

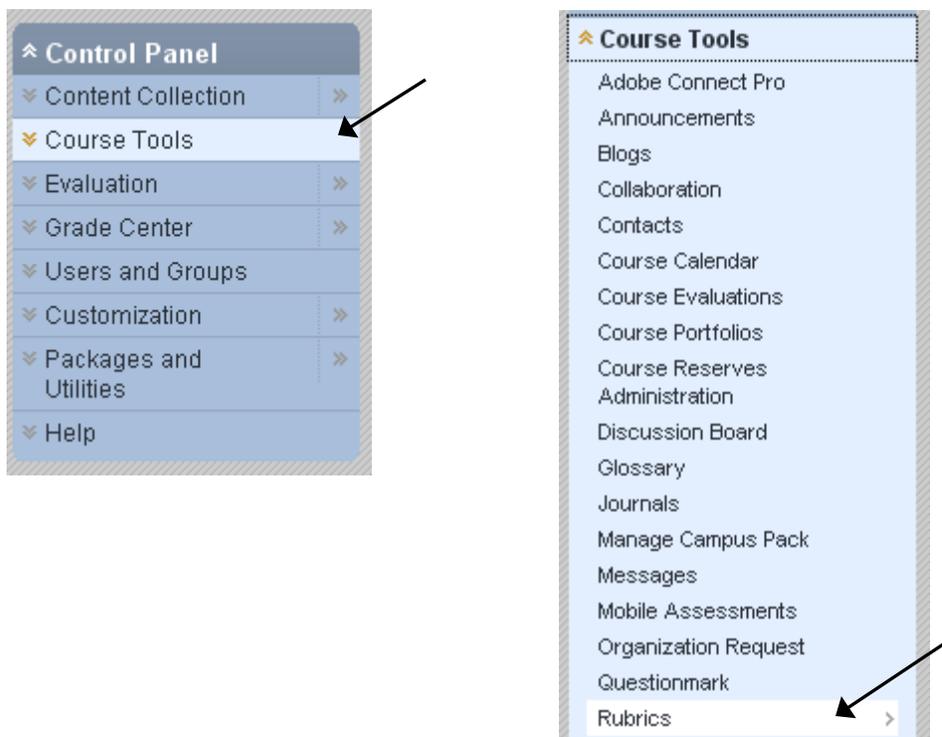
Rubrics

A rubric is a set of specific evaluation criteria used to assess an assignment. Instructors use rubrics to carefully outline their assignment requirements and expectations for students. Students use rubrics to help guide them as they complete their assignments.

In Blackboard, rubrics can be created for Blackboard assignments, tests, discussion board, blog, journal, and wiki postings. Once created, they can be shared among different courses. One rubric can be associated with more than one assignment; more than one rubric can be associated with one assignment.

Creating a Rubric

1. From the control panel (lower left side of screen), select 'Course Tools' then 'Rubrics'.



2. Click the Create Rubric button at the top of the screen.

Create Rubric

3. Give the rubric a name and description (optional).

1. Rubric Information

Name	<input type="text" value="Article Summary Rubric"/>
Description	<input type="text" value="This rubric will be used when grading your article summaries. Please note that formatting, including spelling and grammar, are very important."/>
	<input type="text" value="abc"/>

- Fill out the rubric grid with the details of the rubric.
 - Select the type of rubric (points, no points, points range, or percent) from the dropdown at the top.
 - Criteria are listed vertically along the left side, while the achievement levels are listed horizontally along the top. Use the buttons to add rows, columns, and to reorder the criteria and levels of achievement.
 - Use the dropdowns next the row and column names to edit or delete the levels of achievement and criteria.

The screenshot shows a rubric creation interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Add Row' and 'Add Column', and a 'Rubric Type' dropdown set to 'Points'. Below this is a 'Levels of Achievement' section with a dropdown arrow. The main grid has three rows of criteria: 'Article Summary', 'Reflection', and 'Mechanics and Formatting'. The columns are 'Exemplary', 'Accomplished', 'Developing', and 'Incompetent'. Each cell in the grid contains a 'Points' dropdown and a text area with a vertical scrollbar and 'abc' at the bottom. A 'Total Points: 12' bar is at the bottom. Callouts point to various controls: 'Reorder criteria' points to the 'Criteria' dropdown; 'Edit or delete row' points to the row name dropdown; 'Select rubric type' points to the 'Rubric Type' dropdown; 'Reorder levels of achievement' points to the 'Levels of Achievement' dropdown; and 'Edit or delete column' points to the column name dropdown.

