#### **Overview**

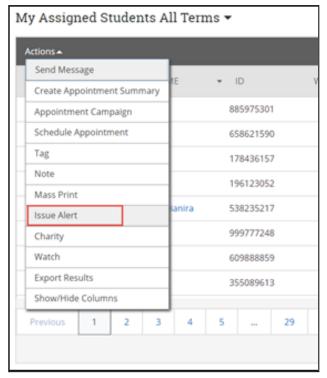
With the proper permissions, staff or faculty can issue an Early Alert on a student at any time. Early Alerts are a way to draw attention to a student who might be at risk for a variety of reasons, such as missing exams, needing tutoring, or intending to withdraw from Lehigh. Issuing an Early Alert can draw attention to these students, create a virtual referral, and prompt action from another department.

### **Issuing an Early Alert**

There are several locations to issue an Early Alert in Compass: **Staff Home** or **Professor Home** pages, in **Advanced Search** results, or from a student profile.

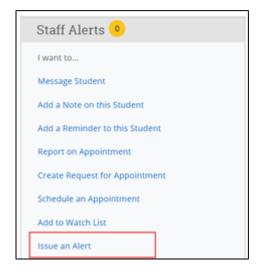


To issue an alert from **Staff Home** or **Professor Home**, select **Issue an Alert** from the **Actions** pane. A dialog then prompts you to search for the student you want to issue the alert for, as in the screenshot.

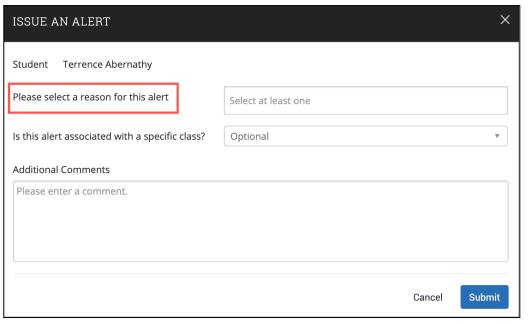


To issue an alert from a list of students, such as Advanced Search results or your My Assigned Students pane on your home page, select a student from the list. Next, select Actions > Issue Alert.





To issue an alert from a student profile, select **Issue an Alert** from the **Action** pane as in the screenshot.



Selecting Issue an Alert opens the Alerts dialog.

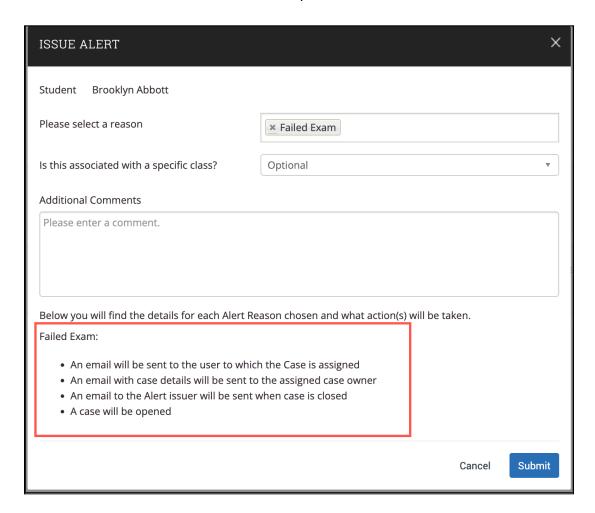
- **Alert Reason:** Select at least one reason for issuing this alert. Alert reasons are configured by Lehigh. Contact <u>Compass Help</u> if you have questions about Lehigh's alert reasons.
- Association with Specific Course (Optional): Select a course from the list if the alert is associated with a specific course the student is currently enrolled in.
- Additional Comments: Enter comments in this box. Staff and faculty with permission can view the alert and its comments. There is no character limit to this field.



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When you select an Alert Reason when issuing an Early Alert, details and the actions that will take place are shown. If you select more than one Alert Reason, each reason's details will show beneath Additional Comments. This also shows if the alert opens a case.



**Important:** Any information you enter into Compass pertaining to a student becomes part of their official student record. It may be subpoenaed by the student as outlined in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

### **Mass Issuing Early Alerts**

You can submit Early Alerts for up to 100 students at a time. This will generate one Early Alert per student for the indicated Early Alert reason. This is available in **Advanced Search, Staff Home** lists, **Reports**, and other drop-down menus where you can issue a single alert from the **Actions** menu.

