Grading Schemas
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Grading Schemas take the actual points scored from a Grade Item and compare it to the total points
possible for that item to derive a percentage. This percentage is mapped to a range of scores in order to
display a grade.

For example, a student’s raw numeric score on a quiz that has 100 possible points is an 88. In a Grading
Schema in which a percentage of 87.5 to 89.5 equals a B+, this score results in a B+. If the grade
display Letter option is chosen, the B+ will display to the Student.

The Grade Center includes a copy of a default grading schema. Grading Schemas may be edited or
added to an ongoing Course and grades will be edited to reflect the changes.

Creating a Grading Schema

To create a Grading Schema:

1. Hover your mouse over the Manage action link and select Grading Schemas.

2. Click Grading Schema.
3. Enter a **Name** and **Description** for the Grading Schema. The **Name** will appear in the drop-down menu for Primary Display and Secondary Display when adding an item to the Grade Center as well as on the Manage Grading Schema page.

4. Enter the **Schema Mapping** information. By default any new grading schema will have two ranges of percentiles from 50% to 100% and from 0% to less than 50%. Enter the range for each grade value as a percentage. This percentage must be less than the value listed above it, and more than the value listed below it. However, there should also be overlap. For example:

   - **A** = 90 – 100%
   - **B** = 80 – 90%
   - **C** = 70 – 80%
   - **D** = 60 – 70%
   - **F** = 0 – 60%
This ensures that there are no gaps. The range of 80 – 90% includes all grades up to but not including 90%. The top range however does include 100%.

**Note:** The dash symbol “ – ” cannot be used as an entry in the percentage range. The dash represents a Null value.

5. Click the arrow to insert a new row into the schema to enter additional values to the schema.
6. Click **Delete Row** to remove a row from the schema.
7. Enter the percentage score to assign to a grade that is entered in the Grade Center with a letter value or symbol. For example, if the grade is manually entered in the Grade Center as an A, it will be calculated as a percentage score of 75.

Another example would be if a grading schema was setup as Pass/Fail.

In this case if Pass were entered in the Grade Center column, the column would automatically convert this to a percentage score of 85. If Fail were entered in the Grade Center column, the column would automatically convert this to a percentage score of 49%.

**Note:** Text is not case sensitive when entered in the Grade Center. For example, if you enter PASS, that will calculate the same score as Pass or pass. In fact, if you try to create a Grading Schema with all three of these as options, it will display a message to tell you that your symbols must be unique.

8. Click **Submit** to save the Grading Schema.

**Editing a Grading Schema**

To edit a Grading Schema:

1. Hover your mouse over the Manage action link and select **Grading Schemas**.
2. Find the Grading Schema to modify.
3. Click the action link and select **Edit**.

5. Modify the grading schema. Then click **Submit**.

### Deleting a Grading Schema

To delete a Grading Schema:

1. Hover your mouse over the **Manage** action link and select **Grading Schemas**.
2. The Grading Schemas page is displayed.
3. Find the Grading Schema to delete.
4. Click the action link and select **Delete**.

5. You will be prompted to confirm deletion of the schema.

6. Click **OK**.

**Copying a Grading Schema**

To copy a Grading Schema:

1. Hover your mouse over the **Manage** action link and select **Grading Schemas**.

2. The Grading Schemas page is displayed.

3. Find the Grading Schema to copy.
4. Click the action link and select Copy. The new Grading Schema is displayed on the Grading Schemas page.

5. Review the steps in Editing a Grading Schema to learn how to modify the copied schema.

**Assigning a Grading Schema to a Grade Center Column**

To assign a Grading Schema to a Grade Center Column:

1. Click the action link for the Grade Center Column to assign the Grading Scheme.
2. Select Edit Column Information.

3. The Edit Column page is displayed.
4. From the **Primary Display** drop down menu select the Grading Schema to assign to the selected column.

5. Then click **Submit**.