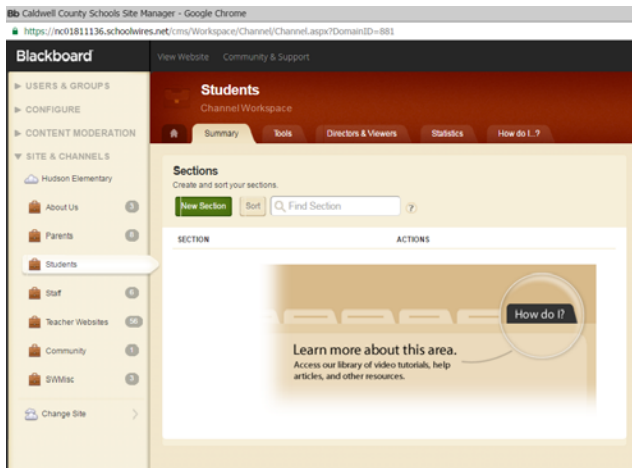
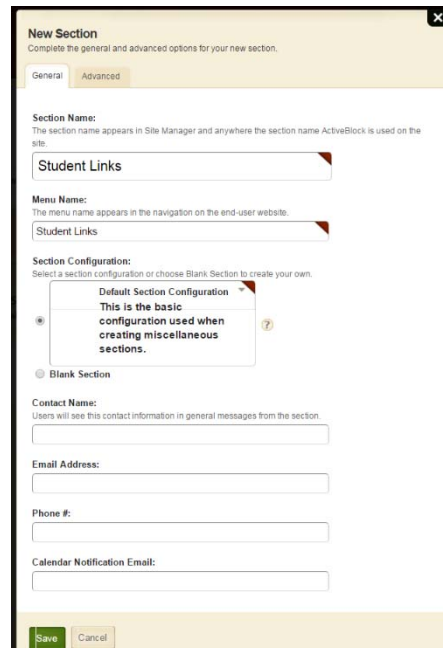


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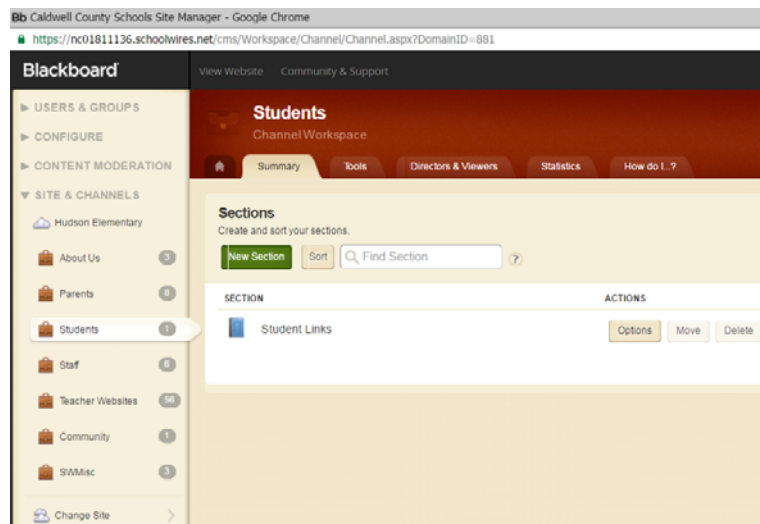
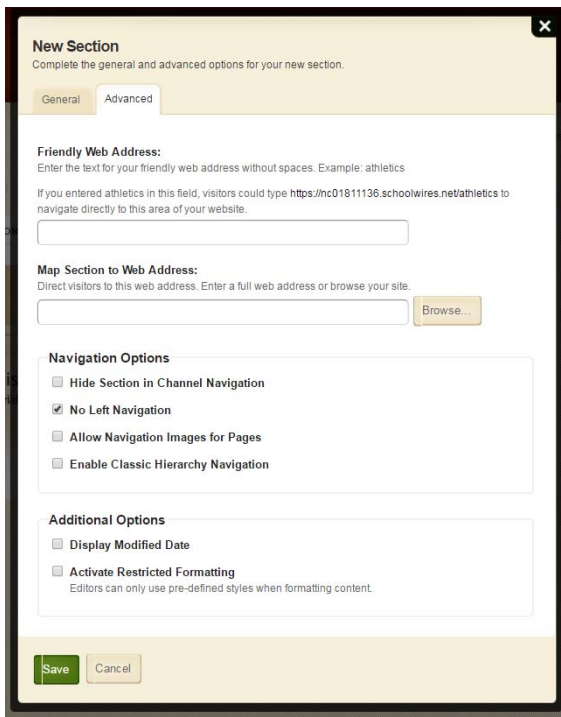
1. Create a **New Section** under the **Students** channel.



