

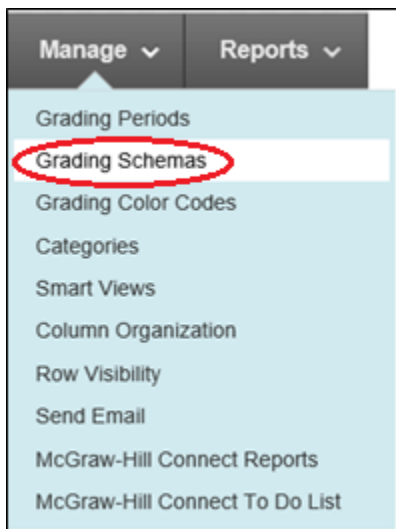
Grading Schemas

A grading schema matches student scores to a range of percentages that the instructor sets for each letter grade.

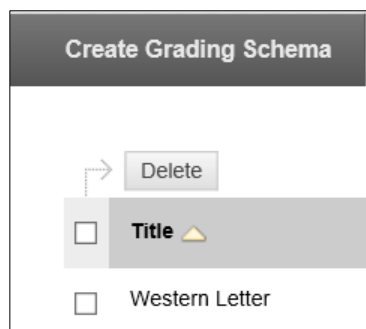
Grading Schemas take the actual points scored from a Grade Item and compare it to the total points possible for that item to derive a percentage. This percentage is mapped to a range of scores in order to display a grade. The Grade Center includes a copy of a default grading schema.

How to Create a Grading Schema

1. Access **Create Grading Schema** from the **Manage** menu of the **Full Grade Center**.



2. From this page you can create a new grading schema or edit one that already exists.



How to Create a New Grading Schema

1. Click **Create Grading Schema**.

- Fill in schema **Name** and determine **Schema Mapping** for each letter grade.

Schema Information

Name

Description

Schema Mapping

Grade Center columns that are automatically graded, such as Tests, will be converted to this display option according to the grade mapping provided below. To enter grades in the Grade Center manually using this display option, mappings from each symbol into a percentage of points possible must be provided.

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	
50 % and 100%	A	A	75 %	
0 % and Less Than 50%	F	F	25 %	Delete Row

- Insert and delete rows as needed.
- Click **Submit**.

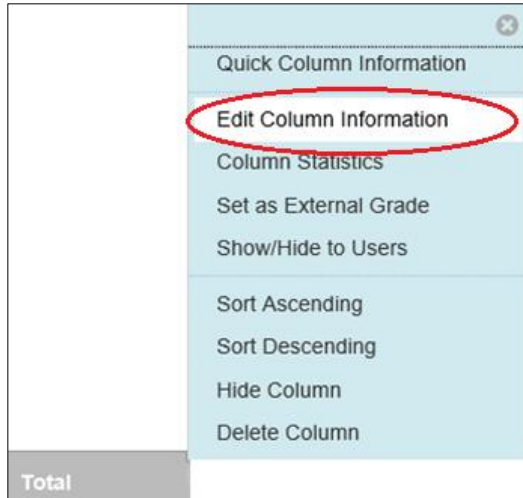
Example Schema:

Note that the lowest percentage in the range for a letter grade is equal to the highest percentage of the grade immediately below it.

Grades Scored Between	Will Equal	Grades Manually Entered as	Will Calculate as	Insert Rows
93 % and 100%	A	A	99 %	
89 % and Less Than 93%	AB	AB	92 %	Delete Row
83 % and Less Than 89%	B	B	88 %	Delete Row
78 % and Less Than 83%	BC	BC	82 %	Delete Row
70 % and Less Than 78%	C	C	77 %	Delete Row
60 % and Less Than 70%	D	D	61 %	Delete Row
0 % and Less Than 60%	F	F	0.1 %	Delete Row

Using the Grading Schema

- In the **Full Grade Center** click **Edit Column Information** for the column in which you want to use the grading schema. This can be for an individual assignment, the Total column or a new column you create such as a column to display mid-semester letter grades.



2. Select the name of your grading schema for the **Primary Display** if you want students to see their letter grade as opposed to a score or percentage. **Note:** *Primary Display is the only one that can be seen by students. If you want students to see score or percent but not their letter grade you can set Secondary Display to the name of your grading schema.*

Primary Display	<input type="text" value="Western Letter"/>
	<i>Calculated grades display in this format in both the Grade Center and My Grades.</i>
Secondary Display	<input type="text" value="None"/>
	<i>This display option is shown in the Grade Center only.</i>

3. If this is a calculated column select which columns you wish to include in the grade calculation – individual assignment, selected columns or categories or all grade columns.

Select Columns

Choose **All Grade Columns** to include all grade columns in the total. If Grading Periods exist, limit the columns included in the total by choosing **All Grade Columns in Grading Period**. To include specific columns or categories in the total, choose **Selected Columns and Categories**.

Include in Total All Grade Columns
 Selected Columns and Categories

Columns to Select:

- Weighted Total
- 01A Orientation Quiz on Syllabus
- 01B Week 1 Discussion - Introductions
- 01C Three C's
- 01D Professional Appearance Ex Cd
- 02A Ethical Decision Making
- 02B Health Care - Right or Privilege?
- 02C Exam on Reading Ch 1 and 2
- Column Information

Categories to Select:

- Assignment
- Survey
- Test
- Discussion
- Blog
- Journal
- Self and Peer
- Extra Credit
- Category Information

Selected Columns:

4. Click **Submit**.

Example of Grade Center Views with Grading Schema

Primary Display set to grading schema, Secondary Display set to percentage

Instructor Grade Center View

Midterm Grade
A (93.41%)
AB (91.90%)
B (88.89%)
B (88.75%)

Student Grade Center View

My Grades	
CALCULATED GRADES	
Total	
Grade	C+
Grading Criteria	

Additional Resources: Blackboard Help <https://help.blackboard.com>