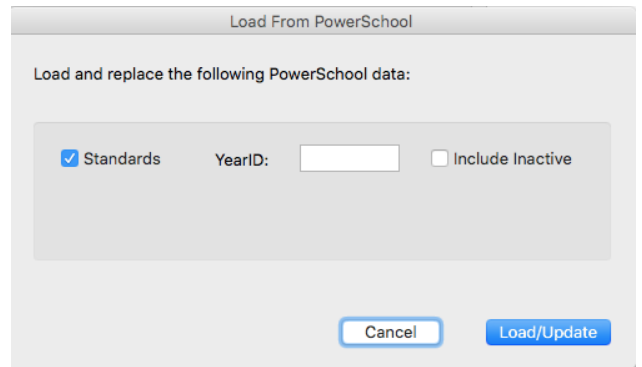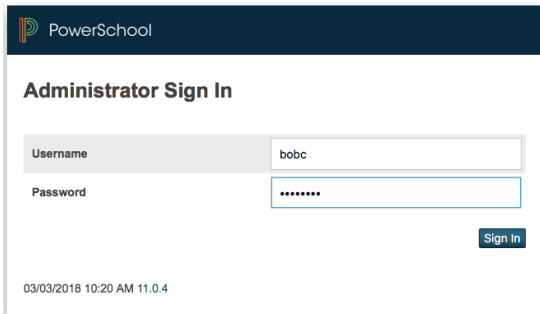
5. Once you have logged in, VisualPST goes through a series of steps (accessing, downloading) and when it's done it presents a screenshot suggesting loading is complete.
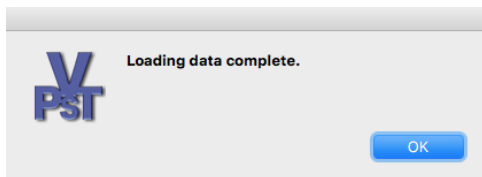
6. Select the new **Standards S+** icon on the lower left side of VisualPST and position the new cursor in a position you'd like to create the new standard grid. Click and drag to extend the GRAY BOX – the box displays the dimensions of your grid to spacing!
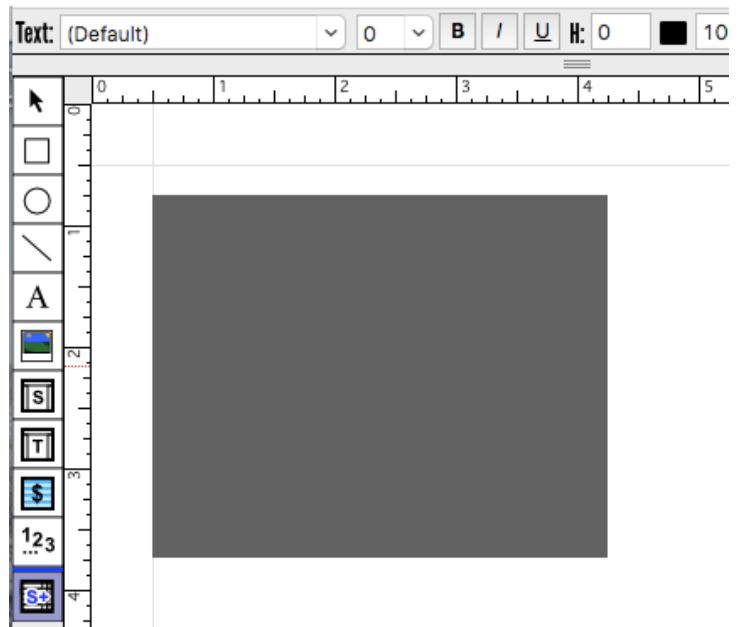
7. Once you are finished with your grid sizing, another prompt will appear with several options for creating your grid. The first of which is to select the **Add Standard(s)** button in the lower right. The
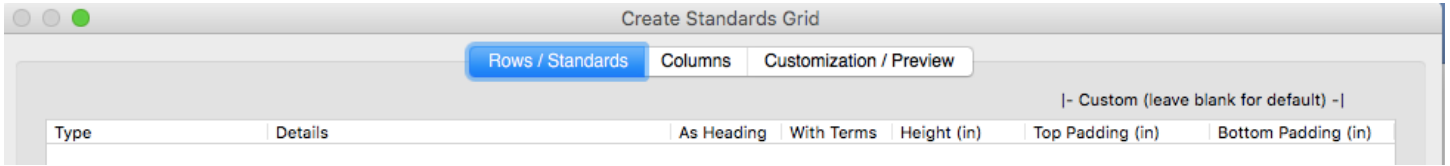
following images/text will walk you through the steps of all the new feature sets.

