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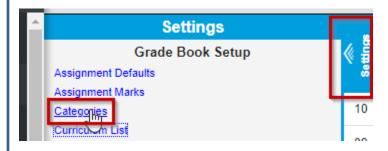
One of the differences this year is that we will pre-configure gradebooks for all SBLA courses with categories and grade calculation options so will not need to complete these set up activities.

As a reminder, starting in the 2017-2018 school year, middle schools moved to reporting semester grades for the year-long academic courses (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies), as well as the semester-long courses of Speech, Debate. 9-week rotational classes and PE, Health have not yet moved to semesters and will continue reporting quarter grades as we've done in years past.

Categories

All SBLA courses will have pre-configured categories for formative assessments and summative assessments, with only summative assessments marked to be included in grade calculations.

If you are voluntarily deciding to do SBLA this year (electives, World Language, etc.), you will need to create categories and assign them to your courses/sections as in previous years. Select gradebook settings, categories, then "add".



Name the category and select which of your courses/sections you would like to assign the category. If you are creating a category for homework or formative assessments, you may choose to mark "exclude from calculation" such that any assignment placed in this category would not be included in any calculations.



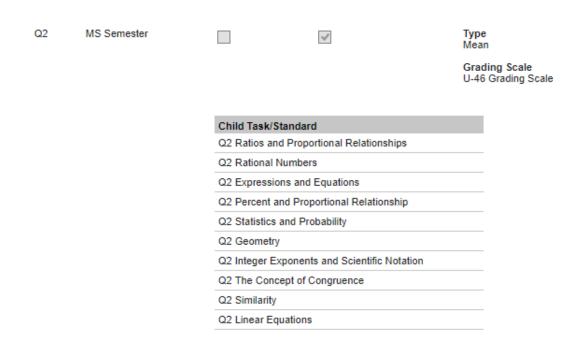


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Category Detail *Name 8 Formative Assessments **Exclude from Calculation** Section *Weight Sequence Drop Lowest Score (%) 0 0 001) 7MAGE29Y-1 7TH ACC ... 4 0 4 0.000 006) 7MAGE29Y-6 7TH ACC ... 4 4 0.000 0 002) 7AVGE19Y-2 7TH AVID 4 4 0.000 0 004) 7AVGE19Y-4 7TH AVID 4 4 0 0.000 008) 8AVGE19Y-8 8TH AVID 4 4 0 0.000

Grade Calculation Options

We will also pre-configure grade calculation options for all SBLA courses. You will see an "in progress grade" calculation for each of your learning strands (standards) as well as an in-progress letter grade calculation for the course.





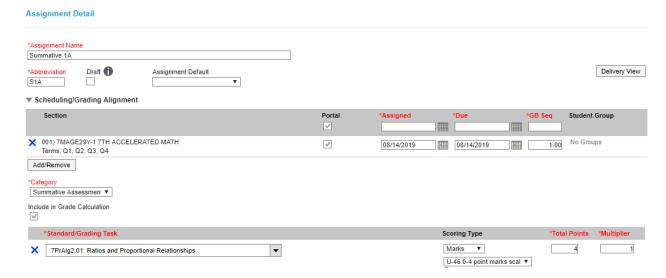
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We will use the equal incremental scale to determine overall scores per learning strand (standard) as well as the overall letter grade for the course.

Min	Max	Learning	Min	Max	Letter Grade
		Strand Score			
3.21	4.00	4	3.21	4.00	А
2.41	3.20	3	2.41	3.20	В
1.61	2.40	2	1.61	2.40	С
0.81	1.60	1	0.81	1.60	D
0	0.8	0	0	0.8	E

Assignments

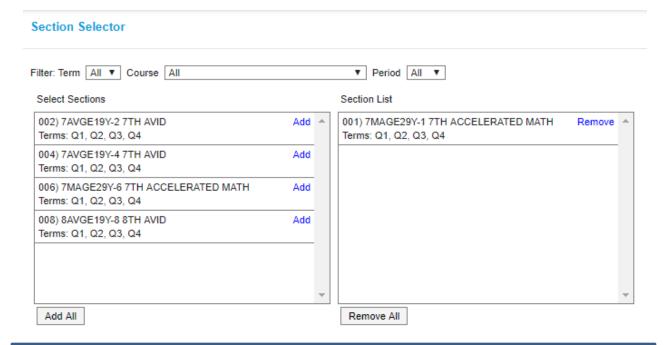
To create an assignment, click Add from the grade book. As always, you first provide a name, abbreviation for your assignment and select the assigned and due dates. Choose the category (either formative or summative assessments).