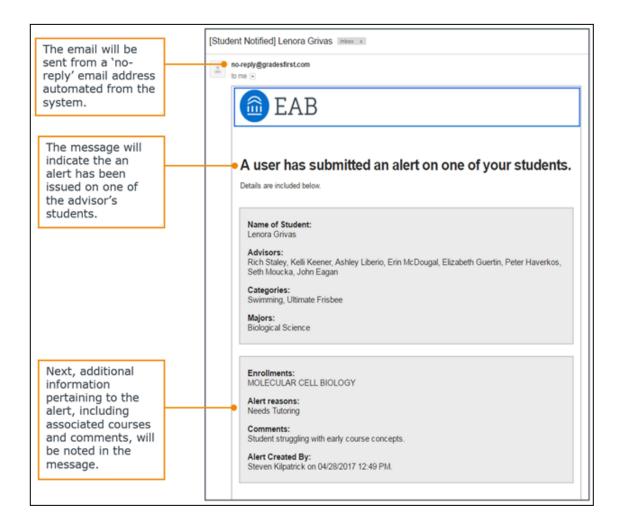


#### **Student Notifications**

Students receive an email notification when an Early Alert has been issued for them. The notification will let them know the expected steps they should take and provide additional information, as required. In some situations, staff can be notified as well when the Early Alert has been issued.

### **Assigned Staff Notifications**

If a staff or faculty member issues an Early Alert on a student and the selected alert reason has been configured to send assigned staff emails, staff assigned to the student who have been selected to receive notifications for the Alert Reason receive a message from Compass notifying them of the issued alert. You can email a student directly from an at-risk email triggered by a fellow staff user issuing an Early Alert on a student; click their name to create an email. This screenshot is simply an example:

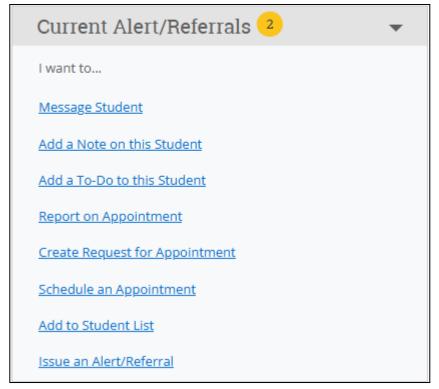




### **Viewing Alerts**

There are three ways to view issued alerts on a student through the Compass platform – the Student Profile, the Professor Home page, or Reports.

#### **Student Profile**



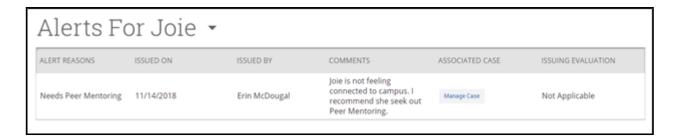
To view alerts on the student profile, navigate to that student. On the right side of the profile, the total number of staff alerts for that student is listed at the top right. This count includes all Early Alerts, Referrals, Cases, and Progress Reports issued for the student.

**Important:** Because the total count includes all Early Alerts, Cases, and Progress Reports, you may find duplicate information. For example, if one Progress Report issues one Alert, which in turn opens a Case, the total count will be three to include each of those actions, even though they all originated from the same Progress Report. Be mindful of what the total count means when using that information to inform student interactions or follow up.

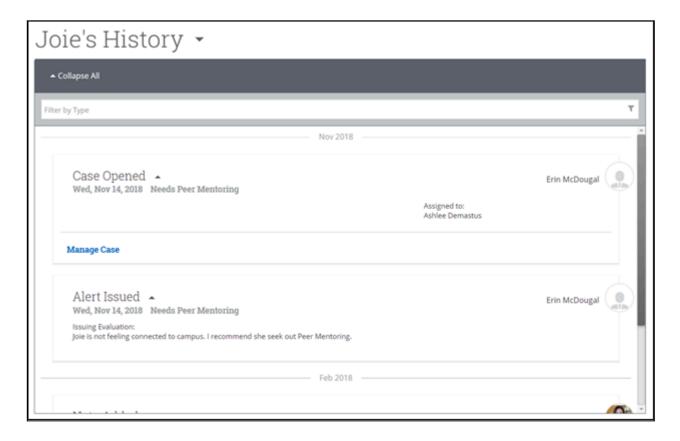
To view additional information about the issued alerts, either click directly on the *Alert* hyperlink from the total count or navigate to the **History** tab of the Student Profile. On this tab, you can see the Alerts you have permission to see, either in the Alerts section or within the History feed. Please see the following screenshots.



#### In the Alerts section:



#### In History:



**Important:** If you are viewing the History feed but would instead like to view all Early Alerts together, select the dropdown menu at the top of the History feed, and choose Alerts for [Student's Name]. This only shows the Alerts section view.

#### **Professor Home**

Issued alerts show on the Professor Home in the **My Issued Alerts** section. This allows faculty to see Early Alerts they have issued in Compass, including links to any associated Progress Reports or Cases.



Issued Alerts include the date the alert was issued, the student's name, the reasons for the alert, if a case was opened, and if the alert was attached to a Progress Report.



If a case has been opened, faculty can click the case and see a window that explains which alert reasons opened the case, the status of each case, and the case outcome if the case has been closed.

### **Reporting on Early Alerts**

**Step 1:** To view information about Early Alerts for several students at once, navigate to the Reports page. Based on your permissions, you may be able to view the Early Alerts report, located in the Alerts & Cases report section.

**Step 2:** In the Early Alerts report, you can search by keyword, enrollment status, enrollment term, begin date, end date, alert reasons, case issuers, and other filters available in the Advanced Search.