# Welcome!

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### What we heard

Students need to come to class, and we need it to be easy

I need to report date last present

It takes too long

Sometimes they sign friends in

I have to keep track of (and sometimes lose) my old sign-in sheets

They give their clicker to a friend

Passing around the sheet is distracting





### What we do

We can help you...



**Get students to class** 



See who's there in real-time



Save lecture time spent on attendance



Easily review and export prior attendance logs



**Excuse absences** 



Identify at-risk students

### Who's it for?

Reef Attendance helps...

- Instructors, departments, institutions interested in tracking class attendance
- Instructors currently using a sign in sheet to track attendance and manage storing/importing old data sheets
- Current REEF users who want to confirm students responding to polls are in class
- Distance learning where you'd still like to take roll or gauge attendance





## **Introducing Reef Attendance**

Our new instructor tool that makes taking attendance a breeze

REEF Attendance allows instructors to easily track class attendance and gives students insight into their own class attendance.

Checked In 100 Not Checked In 51 Not Attending		
Name	Attendance Status	Time
Bass, S.M.	Checked In	9:02 AM
Blue, Dory R.	Not Attending	-
Clownfish, Nemo		9:01 AM
Orca, Willie		
Pufferfish, Bloat	Checked In	
Snapper, Red	Not Attending	9:05 AM
Starfish, Peach O.	-	
Turtle, Crush, S.	Checked In	9:02 AM
Ursula, Octo	Checked In	9:00 AM

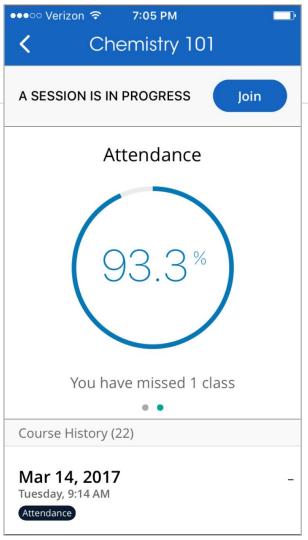




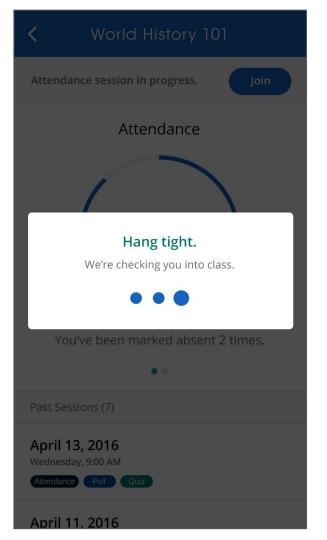
### So, how does it work?

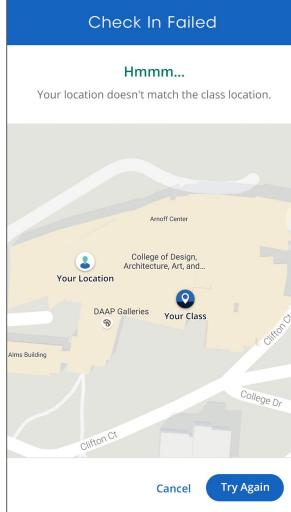
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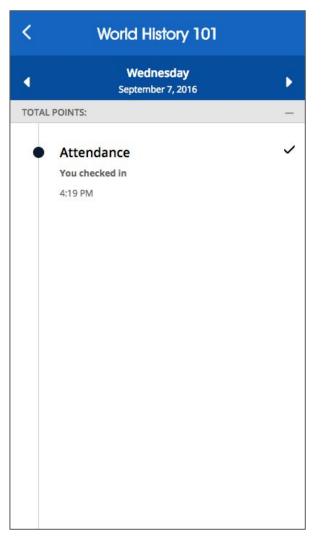
- Instructors have the option of requiring students to be at the class location in order to check in for Attendance.
- Students are notified an Attendance session is in progress and select Join to check-in.
- Using geolocation of the student device, we verify students are in range before marking them as present.
- If not in range, students get more information on location and where to find help.











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# **Product Demo**





# Hear from a beta user



# **Using Attendance in the Classroom**

Getting set up

Bookmark <a href="http://instructor.reef-education.com/">http://instructor.reef-education.com/</a> -- You'll be using it a lot!

#### **Autorun**

- Describe a reasonable (100') radius from class location
- □Start the timer a few minutes <u>before</u> class begins
- Consider a PowerPoint slide reminding students to note their attendance (if not doing an in-class "poll" or "quiz")





## **Using Attendance in the Classroom**

Monitoring and managing Attendance

#### **Excusing Absences**

- Set the "Highlight students with xx or more unexcused absences"
- Consider the number of class meetings each term

#### **During Class**

• You can monitor REEF attendance online or in the desktop

#### **After Class**

- Excusing students
- I continue to use a paper roll
- Attendance (and participation) part of course grade
- Late subscribers to REEF require adjustments





### **Learning from the Beta**

#### **Remind Students**

- Especially if you don't have a poll for that day. A starter PPT slide reminder on screen before class works well
- Tell them to pay attention to the REEF class reminders from the app
- REEF subscription is required if you're using Polling too

#### **General Tips**

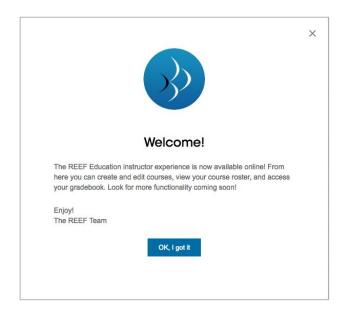
- It's helpful to include some information and a link in your LMS if you're using it for your course
- No real behavioral changes with REEF Attendance yet, but looking forward to future features to see chronically late arrivers or early departers
- Point out to student how to contact tech support





## **Developer Responsiveness**

- REEF developers love feedback from instructors
- Software updates take time, be patient
- Can't wait for the Welcome! screen to go away







### What's next for Attendance?

#### **Coming this summer**

- Flexible bypass option
- Advanced exports
- Session naming
- Student messaging improvements
- ...and more!

#### Mike's wish list

- Ability to adjust more than one student at a time
- Ability to adjust an entire day's attendance
- Automated setting (or hiding) of instructor's "attendance"
- One location (online or local) for all REEF information
- Histogram of attendees







## **Questions?**

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