Showing Test Results And Feedback To Students

In order to increase test security, faculty can use Blackboard’s enhanced test results and feedback options under Test Options to:

- restrict when test results and feedback are shown to students immediately after test submission and later.
- select which results (scores, correct responses, and submitted answers) and question-specific feedback are shown.

By default, students see the test results for any course in the My Grades tool (always available in the My Blackboard menu of the global navigation panel) unless you disable the test results in Test Options or hide the grade column from students. Always think through the timing of what students see when they submit the test and later through the My Grades tool. By default, most courses also have a My Grades link on the course menu.

Possible scenarios for showing test results and feedback:

- **After Submission**: Students can see their test results immediately after they have submitted their answers, if they still have access to the original test link, and in the My Grades tool.
- **One-time View**: Students can view test results once, only after clicking the Save and Submit Answers button. If a student later clicks on the test link in the content area or in the My Grades tool, they will only see the results the instructor has set. If the instructor has turned off all the results, the students will not see any. This works well for tests being delivered at different locations and times around the state.
- **On Specific Date**: Students can view test results only after the specified date and time fields.
- **After Due Date**: If the instructor gives the test a Due Date, students can view the test after that date.
- **After Availability End Date**: Students can view their results after the specified test availability end date.
- **After Attempts Are Graded**: If tests include essay questions that must be manually graded by the instructor, students will see the specified results after all the attempts have been graded.

Faculty can set up to two rules to show results and feedback. If conflicts in rules occur, the most permissive settings for that user or group are granted. For example, students would receive the greatest number of attempts or longest availability.

To set the Test Options, your test must be deployed on a content page.

1. Make sure the Edit Mode is ON.

2. Click the action link next to the deployed test.
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3. Click the **Edit the Test Options** link in the drop-down menu.

![Edit the Test Options](image1)

4. The **Test Options** page displays. Scroll down to **6. Show Test Results and Feedback to Students**.

![Show Test Results and Feedback to Students](image2)

5. Select the “**When**” event that sets when desired test results and feedback are shown to students.

![Show Test Results and Feedback to Students](image3)
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The options are:

- After Submission
- One-time View
- On Specific Date
- After Due Date
- After Availability End Date
- After Attempts Are Graded

6. Click the **Score** checkbox if you want students to see their earned score and the points possible.

7. Click the desired **Answers** checkboxes to set which questions and answers you want students to see and when you want students to see them (based on the parameters set in the **When** column).

These selections also display the test questions:

- **All Answers**: shows all answer choices.
- **Correct Answers**: shows the correct answers for all questions.
- **Submitted Answers**: shows a student’s submitted correct or incorrect answers.
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8. Click the **Feedback** checkbox to show instructor-generated feedback for each question.

9. Click the **Show Incorrect Questions** checkbox to show questions a student answered incorrectly or partially correctly.

**Remember:** Faculty can set up to two rules to show results and feedback (See examples below). If conflicts in rules occur, the most permissive settings for that user or group are granted. For example, students would receive the greatest number of attempts or longest availability.

**Example 1: One Rule**

![Feedback Table]

Based on the options selected above, the following occurs after a student submits the test:

- Students see their scores along with all answer options.
- Students see their submitted answers marked as correct or incorrect and any feedback you provided.

**Note:** Unless you change these options or hide the grade column, they will see these results in **My Grades**. They will also see them if the test link is still available on the content page.

**Example 2: Two rules**

![Feedback Table]

If students take the test at different times, you can limit amount of results and feedback available until all students have completed the test:

- When you first deploy the test, you can choose to present only the **Score**.
- After all students have taken the test, edit the test options to show more information.
  - You can create an announcement to notify students that additional feedback is available.
  - Students can return to the test to view the additional feedback. If you do not want them to have continuous access to these results, change these options or hide the grade column.