Next, you can choose which courses/sections will receive the assignment. To add courses/sections, click "Add/Remove".



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Next, select the standard(s) that you will be assessing in this assignment. Please keep scoring type at "marks" with "U-46 0-4 point marks scale", points = four, multiplier = one. This is a change from how we have done standards-aligned assignments in previous years using "rubrics" scoring type in IC, but is required to support our chosen calculation methods.

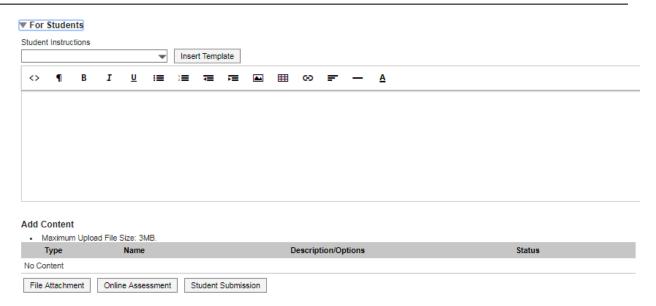


For designated SBLA courses, you will not see any grading tasks like quarter, semester, semester coursework listed in this dropdown menu. For teachers voluntarily opting to do SBG in their course this year, you will see a combination of standards, grading tasks in this dropdown. In either case, we would ask you to select the standard(s) that you will be assessing in this assignment.

In the assignment set-up, you can explore a few other interesting things by clicking the arrow next to "For Students" and "For Teachers. For example, in the "For Students" area, teachers can provide a description of the assignment, attach a file, or provide a link to an external resource.



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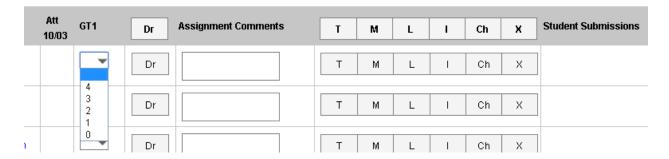
Assignment scoring

Once you've created your assignment, you can hit save or score.

If you select score, IC will present you with this scoring editor where you can choose from the dropdown menu. You can also add comments and mark assignments as turned in (T), missing (M), late (L), incomplete (I), cheated (Ch) or exempt (X). "Dr" is used for dropping the assignment from grade calculations and is not often used in U-46.

If you use **Fill Scores / Comments** option, you can quickly assign a score and/or comments to your entire class and then go back to modify only those students who earned a different score.

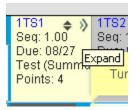
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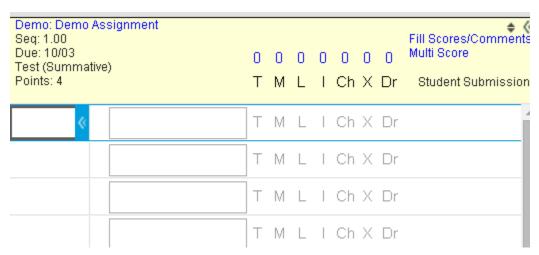


You also have the option of scoring your assignment in the grade book view, where you can type a score rather than choose from the drop-down menu. If you click the gray "Expand" arrows pointing to the right, you will get the same scoring options shown above.

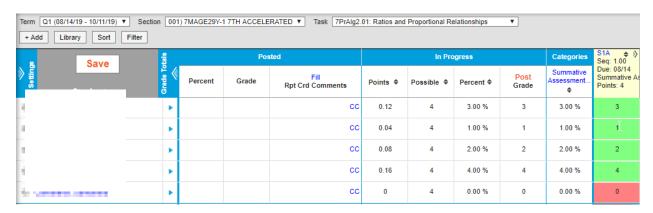


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To view assignments in your grade book, you need to select the current term (S1) and the standard that you assessed.