- ### 2. Use **Default Section Configuration** (Basic configuration used when creating miscellaneous sections). The title you use in the **Menu Name** will show on the website under the Channel.

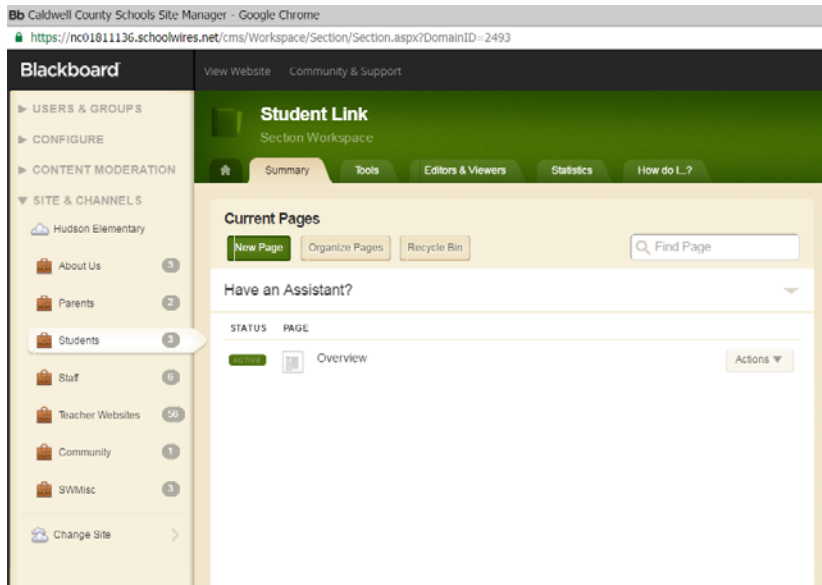


- ### 3. On the **Advanced** tab, check **No Left Navigation** under the **Navigation Options**. (Since I will only have the one page under this section, I do not need the left navigation. It will go straight to the Student Links page.)

