Grade a Group Blog Entry

You grade a group blog using the same steps as for individuals. When the entries are submitted, all group members' names appear with the exclamation mark, the needs grading icon.

When you add a grade for a group blog, the grade is automatically given to all the members of the group and is populated in the corresponding column in the Grade Center for each group member. All members are assigned the same grade, even if a member did not contribute, although you can change this grade.

You can read all the entries for a group blog and add one grade on the blog topic page. Users with entries that need grading are indicated with the needs grading icon—the exclamation mark—in the Grade Center and on the blog topic page in the View Entries by section. In addition, the group blog is listed on the Needs Grading page.

Remember, while specifying blog settings, if you did NOT select the Show participants in needs grading status box and select a minimum number of entries, the needs grading icon will not appear in the Grade Center or topic page and items do not appear on the Needs Grading page.

The in progress icon (✍️) shows in the Grade Center cell and in a blog:

- For student activity that does not meet the minimum number you set.
- If you did not select the Show participants in needs grading status check box.

Students can view their group blog grades in My Grades and on the group blog topic page by selecting their names.

Change Individual Student Grade for Group Blog Entry

You can assign an individual group member a different grade than the group by selecting his or her name to access the View Entries by section. In the content frame, the individual member's entries and comments appear. After assigning a new grade and feedback for the individual member, the new information appears in the side panel. The individual member's grade and the grade for the group are both shown.
If you change a group member’s grade and assign a new group grade, the new group grade does not affect the individual’s new grade. The individual’s new grade does not appear to the other group members.

The group grade and the individual group member’s edited grade appear in the Grade Center in the column that was automatically created when you enabled the graded group blog. Grayed out cells appear in the group blog column for course members who are not part of the group.

How to Revert a Member’s Edited Grade

You can revert a member’s edited grade to the original group grade, which all group members received. Alternatively, you can edit the grade you changed on the group blog page by selecting the user.

1. In the Grade Center, access the member’s Grade Details page.
2. After you edit a member’s group, the Revert To Group Grade function appears. Click Revert To Group Grade.

3. Click OK. The member’s grade is changed to the original group grade.
4. Click Return to Grade Center to return to the main Grade Center page and view the edited grade column. This grade change also appears on the group blog page when the student's name is selected.