ROWS/STANDARDS

8. Your standards will appear in a format similar to the LIST STANDARDS view on the admin side of PS. In this example, I've selected Grade 1 > ELA.1> Language Arts.   Selecting those standards, you wish to work with on this grid – turn BLUE and then use the **ADD SELECTED** button.
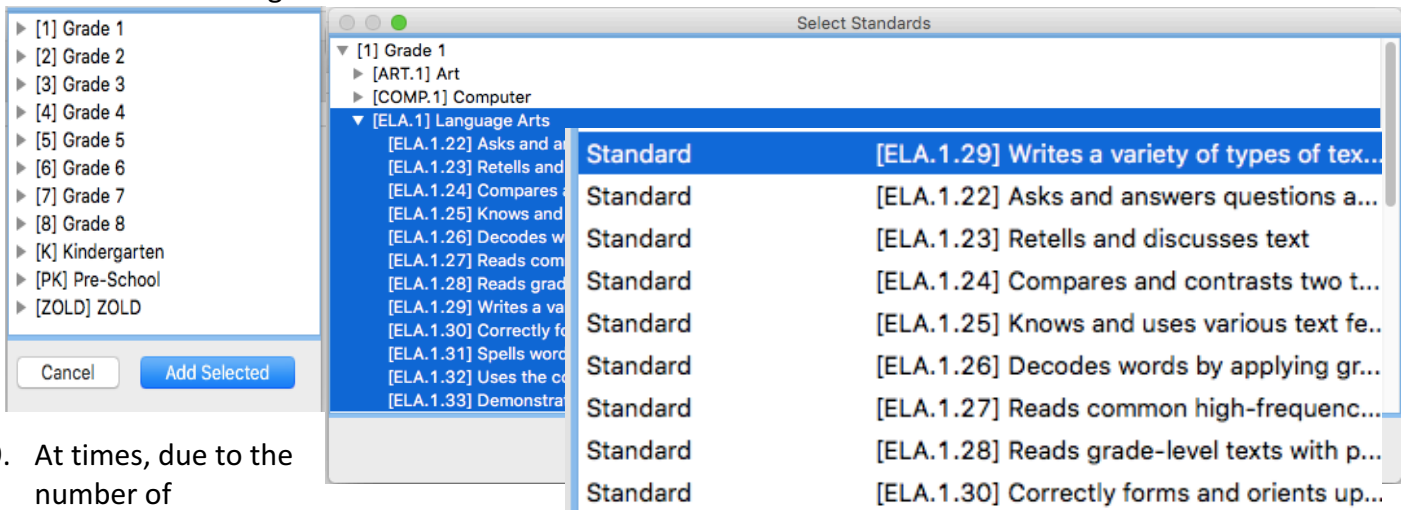
9. At times, due to the number of standards selected, they might not be in order. If you would like to reposition any of them to match the order in which you'd like them appear on the report cards. Select ELA.1.29 and drag/move it into the correct position.