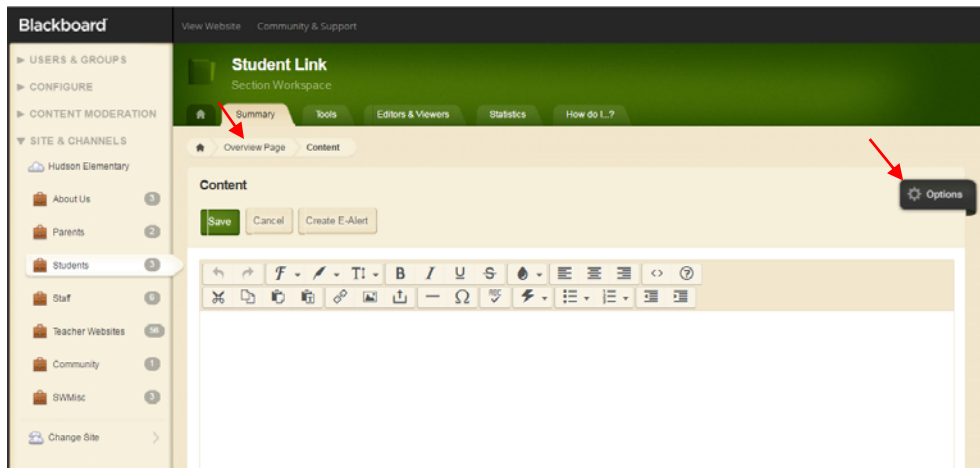


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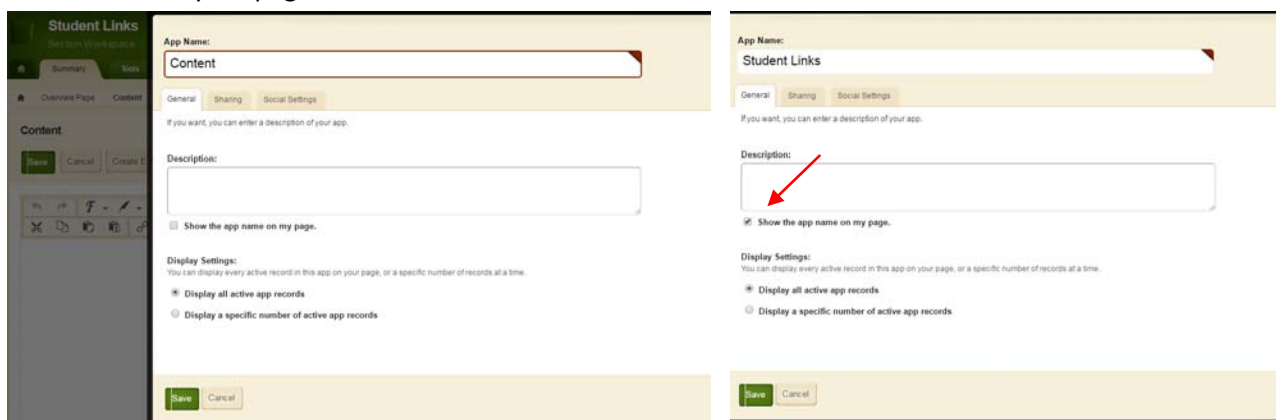
4. This creates a section with an **Overview** page, which contains a blank **Content** app. Just rename the **Overview** page to what you need. Rename the **Content** app to match the page name.



5. Remember, when you have a page with just a **Content** app, it will open in the content editor mode. To add more **apps** to the page or change the **page layout** you must follow the **breadcrumbs** link beside the **house** icon and click the page name. You can rename the app by clicking the **Options** gear.

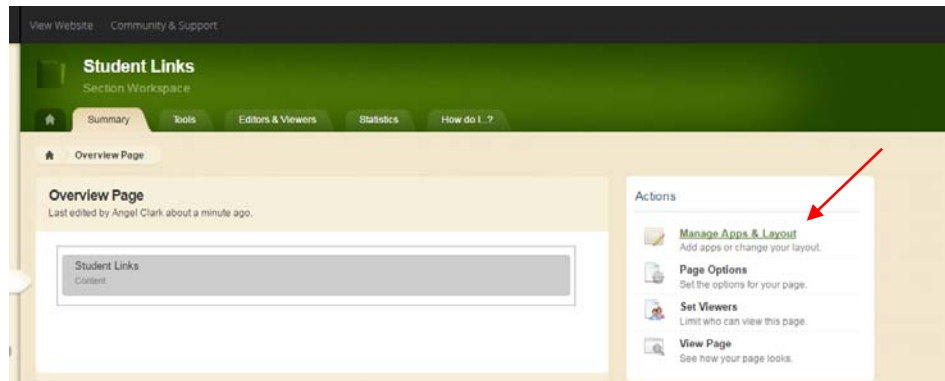


6. Rename the **app** and check **Show the app name on my page** box. This will add a nice header formatted and underlined to your page.

