

# Disabling Automatic Zeros

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When a student does not submit an assignment prior to the due date, they will receive an automatic grade of zero.

If you want to employ late policies that reduce a grade incrementally (i.e., subtract 5% per day late for 3 days), then you have to disable automatic zeros.

## Disabling Automatic Zeros

1. Select **Gradebook**.
2. Select the **gear icon** from the tool bar at the top. Gradebook Settings panel is displayed.

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Gradable Items Students

Item	Due Date	Grading Status	Post
Overall Grade			
Assignment 1: Assessing Articles 5 missing   0 of 5 submitted	1/31/23, 12:00 AM	Complete	
Attendance 0 of 5 submitted		Nothing to grade	...
Reflection 1: What's your Favourite Core Value? 5 missing   0 of 5 participated	1/17/23, 5:44 PM	Complete	...
Practice Quiz 1 0 of 5 submitted		Nothing to grade	...
Actual Quiz 1 5 missing   0 of 5 submitted	2/3/23, 12:00 AM	Complete	...

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### Gradebook Settings

**Grade Schemas**

Grading schemas map percentages to letter grades or some other notation for reporting performance.

[Manage Grade Schemas](#)

**Student Performance**

Receive alerts in your activity stream about student performance and activity.

**Number of days a student is inactive**

5

**When a student's overall grade percentage is below**

Enter a grade percentage

[View Course Activity](#)

Send activity stream alerts to students based on these settings

**Automatic Zeros**

Assign automatic zeros for past due work  
Students can submit late to update their grade.  
Students with due date accommodations aren't affected.

3. Deselect **Assign automatic zeros for past due work**.

**Note:** If there are assignments that have been automatically graded zero, disabling this feature will prompt you to choose if you want to keep those marks as zeros or change its status to "ungraded."

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