10. While in the Rows/Standards tab at the top so you can mark certain standards as headers and choose to display terms in the grading grids. change terms and work with width of cells and padding. In this example, ELA.1 is identified as a HEADER and TERMS will be displayed in the grading grid.

				|- Custom (leave blank for default) -|	
Type	Details	As Heading	With Terms	Height (in)	Top Padding (in)	Bottom Padding (in)
Standard	[ELA.1] Language Arts	☐		0.396		
Standard	[ELA.1.22] Asks and answers questions a...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.23] Retells and discusses text	☐		0.396		
Standard	[ELA.1.24] Compares and contrasts two t...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.25] Knows and uses various text fe...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.26] Decodes words by applying gr...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.27] Reads common high-frequenc...	☐		0.844		
Standard	[ELA.1.28] Reads grade-level texts with p...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.29] Writes a variety of types of tex...	☐		1.068		
Standard	[ELA.1.30] Correctly forms and orients up...	☐		0.62		
Standard	[ELA.1.31] Spells words with common spe...	☐		0.62		

Type	Details	As Heading	With Terms
Standard	[ELA.1] Language Arts	✅	✅

11. Select Columns tab at the top. This is where you set the number of grading terms. You certainly can change T's to S's or Q's.   If you need another grading term simply select Add Column in the lower right.

			|- Custom (leave blank for default) -|	
Contents	Term	Alternate Term Heading	Width (in)	Left Padding (in)	Right Padding (in)
Standard Name			2.58		
Translated Average Score	T1		0.6		
Translated Average Score	T2		0.6		

12. Once you have the correct # of grading terms, select the Customization/Preview tab. This window provides you some formatting capabilities – fonts, colors, size (I normally use size 9 for standards names and scores) as well as tint color for certain rows.   It also provides you with a preview of the grid and the spacing to properly display the standard name.   **You have just made a standards grid WITHOUT entering any code!**

13. In this version, you have several customization options - experience and once you find a setting that works for your district, you can name it and it saves all your pre-selected values.
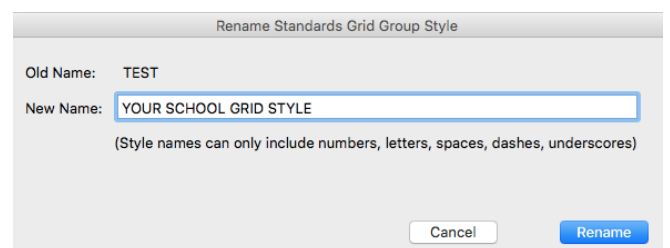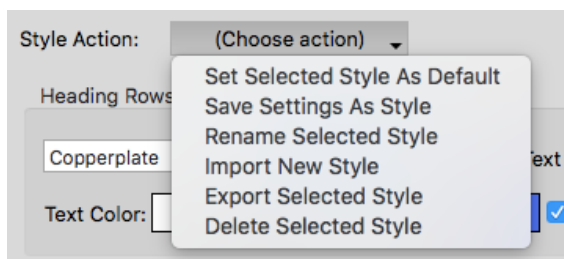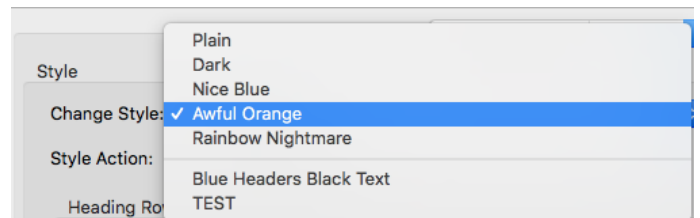
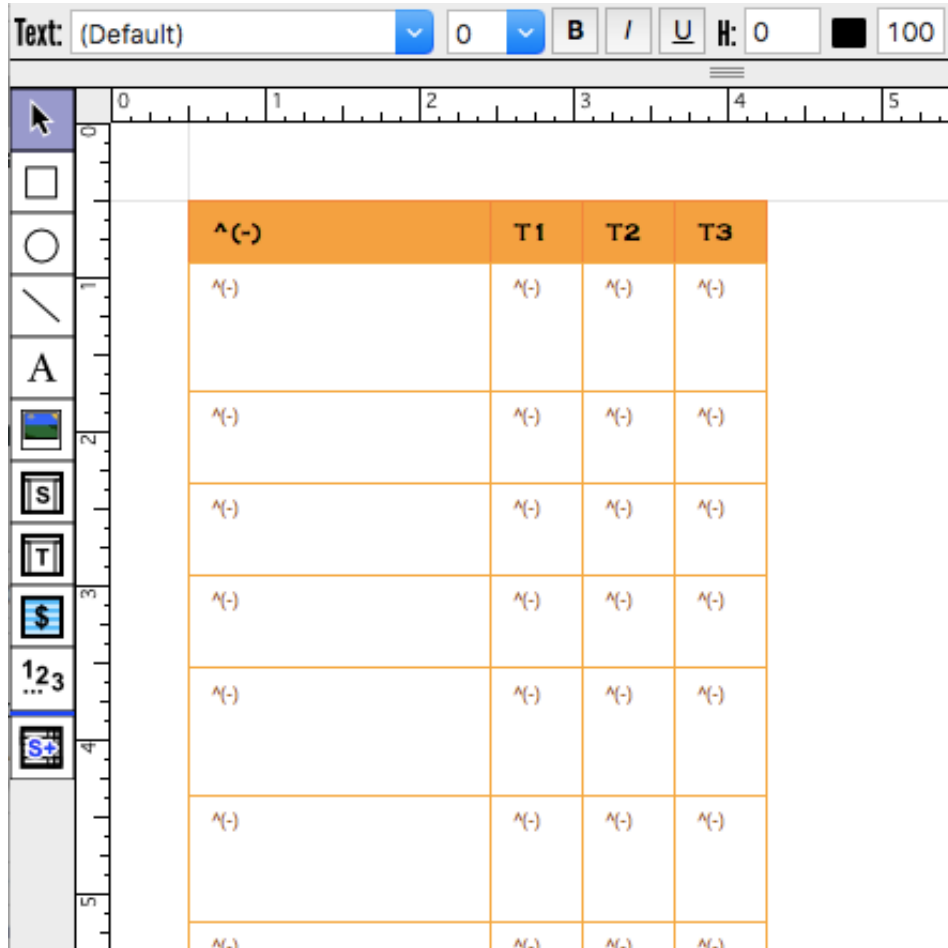14. Once you have all your settings the way you want – either select CREATE in the lower right OR UPDATE if you've changed any settings after viewing a preview.

