What are the differences in functionality between the old and new Canvas Gradebook?

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- Below is a comparison table outlining different features based on the old and new gradebook. You may also view the Canvas Document for additional information.

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<th>Guide for new Gradebook</th>
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<td>Allows you to easily click through all assignments for a student and view or change grade, status, and comments. OR, for a single assignment you can click through and look at every student one by one and view or change their information.</td>
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**Extra functionality added to current Gradebook Features**

| Sorting and Displaying Student name        | Sort alphabetically by last name. | Sort alphabetically, display by first name or last name first, and choose which secondary information to also show. | How do I sort and display student names in the Student Name column in the New Gradebook? |
| Arrange columns by...                      | Arrange by assignment group (Assignment page order, due date (newest to oldest), or points (lowest to highest)). | Arrange by Default (Assignment Group), Assignment name (alphabetical), Due date (oldest to newest, or newest to oldest), Points (lowest to highest or highest to lowest), Module (first to last or last to first). | How do I arrange columns in the New Gradebook? |
| Filters columns by...                      | Filters columns by Section.       | Filters columns by Assignment Group, Modules, and/or Section.                | How do I filter columns by type in the New Gradebook? |
| Sort assignment grades by...               | Sort by grade (high to low, low to high). | Sort by grade (high to low, low to high), Missing, Late. | How do I sort an individual assignment column in the New Gradebook? |
| Icons and Colors                           | Icons and colors used to provide information about assignments and submissions. | Various new or updated icons and verbiage added to help Instructors better understand their gradebook. | How do I use the icons and colors in the New Gradebook? |

**Functionality is the same, just moved location or changed icon**

| Enter Grades                               | Enter grades for students directly in the Gradebook. | Overall this is the same, but the interface and access to certain features is slightly different. | How do I enter and edit grades in the New Gradebook? |
| Provide or view Comments                   | Provide or view comments on an assignment for a student from the Gradebook. | Click to enter a grade for an assignment and then select the Grade Detail Tray icon (on the right). This will pop up the Grade detail window where you can select Speedgrader. | How do I leave comments for students in the New Gradebook? |
| Access Speedgrader from Gradebook         | Access Speedgrader from the Gradebook.               | Click to enter a grade for an assignment and then select the Grade Detail Tray icon (on the right). This will pop up the Grade detail window where you can select Speedgrader. | How do I get to SpeedGrader from the New Gradebook? |
Notes Column
Add private notes for individual students. There is no way for students to view these notes.
Location has moved to under the “View” link.
How do I use the Notes column in the New Gradebook?

Message Students Who
For an assignment message all students who: Haven’t submitted yet, haven’t been graded, scored less than, scored more than.
Mouse over the name of an assignment and click on the three vertical dots that come up and select “Message Students Who.”
How do I send a message to students from the New Gradebook?

View individual student’s Grades page
View all grades for one student. This is a similar view to how students view their grades.
Click on the name of a student from the Gradebook. Or, on the “Grade Detail Tray” click on the Student’s name.
How do I view a student’s Grades page in a course from the New Gradebook?

Move & Sort Total Column
Move Total course grade column to the front of Gradebook. Sort from lowest to highest or highest to lowest.
Mouse over “Total” and click on the three vertical dots that come up and make desired change.
How do I use assignment groups and the Total column in the New Gradebook?

Gradebook History
Gear icon and select “View Gradebook History.”
Location of option has moved to under the “Gradebook” link.
How do I view the history of all grading changes in the New Gradebook?

View concluded (dropped) and inactive student information
View the grades of students who are concluded (dropped) or inactive in your course.
Location of option has moved. Hover over “Student Name,” click on the three vertical dots that come up and then select “Concluded enrollments.”
How do I view grades for inactive or concluded student enrollments in the New Gradebook?

Mute Assignment
Temporarily hide grades and feedback on an individual assignment.
Mouse over the name of an assignment and click on the three vertical dots that come up and select “Mute Assignment.”
How do I mute or unmute an assignment in the New Gradebook?

Set Default Grade
Set scores for students who do not have scores or to overwrite already entered scores.
Mouse over the name of an assignment and click on the three vertical dots that come up and select “Set Default Grade.”
How do I set a default grade for an assignment in the New Gradebook?

Curve Grades
To curve grades, Canvas asks for an average curve score and then adjusts the scores as a bell curve 66% around the average score.
Mouse over the name of an assignment and click on the three vertical dots that come up and select “Curve Grades.”
How do I curve grades in the New Gradebook?

Download Submissions
Download all submissions to an Assignment.
Mouse over the name of an assignment and click on the three vertical dots that come up and select “Download Assignment.”
How do I download all student submissions for an assignment in the New Gradebook?

Import/Export Course Grades
Import grades into the Canvas Gradebook or Export the Gradebook in CSV format (Excel).
Location of option has moved to under the “Actions” link.
How do I import grades in the New Gradebook?

How do I export grades in the New Gradebook?

Individual View
Apply global settings, view student grades one at a time & review assignment information one assignment at a time.
Location of option has moved to under the “Gradebook” heading.
How do I use the New Gradebook?

Related FAQs
- How do faculty enable Mahara access for students in Canvas?
- How can instructors check a student paper for suspected plagiarism?
- Where can instructors find accessibility statements for approved campus technology?
- How do I create a Canvas Assignment that is automatically graded?
- How can I upload final grades from Canvas to Banner?