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ACE SOFTWARE LAUNCHES MASTER SCHEDULE-BUILDING SOFTWARE THAT FOCUSES ON STUDENTS' NEEDS—NOT THE TEACHERS'

*Focusing on student requirements eliminates conflicts and
reduces the time and frustrations involved in master scheduling*

GROVE CITY OH, December 2, 2003: [ACE Software](http://www.acesoft.com) has launched its integrated Master Schedule Builder/Student-Scheduling software for K-12 schools that builds the school's master schedule around the students' needs—not the teachers'—thus eliminating scheduling conflicts and the resulting frustrations. By focusing on the students' requirements (for classes, sections or teams), ACE Student-Scheduling eliminates the familiar late-summer “scheduling fires” when students overwhelm principals and faculty by changing classes that don't fit into their schedules. Instead, principals and teachers are able to devote time to other pursuits.

The software builds the master automatically by using all student course requests and staff and room requests; then it schedules the students by placing them in class sections. All of the work is performed by the software, and data (for students, sections, classes, teachers, rooms, times) is entered only once into the system. Upon completion, results can be verified within minutes and changes can be made quickly and easily.

ACE's Student-Scheduling Software features 64 periods, or time slots, instead of the standard 8 to 16 in other student-scheduling software products, allowing schools to schedule block, mini and “skinny” courses.

Dennis Ashworth, principal at Glen Este High School in the West Clermont (OH) Local School District in suburban Cincinnati, uses ACE's Master Schedule Builder/Student-Scheduling Software to address a significant challenge.

“As part of the Small School Initiative, we have five small schools with five different bell schedules, and we offer one-, two- and three-trimester classes,” said Ashworth. “The ACE product's flexibility and power enable us to effectively schedule each school independently.”

STUDENT SCHEDULING SERVICES

ACE also offers Student Scheduling Services to K-12 schools nationwide. ACE's staff—totaling more than 100 years' experience in student scheduling—handles the scheduling process in consultation with the school's staff. The school furnishes the data, and ACE provides the finished product (student schedule and all reports).

FOR INFORMATION

For information about ACE Software's Master Schedule Builder/Student-Scheduling software, contact ACE Software at 800-837-2692 (614-875-4910), sales@acesoft.com, www.acesoft.com.

ABOUT ACE SOFTWARE

Founded in 1977, ACE Software, LLC, provides powerful, flexible, web-enabled software and services for attendance, grading, scheduling, academic history, payroll, accounting and other functions to K-12 schools nationwide. Its flagship products include ADM2000 Student Information Systems, ADM2000 Financial System, ADM2000 Parent WEB, ADM2000 Staff WEB and ADM2000 Student WEB. Many of ACE's customers—school districts, individual schools and others—have used the company's products and services since the late 1970s.

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