



# Flexible Learning - Blackboard

## Blackboard Grade Center -Grading Schema

In the Grade Center, when an item is graded, a numeric score appears in the students' cells by default. You can choose to display grades in other ways by using grading schemas. A grading schema takes the actual points scored on a graded item and compares it to the total points possible for that item to derive a percentage. This percentage is mapped to a range of scores and displays a grade, such as a letter (A, B, C) or Pass/Fail. This information is presented in a table format.

The standard NTC template includes default grading schema that you may use and edit to match your specific course or program. It is recommended that you edit the name of the schema used so it doesn't get confused with new schemas when courses are copied from semester to semester.

To edit the existing **grading schema** or create an additional **grading schema**, follow the directions below:

- Access the **Grade Center** within a course.
- Hover over **Manage**, select **Grading Schemas**.
- The Grading Schemas page will be displayed.

Last Name	First Name	Total Points
Student 1	Bb Student 1	22.00
Student 10	Bb Student 10	10.00
User	Demo	19.60
User	Test	13.00

Last Name	First Name	Total Points	Last Access	LP 1 Writing Ass	Test	Assignment for
Student 1	Bb Student 1	22.00	February 26, 2014	11.00	...	...
Student 10	Bb Student 10	10.00	February 26, 2014	...	...	...
User	Demo	19.60	February 26, 2014	9.00	✓	...
User	Test	13.00	February 26, 2014	...	...	...

- To edit the **default Grading Schema (Letter)**, hover over the Letter schema and select **Edit**.
- Start by editing the Schema Name. This will help you to identify your edited schema when the course is copied over.**
- The default schema has entries for letter grades A-F including "+" and "-" grades. The default percentages and associated letter grades can be edited by entering in the lowest percentage for each grade.
- Rows can be **added** or **deleted** by clicking on the to add a row or to delete a row.

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as
95 % and 100%	A	A	100 %
90 % and Less Than 95%	A-	A-	92.5 %
88 % and Less Than 90%	B+	B+	88 %
85 % and Less Than 88%	B	B	86.5 %
80 % and Less Than 85%	B-	B-	82.5 %
75 % and Less Than 80%	C+	C+	77.5 %
70 % and Less Than 75%	C	C	72.5 %
60 % and Less Than 70%	D	D	65 %
0 % and Less Than 60%	F	F	0.01 %

- In the "Grades Manually Entered as" section, make sure that the "Will Calculate as" percentage is between the associated grade range.
- When the grading schema is set up to match your course syllabus, click on submit.

## Associating a Grade Schema to a Grade Center Column

- In the **Grade Center**, click on the dropdown arrow next to a column heading, select **Edit Column Information**. (Grading Schemas are most commonly used with total columns).
- In section **1** under **Primary Display**, select the **grading schema** you want to display in that column, click **Submit**. The secondary display is only seen by instructors.
- The column will now be mapped to the associated grading schema.

Last Name	First Name	Total Points	Letter Grade - I
Student 1	Bb Student 1	22.00	A
Student 10	Bb Student 10	10.00	C
User	Demo	19.60	B-
User	Test	13.00	A-