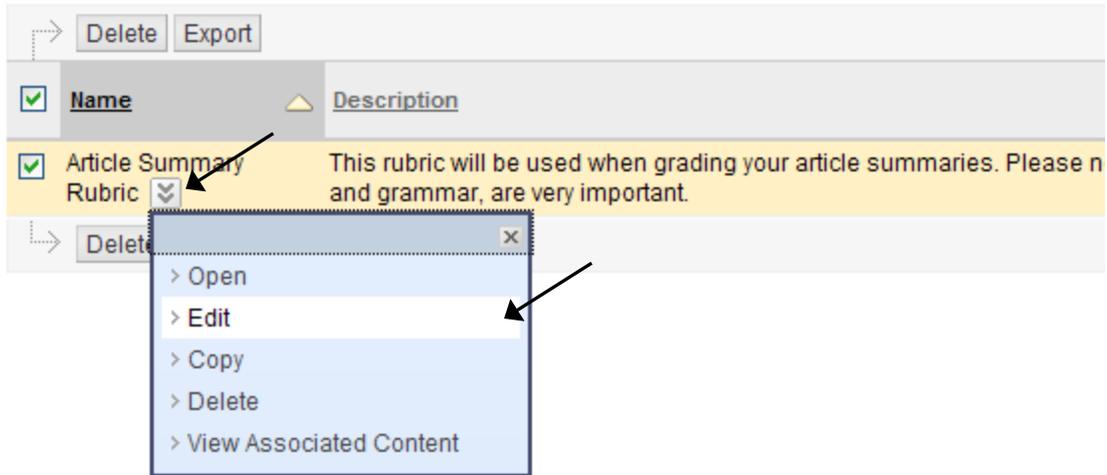
Criteria	Exemplary	Accomplished	Developing	Incompetent
Article Summary	Points 4 Article summary is accurate, well organized,	Points 3 Summary is accurate but organization could be improved.	Points 2 Summary is reasonably accurate - some minor errors	Points 1 Summary is inaccurate and contains several
Reflection	Points 4 Student makes insightful connections between	Points 3 Student makes connections to scientific knowledge.	Points 2 Student alludes to connections to scientific knowledge	Points 1 Connections are not coherent or are incorrect.
Mechanics and Formatting	Points 4 All grammar/spelling is correct and very well	Points 3 Less than 3 grammar/spelling errors, mature, readable	Points 2 Occasional grammar/spelling errors, generally readable with	Points 1 Frequent grammar and/or spelling errors,

Total Points: 12

- When everything has been filled out, click Submit.



- The rubric is created and can now be associated with any column in the grade center. Click the Edit dropdown to edit the rubric and access other options such as open, copy, delete, and view associated content of the rubric.



Associating a Rubric with a Grade Center Item

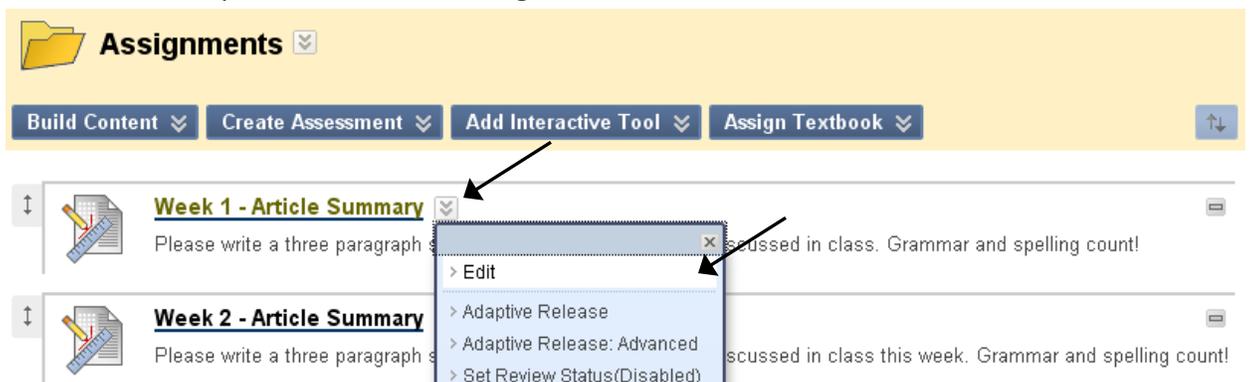
Once a rubric is created, it can be associated with any item in the grade center:

- Assignments
- Essay, File Response, and Short Answer test questions
- Blogs
- Journals
- Wikis
- Discussion Board threads and forums

1. Navigate to the location in the course where the item is located. In this example, we've navigated to the 'Assignments' content area and are focused on the assignment 'Week 1 Article Summary.'