15. Your grid is displayed in the typical page view format of VisualPST.

16. As you can see- your customized formatting is displayed but wouldn't be beneficial if you could actually see sample text??? Well under VIEW select Display Sample Text If you share a .pst file and haven't loaded your standards yet, when selecting this option, ????? will appear rather than the actual text. Click on the grid and select your own standards once you have uploaded them.
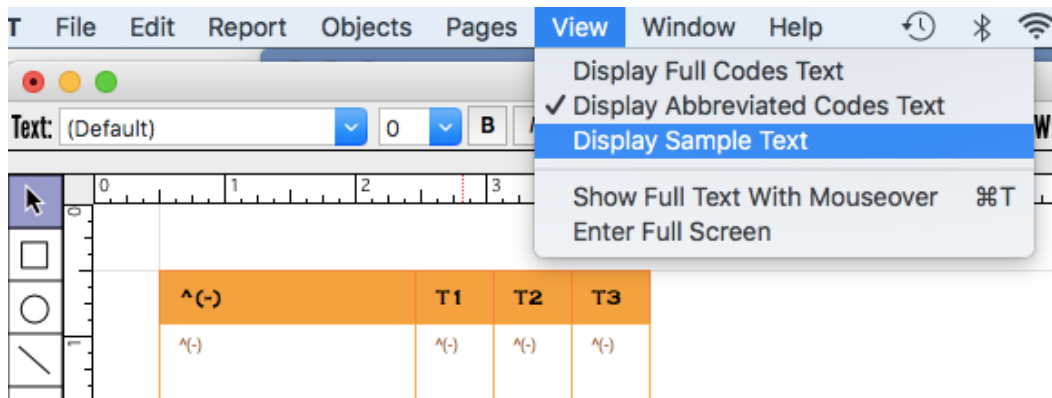
LANGUAGE ARTS — T1, T2, T3

