Assignments

Differentiated Assignment Section and Student List

When assigning an assignment, discussion, or quiz to a section or student, Canvas displays a maximum of five sections and seven students. Additional list items are not shown in order to maximize performance, especially for large courses.

If a course includes more sections or students than the display limit, Canvas will display a prompt notifying the user to type and search for the section or student.

Additionally, instructors can search for students by either first or last name.
Part of this feature was *originally suggested* by the Canvas community.

**Anonymous Peer Review Student Names**

The anonymity option now hides student names to avoid biased peer reviews. The submitting student’s name is hidden from the reviewer and any linked observers on the reviewer’s dashboard and the assignment submission page.

**Note:** In peer review notifications, student names are not yet hidden. This feature will be added in a future release.
In the comments sidebar, the student assessing the submission cannot view any comments made by other users in the course, including comments from other reviewers or from the instructor. In Crocodoc, student reviewer names are also hidden on any point comments.

Instructors can always view the name of the student reviewer in SpeedGrader, Crocodoc comments, and the student submission page.

This feature was originally suggested by the Canvas community.

Assignment Details and Locked Assignments

Students are no longer restricted from viewing assignment details in locked assignments. Details can still be seen after an assignment is locked by a due date or an Until date.
This feature was originally suggested by the Canvas community.

Assignment Submissions Button

The student Submit Assignment link has been moved out of the sidebar and placed more prominently as a button by the assignment details.

The Re-submit Assignment link has also been repurposed as a button.
Files

Files Navigation Link and Content Selector Files Tab

If the Files Navigation link is hidden in the course, students cannot view the Files Tab in the Content Selector. Hiding the Files Navigation link also hides all folders or files in the course, so removing the tab helps minimize confusion for students when trying to upload course files.

Gradebook

Grades and Concluded Grading Periods

When the multiple grading periods feature is enabled, instructors cannot assign or edit grades for an assignment within a concluded grading period. Additionally, assignment drop-down menus are also not available in prior grading periods.

Note: Grades in prior grading periods can be edited by users with admin-level permissions.

Incomplete Quiz Score Icon

When students complete a quiz that includes a manually graded question, the Grades page displays a Quiz icon instead of the current score, indicating that the quiz score is not yet complete. When students hover over the icon, students can view a message indicating that grading is in progress.
The Quiz icon displays in the Gradebook for instructors as well, indicating that some questions in the quiz need to be graded manually. When the instructor assigns a score for the manually graded question, the icon for both the instructor and the student will be replaced with the complete quiz grade.

Note: For instructors, the Quiz icon in the Gradebook can also mean that a Quiz score has been deleted and a new score needs to be assigned.
Excused Assignment Notifications

Excused assignments are part of the Grading notification (under Course Activities). If users enable this notification, they will receive a notification when an assignment has been excused.

Outcomes

Imported Account-Level Outcomes

When an account-level outcome is imported into a course, the outcome can be removed from the course as long as it does not contain any alignments or artifacts. Previously if the account-level outcome was imported into multiple courses, but only one course used the outcome to assess a student, the outcome could not be removed from the other courses.

SpeedGrader

Online Submission URLs

Online submission URLs display as external links. This change allows instructors to open SpeedGrader and view the original URL submissions from students in an external window. A new window will also be opened for internal links as well.
Autosave SpeedGrader Comments

If an instructor adds comments to a student submission and then navigates away from the page, Canvas will generate a message warning that there are unsaved comments on the page.

**Note:** Firefox will always display a generic message that cannot be changed in Canvas. The text says: “This page is asking you to confirm that you want to leave—data you have entered may not be saved.”

This feature only applies to leaving the SpeedGrader page; it does not apply to the comment field for each student submission. If an instructor creates a comment for a student but does not submit it before viewing another student submission, SpeedGrader retains the comment in the comment field for the second student—and any student—until the Submit Comment button is clicked and the comment is officially submitted as part of a student’s submission.