

Switched-On Schoolhouse Features & Benefits

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Automated Grading	Tired of trying to find time to grade your student's work?	SOS automatically grades between 80 and 95% of all student work. You grade paragraph answers, essays, and projects.
Reports	Want a report card? How about a quick look at the amount of time your student spent playing the games and learning activities in SOS?	SOS Teacher has a report for almost every need. From a formal report card or transcript to a quick daily activity report to a detailed look at each assignment.
Customized Lesson Planning	Have a complicated life? Need to schedule things on certain days of the week? How about rescheduling student work?	You can schedule schoolwork on the days you want, whether that means Math on Mondays and Science on Tuesday and Friday or no school on Wednesday. You can also reschedule with the click of a button. You set the parameters and SOS does all the work.
Special Needs	Does your student need support reading their lessons or do better with verbal reinforcement?	SOS provides a Text-to-Speech function, so students can read along while hearing the text spoken. You also have the option to use the audio feedback feature, so that when a student submits an answer to a lesson problem, they not only see if they answered correctly, but they hear an audio confirmation. Additionally, many of the audio and video files have written transcripts available at the click of the mouse.
Custom Courses and Assignments	So you want to make your own course or assignment? Want to use the same custom assignment more than once?	SOS gives you the ability to pull units and assignments from any SOS curriculum into a single course or create a completely new course. The custom assignment feature lets you create an assignment and use it in multiple courses or multiple units in the same course... you decide!
Alternate Tests and Other Assignments	Do you ever wish you had another quiz or test, so you could give your student another chance to show you what they have learned?	SOS provides alternate quizzes and tests in almost all courses. Many projects and experiments also have alternate assignments you can use to supplement or swap.
Quiz & Test Answers	Need help finding where quiz and test question material was presented?	Click the link on the Show Answer window to go directly to the lesson where the material was presented to your student.

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Projects	Want your student to create a project using something other than word processing? Need to use an already existing project as a starting point for another?	You can create projects in a multitude of formats and save them to your computer, before uploading to the SOS database.
Reading and Activity Logs	Need to provide a report showing the many activities your student participates in, or how about the time they spend helping in the community? Want to help your student keep track of the books read?	You and your student can use the Reading and Activity Logs to easily track their various activities and all of the books they read, as well as creating reports as needed.
Attendance tracking	Ready to quickly track attendance for your students?	Click the attendance link in the Lesson Book widget on your Teacher Home Page to track attendance for your students.
Print capability	Doctor appointments, errands to run, time away from home, but you don't want to lose schoolwork time?	You can print almost everything in SOS; lessons, with or without the problems, with or without the graphics, vocabulary words, spelling lists, quizzes, and tests. Print, take, have your student do the work and then enter their answers into SOS when you get home. All of the grading and scores are calculated when it's entered.