



Switched-On Online Pass Threshold Basics

The Switched-On Online **Pass Threshold** feature drives focused learning. It enables you, as administration and teaching staff of a school to set a level of expected mastery for your students before they are permitted to continue to the next assignment in a course.

The **Pass Threshold** can be done at two levels; the school-wide level, set by the administrator on the **School Setup** page (first image), and the individual student-level set by either the administrator or a teacher with **Student Maintenance** permission, on the **Edit Student** page (screenshot on following page).

Basically, **Pass Threshold** allows you to determine what is accepted as the passing score for your school or individual student.

School Setup – Pass Threshold

The screenshot displays the 'School Setup' page in the Switched-On Online interface. The page title is 'School Setup' and it includes a navigation menu on the left with options: HOME, SETUP, CALENDAR, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, MESSAGES, FEEDBACK, and LOGOUT. The main content area is titled 'These are global school settings.' and contains several configuration fields:

- Name:** Chi Rho SwitchedOn 0
- Welcome:** The Name of the School (with a rich text editor containing the text: Knowledge is both discovered and revealed.)
- MOTD:** The Welcome Message (with a rich text editor containing the text: Soar to greater heights ... Learn something new!)
- Message of the Day:** (with a rich text editor containing the text: Soar to greater heights ... Learn something new!)
- Pass Threshold:** 85 (This field is highlighted with a red box. Below it is a note: Percentage required to pass any lesson. This does NOT apply to quizzes and tests. 0% effectively turns off 'Focused Learning')
- Login Header:** Welcome to Chi Rho Ax
- Login Message:** (with a rich text editor)

The bottom left corner of the screenshot shows the text 'AOP - SwitchedOn Online'.



Student Maintenance – Pass Threshold

The renderer named 'showStudentAnswers' was not found in row=0 pages=PrincipalMode EditStudent EditStudent object at 0x2eaa0102ec50-

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HOME
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Edit Student

Edit Student

User Status: Active
Toggle for activating/deactivating users. Deactivation is non-destructive (i.e. does not delete any records).

Last Name: Drieser

First Name: Robin

User Name: rdrieser
Name to be used for Login.

Password: AL94+JR

Calendar:

School End Date:
Example: 2004-12-31 - Overrides the school default end date. Clear the value to remove.

Easy Spelling:

Spelling Hit: 0
If Easy Spelling is turned on, this determines the percentage deduction for spelling errors.

Pass Threshold: 80
Percentage required to pass any lesson. This does NOT apply to quizzes and tests. 0% effectively turns off 'Focused Learning'. Leave blank to default to global school settings.

C Rx Pass Threshold: 95
Percentage required to pass the pretest for a unit when in credit recovery (CRx) mode. Leave blank to default to global school settings.

Student Answer Key:
Allow students to see the answer key for completed assignments.

Change Password:
Allow students to change their own password.

Submit

System Implications of Pass Threshold Extremes

If the school-wide **Pass Threshold** is set to 0, it effectively turns off “Focused Learning”. This allows the student to move onto the next assignment in a course regardless of how they performed on the problems of the previous lesson. If a basic concept is not mastered, any skills covered in subsequent lessons are at risk.

NOTE: **Pass Threshold** applies only to lessons. It does not apply to quizzes and tests.

If the school-wide **Pass Threshold** is set to 100, students may not begin an assignment in a course until they have achieved a perfect score on the problems in the current assignment. The student continues to be presented with the same assignment until they get 100% on the problems.


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Additional Information

If the student-level **Pass Threshold** is set to any number other than 0, it overrides the school-wide pass threshold.

If the student does not achieve the **Pass Threshold**, independent of the percentage selected, not only is the student redirected back to the same assignment each time he or she selects that course, any notes he or she tries to send to the teacher will not appear in the teacher application. The notes are retained in the student's application though. If the student needs to ask the teacher a question about the assignment or a specific problem in the assignment, he or she can use the Message Center to do this. While the student notes do not appear in the teacher application, any notes the teacher sends the student from the **Edit Note** button at the top of the lesson, can be read by the student.

When the student submits an assignment that does not meet the **Pass Threshold**, the teacher sees an entry on their **Student Progress** page that looks something like this:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Marshall, Olivia	Civil War (2008)	1	1_Development of Two Cultures-Part 1	Wed Sep 3 15:33:33 2008	Attempted	1	58
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Any time a teacher sees this symbol, Attempted , he or she knows the student submitted the lesson but did not achieve a passing score, the **Pass Threshold**.

The teacher can click the assignment title link to open the assignment to review it. When a teacher enters an assignment using the link on the **Student Progress** page, the entry disappears from the **Student Activity** list on that page. He or she can still go back to the assignment; they will just need to open it from a different location in the teacher application.

Once the assignment is no longer displayed on the **Student Progress** page, the teacher can open it from the students **Grading** page. The teacher does not see a score next to the assignment if it is viewed from this page. It does show the number of times the student has attempted the assignment, however.

Grading - Marshall, Olivia						
Civil War (2008): Unit 1 - THE PRE-WAR YEARS						
Assignment Type	Title	Batch	Status	Attempts	Score	
Lesson	1_Development of Two Cultures-Part 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assigned	1		

Teachers can select the assignment and review the answers the student currently has recorded in the database from this page. It does not reflect which answers are correct. Teachers can select **Show Answers** though to view the answer keys, if needed. Students do see the status (Correct, Incorrect, or Partial Credit) of each question, however.

Pass Threshold and Focused Learning are very effective in helping to ensure students master the skills necessary for academic success. You determine what the appropriate threshold is based on the needs of your learning community.