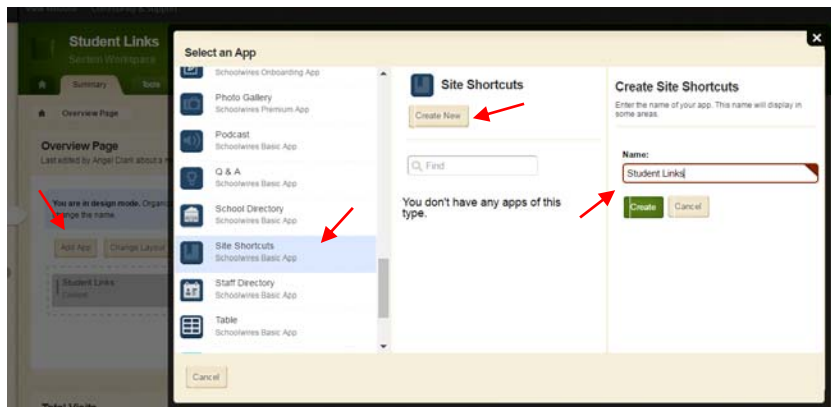


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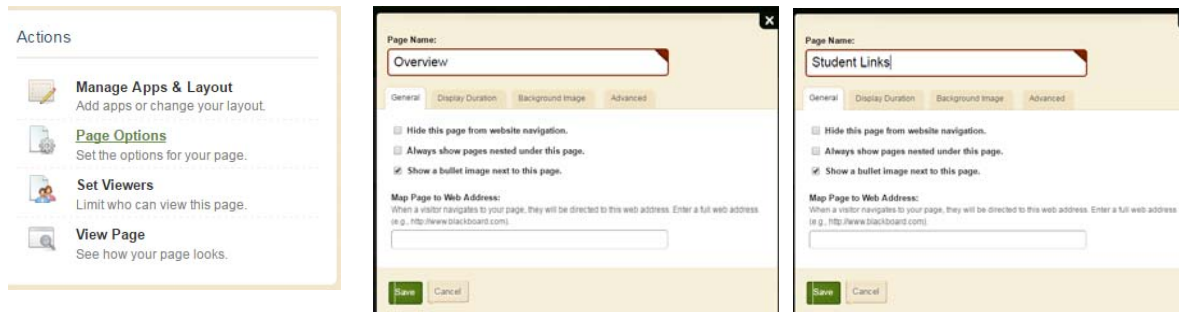
7. Select **Manage Apps & Layout**. This is where you have access to add additional apps to the page and change the page layout.



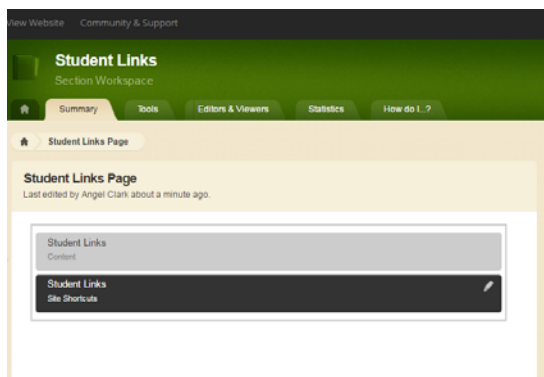
8. Select **Add App**. Search for **Site Shortcuts** app. Click **Create New**, name the app then click **Create**. (Use *Site Shortcuts* because it gives you the option to open in New Window for external links.)



9. Rename the Overview page by selecting **Page Options**.

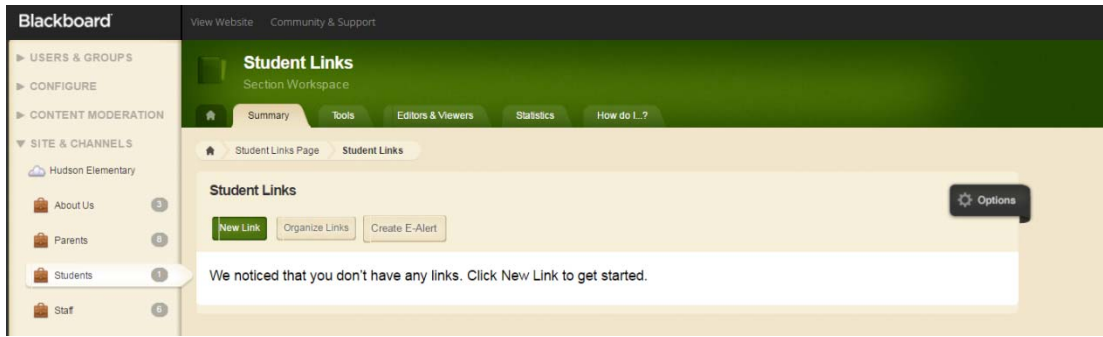


10. Adding links to the **Student Links** app. Click inside the app box to open the app.



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11. Click **New Link** to add links to the app.