- Asks and answers questions about key details in the text
- Retells and discusses text
- Compares and contrasts two texts
- Knows and uses various text features
- Decodes words by applying grade level phonics
- Reads common high-frequency words by sight
- Reads grade-level texts with purpose and understanding

PREVIEW CAPABILITIES WITHOUT UPLOADING FILE WITH DISPLAY SAMPLE TEXT

17. This PREVIEW feature is very exciting VisualPST Version 3 senses the length of the standard name and auto positions the horizontal lines. Combine this with the Display Sample Text you know can see those grids that need to be SHRINK or INCREASE. Simply grab the dot on the left side of the line you want to move and move it up! next to the line Under the View tab of VisualPST, Select Display Sample Text. Now you can actually see the standard names and how long the all are.

18. Please note – the Park Bench Software team is busy creating and improving features sets in this beta release.
Once you created a grid you can double click on it to return to the editing functions. However, as of July 2018 if you **UNGROUP** a grid you will get this notice.   Which means that the return to edit standard grid if YES will no longer available to you.

> **The selection contains special standards grids, are you sure you want to break them?**
> They will become individual objects, no longer ever being editable as a whole.
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> Edit Standards Grid
>
> Rows / Standards   Columns   Customization / Preview

19. Additional features sets are on the Park Bench Software VisualPST Roadmap. Continue to check out the Park Bench Software website (https://parkbenchsoftware.com). All active licenses will receive updates when released.
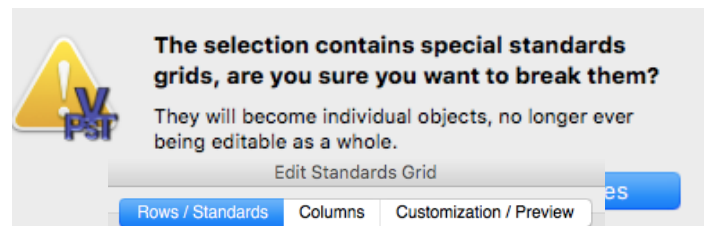
ONE LAST FEATURE SET

For those of us that have designed an object report and wanted to know where the middle of the page is for placement of objects.
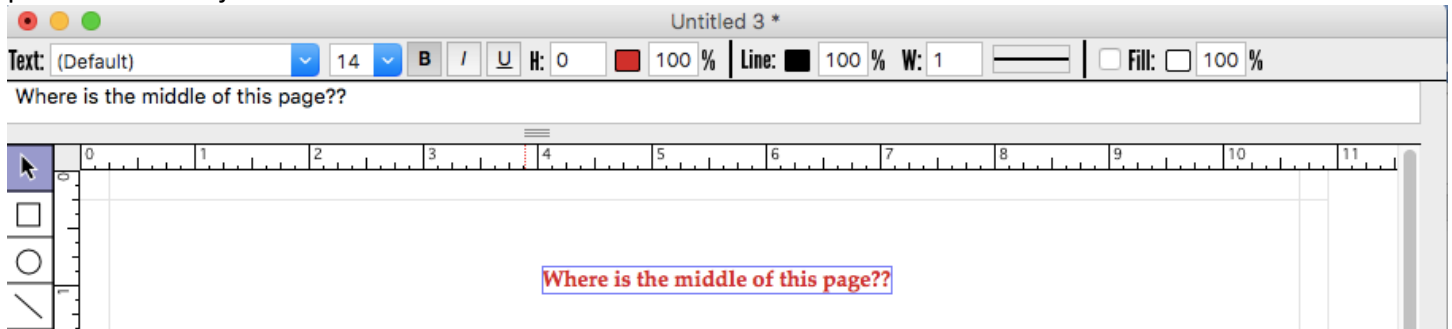
Hold onto your hat!   In 3.0b1 offers UNDER View – Show Vertical Guides we now have some visual aids.