**Anonymous Grading**

Anonymous grading allows the instructor to add another layer of fairness and impartiality to grading. Without knowing who submitted an assignment, the instructor is not influenced by a student's previous performance, class participation, conflicts, race, gender, or perceived student aptitude.

Anonymous grading can be enabled when an assignment is created. The option is available under **Submission Details**.

When Anonymous grading is enabled, the student's name is hidden (does not appear on the screen).

Anonymously graded columns are not included in grade calculations. If anonymously graded assignment scores are to be included in calculated columns their anonymity must be disabled.

When downloading Grade Center data, anonymously graded assignment columns are not available for selection.

When an assignment is graded anonymously the following is the view for an instructor:

![Instructor View](image)

When an assignment is graded anonymously the following is the view for a student:

![My Grades](image)
Set up an Anonymous Grading Item

On the Create Assignment page, you can choose to hide student names when viewing and grading submissions. Students are alerted to the anonymous grading setting on the Upload Assignment page. However, in your assignment instructions, you can additionally ask students not to include any information that identifies them, such as adding their names to files they attach to assignments.

In the Grading Options section, select the Enable Anonymous Grading check box and choose when you want to automatically remove students' anonymity:

A. On specific date: Provide the date you want to disable anonymous grading. The system will automatically begin removing anonymity before the end of that date.

B. After all submissions are graded: Provide a due date. After students submit attempts, the due date passes, and you have graded the attempts, student anonymity is disabled.

NOTE: You can manually disable anonymous grading at any time by clearing the Enable Anonymous Grading check box. You can turn anonymous grading on and off until a student submits an attempt. After the first submission, you can only turn it off. If you grade half of the attempts anonymously, then turn off the anonymous setting, the items graded with revealed names will not be tracked as "Graded Anonymously."
Grade an Anonymous Assignment

You can access assignment submissions that you set for anonymous grading in the Grade Center.

A. From the Grade Center: After the assignment due date has passed or all attempts have been submitted, access the assignment's column and click Grade Attempts. For columns where you enabled anonymous grading, all cells are grayed out so that you don't know who made submissions.

B. From the Needs Grading page: Filter the items that need grading to show only the assignment you want to grade. In the User Attempt column, all identifying information is replaced with "Anonymous Student" and an attempt ID. From an assignment's contextual menu, click Grade All Users to begin grading.

Both access options take you to the Grade Assignment page where you view submissions and grade inline as you normally do. As you navigate from student to student, usernames are replaced with "Anonymous Student" on the action bar. You can also see how many gradable items are in the queue.