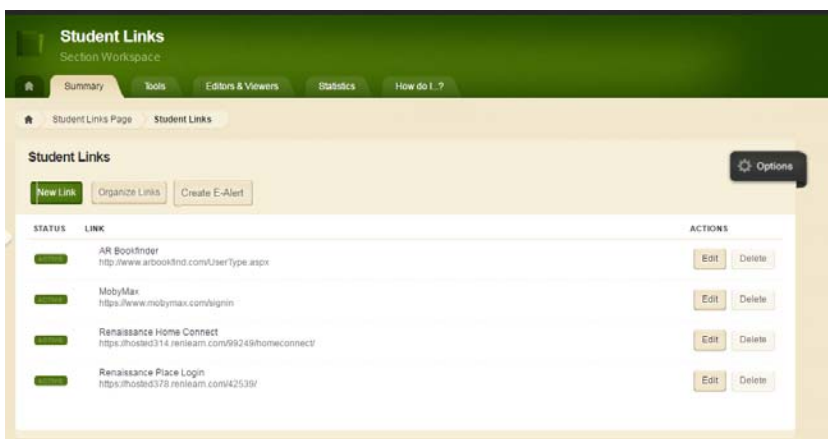


12. Enter your link name into **Link Text** area. Add the website URL into the **Web Address** area. (I would suggest you copy and paste the URL from the web.) Be sure to change the **Target** to *open in new window* to keep your school website open when someone visits the external link. Make sure to **SAVE**.

Follow these steps to add links to all the programs students need access to.

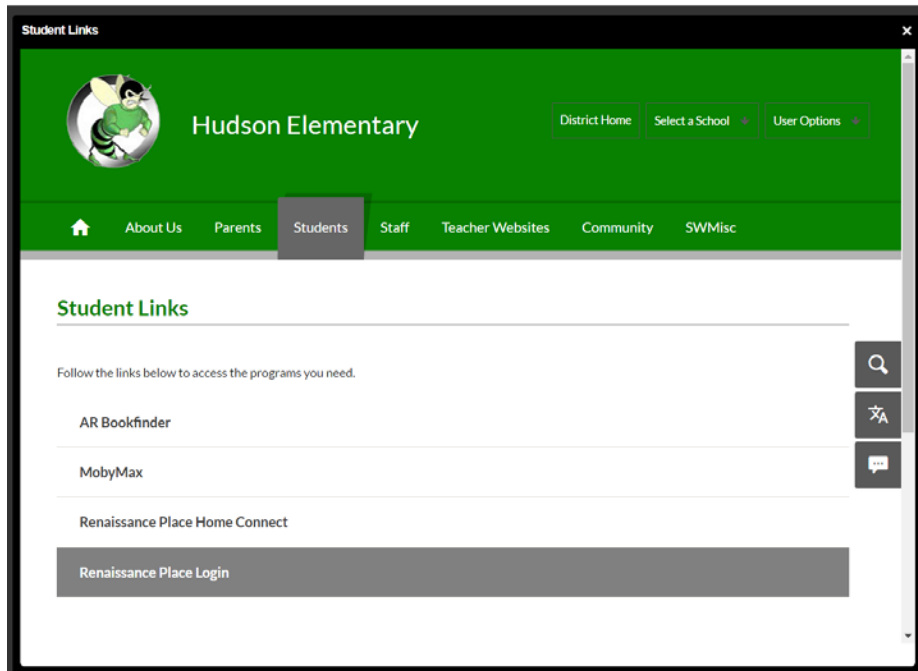
A screenshot of the 'New Link' form in Blackboard. The form has tabs for 'General', 'Imagery', and 'Viewers'. It contains fields for 'Link Text' (with 'AR Bookfinder' entered), 'Web Address' (with 'http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx' and a 'Browse...' button), 'Target' (a dropdown menu with 'Open in new window (_blank)' selected, indicated by a red arrow), 'Tooltip', 'Parent Link' (a dropdown menu with 'None' selected), and an 'Auto Expand' checkbox. At the bottom, there is a checked 'Activate on my page' checkbox and 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

This is what the app looks like after adding several links. To make a change to any, just click the **Edit** option or to remove a link, click **Delete**.



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13. This is what the public will see. The **Student Links** heading in green is from the content app name. I did not select show the app name on the page for the **Site Shortcuts** app.
(You don't have to use the content app if you do not wish to add instructions or content above the site shortcuts. You can just have the **Site Shortcuts** app on the page and opt to show the app name on the page and it would look very similar to this, except it wouldn't have the text "Follow the links...")



Thanks to Debbie Blake at Hudson Elementary for letting me work on her site to demonstrate how to create this section and page.