

Getting a Grip on the New Blackboard 8 Grade Center

Default Grade Center Columns

- Last Name, First Name (Both name columns are frozen)
- Username, Student ID, Availability (Users might consider hiding these columns)
- Last Access (Date of last user access to the course, handy column to have)
- Running Weighted or Weighted Total (If you weight grades, use these columns for setting up or modifying current weighted grade options)
- Total (The unweighted sum of all grades for a user)

Note: If your course was copied from a previous semester your Grade Center might include other columns: manually created columns or columns automatically created by using the assignment manager, tests or discussion forum.

Weighting Grades

- Did you weight grades in a previous semester and then copy that course? If so, you will see a Running Weighted or Weighted Total column in your Grade Center. View and modify your current weighting options by clicking the chevron beside the column title and choosing Modify Column.
- Did you request a blank course? If so, you will see the default Weighted Total column in your Grade Center. Use this column to set up grade weighting by clicking the chevron beside the column title and choosing Modify Column.

Grade Center Reports

The new Grade Center has a report feature that is very buggy in this version of Blackboard. Issues have been noted and Blackboard is working to fix them. We do not recommend that you not use the reports feature at this time.

Interactive View

Interactive View is the default view of the Grade Center spreadsheet that allows instructors to edit grades and comments directly into the spreadsheet.

Non-Interactive View

This is what your screen will look like if you have Non-Interactive View turned on. We **do not recommend** that you change your settings to Non-Interactive View.

The screenshot shows the Blackboard 8 Grade Center interface. At the top, there is a breadcrumb trail: "BB 8 GRADE CENTER (TRAINING-BB8-GRADECENTER) > CONTROL PANEL > GRADE CENTER". Below this, the page title is "Grade Center (Basic View)". A callout box points to this title with the text "Interactive/Non-Interactive View button". The main content area displays a table with columns: Last Name, First Name, Username, Student ID, Last Access, Availability, Weighted Total, and Total. The table contains three rows of student data. Below the table, there is a "Selected Rows: 0" indicator and a "Grade Information Bar" at the bottom. A callout box points to a small icon in the bottom right corner of the table area, which is the button to toggle between Interactive and Non-Interactive views.

Last Name	First Name	Username	Student ID	Last Access	Availability	Weighted Total	Total
Horton	Susan	vegas	1234567		Available	-	-
McPhaul	Calvin	calvin			Available	-	-
Sorenson	Jackson	sorensonj34	1234567		Available	-	-

Non-Interactive View (Basic View)

Not recommended: No inline editing of grades and comments or freezing of columns