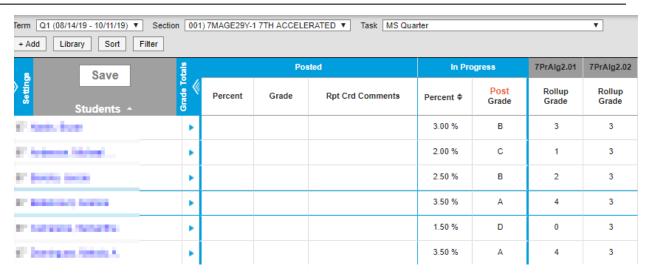


In-progress grade calculation

This year, IC will be calculating an in-progress quarter and semester grade for all SBLA courses. This will provide valuable guidance to students and parents on the student's overall standing in the course. Infinite Campus will calculate the in-progress grade under either the "quarter" (Q1, Q3) or the "semester" (Q2, Q4) grading task and will be an average of the calculated scores for each learning strand assessed so far in the term (see below).



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Student/Parent view in IC portal

Infinite Campus has updated the Parent and Student experience to more closely resemble the mobile app experience. For SBLA courses, this is what parents and students will now see.

Notice they will see calculated in-progress scores for each learning strand for which the student has been assessed during the term as well as an overall in-progress grade for the course.

If a student or parent clicks on the arrow next to the in-progress grade for a learning strand, they will see all of the assignment level detail under that strand.



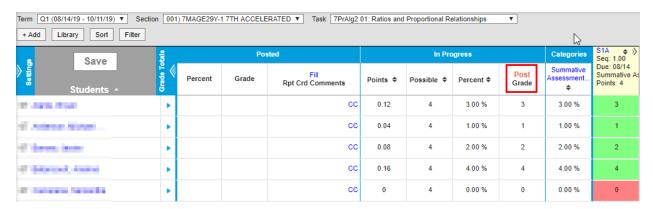
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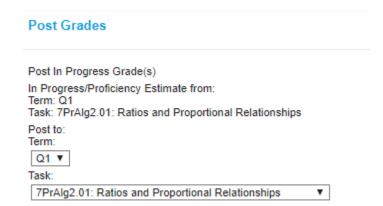
Posting Grades

For SBLA courses, we recommend posting scores for each learning strand as well as overall letter grades for the course at the end of the quarter or semester. You can post scores for learning strands at any time during the term. Best practice may include posting a score after you have completed the unit or posting scores for all strands assessed prior to posting an overall letter grade for the course.

To post for each learning strand, navigate to the appropriate task in your gradebook and select "post".

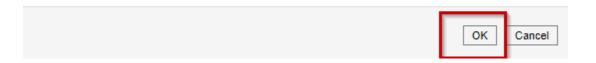


Here IC presents you with an option to post scores to the standard. Select OK to accept





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IC will now remind you that you have the opportunity to change any of the calculated scores before hitting "save", which is when the scores are finally posted.

Warning Grades will be posted upon save.

To change any of the calculated scores for a learning strand, simply click into the cell and select the appropriate score. Please remember to hit "save" when you are done.

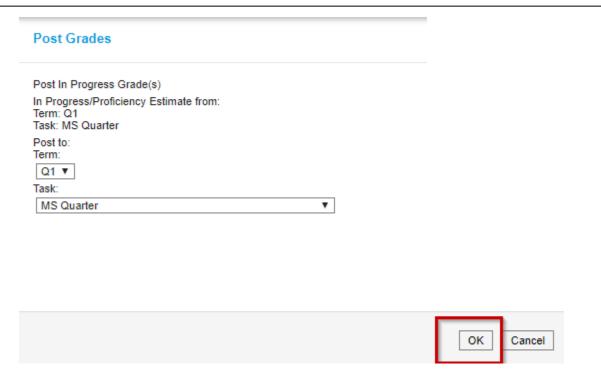
Posting letter grades for the course

Because Infinite Campus will be calculating an in-progress grade from the "quarter" (Q1, Q3) or "semester" (Q2, Q4) grading task, these are the grading tasks you will post grades from this year. At the end of each term, the grading window will open to post grades for either the quarter or the semester report cards. At this time, you will be able to click the red "Post" button to transfer scores from the in-progress column to the appropriate "posted" column in the gradebook.

When you click "post", you will see the following window offering you a dropdown menu of learning strands and grading tasks to post this calculated in-progress grade. At the end of the 1st quarter, you will choose "MS Quarter" as the grading task and click "post". From there, you will simply choose the "MS Quarter" grading task and click "OK".



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At the end of the 2^{nd} quarter, you will repeat the same process, but will instead post to the grading task of "MS Semester".

