Canvas Grading Schemes

In addition to the default grade scheme, Canvas users can create course and assignment level grading schemes. Course-level grade schemes will change the overall final course grade scheme. Assignment-level grade schemes are only applied to selected individual assignments.

Exploring Different Grading Schemes

At the course-level, the disproportionate 100-point scale may be adjusted by setting a percentage such as 50 as the minimum grade. This configuration makes "gradations of the letter scale more proportionate… [requiring] the same degree of improvement from an F to a D as we would require to move from a B to an A" (Feldman, 2019, pp.84-85). Alternatively, the 0-4 grading scale simplified letter grade correlation to a single digit number.

Traditional Grading Scale	Minimum Grading Scale	0-4 Grading Scale
100-90 = A Excellent	100-90 = A Excellent	4 = A Excellent
89-80 = B Good	89-80 = B Good	3 = B Good
79-70 = C Fair	79-70 = C Fair	2 = C Fair
69-60 = D Poor	69-60 = D Poor	1 = D Poor
59 and below = Fail	59-50 = Fail	0 = Fail or No Evidence

Step-by-Step Guide

Getting Started: Access this Canvas Guide to add a grade scheme to Canvas.

Add grading scheme

Grading Scheme: ☑ Enable course grading scheme

Default Canvas Grading Scheme ⌄

[View] [Copy] [+ New Grading Scheme]

Manage All Grading Schemes

Create a new grading scheme such as the Minimum Grading Scale or 0-4 Grading Scale examples

below.

Minimum Grading Scale

Grade By
Percentage

Letter Grade	Range
Excellent	100% to 90%
Good	< 90% to 80%
Fair	< 80% to 70%
Poor	< 70% to 60%
Fail	< 60% to 50%
NA	< 50% to 0%

0-4 Grading Scale

Grade By
Percentage

Letter Grade	Range
HP [4] Highly Proficient	100% to 92.5%
Pr [3] Proficient	< 92.5% to 70%
NrlyPr [2] Nearly Proficient	< 70% to 45%
NotPr [1] Not Proficient	< 45% to 20%
No Ba [0] No Basis	< 20% to 0%

If you are only applying the new grading scheme to selected individual assignments, verify that the Enable course grading scheme box in course settings is NOT checked. This will maintain a standard overall course grade scheme for the final grade.

Large Course:	☐ Launch SpeedGrader Filtered by Student Group
Grading Scheme:	☐ Enable course grading scheme
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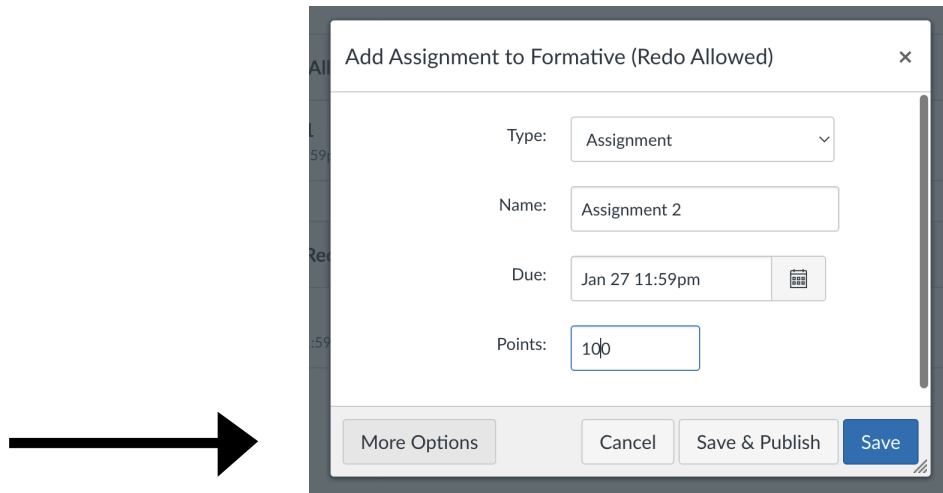## *Apply Grade Schemes to Individual Assignments*

Select Assignments in the course navigation menu. Go to the assignment group, and select the plus (+) sign to create a new assignment or edit an existing assignment.

🔍 Search...   +Group   + Assignment

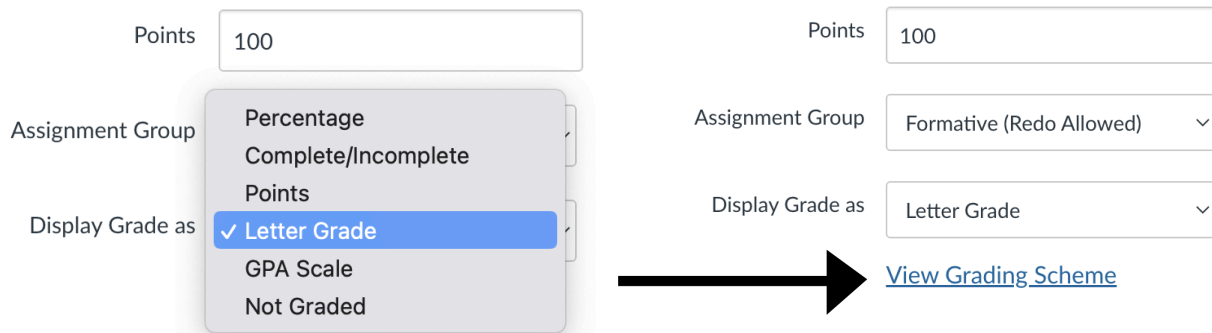⠿ ▼ **Formative (Redo Allowed)**   80% of Total + ⋮

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Input the assignment title, due date, and points and select the More Options button. **If you are using the 0-4 Grading Scale, the assignment points should be set to 4.**

Add the assignment description and set the Display grade as to Letter Grade. Click on the View Grade Scheme link.

Click on the **Select Another Scheme** link and select the new grade scheme. Click on the **Use this Grading Standard** button.

Points Possible

4

Display Grade As

Letter Grade ▾

0-4 Grading Scale	︿
Default Canvas Grading Scheme	
Course Level	
✓ 0-4 Grading Scale	
Minimum Grading Scale	
Account Level	
Standard Grading Scale	

Peer Reviews

Grading Assignments and Canvas Grade Schemes

When you grade individual student assignments with the new grading scheme, students will see the point value and descriptive narrative relative to the points earned.

Assessment

Grade (7 / 10)

Good

Assignment Comments

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