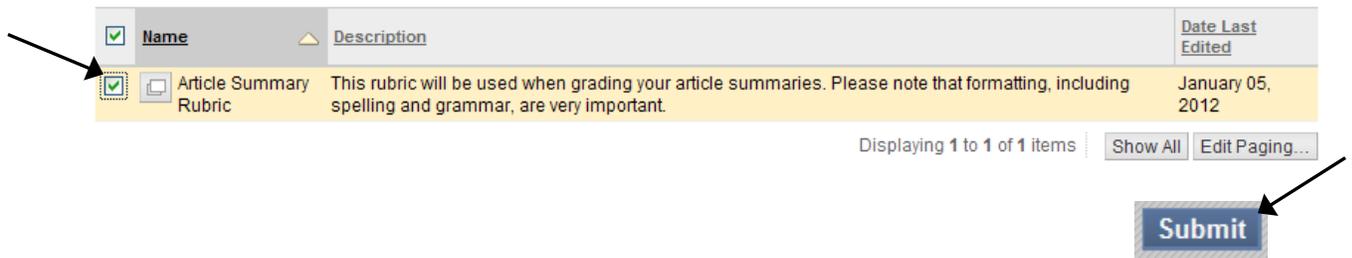
2. Click the Edit dropdown next to the assignment and select 'Edit.'



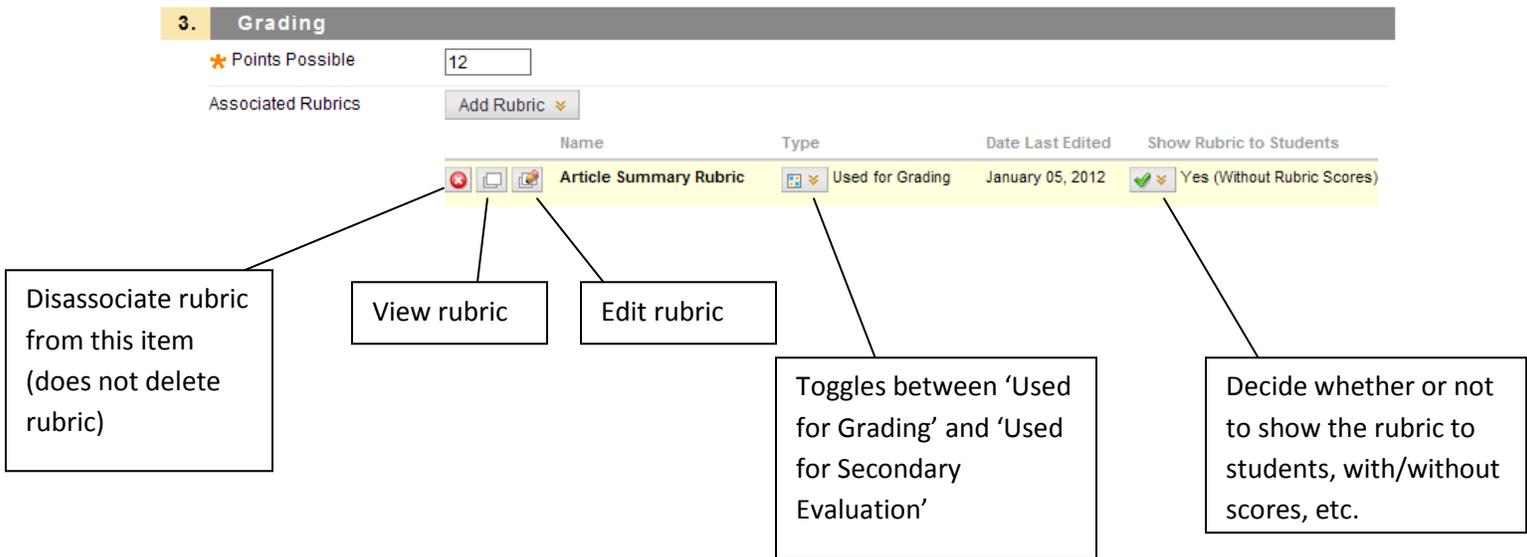
- In the Grading section, hover over the 'Add Rubric' dropdown and choose 'Select Rubric.'



- Select from the list the rubric(s) to be associated with the item and click Submit.



- The associated rubric(s) will now appear in the Grading section. In this example, we have chosen to use the rubric for grading purposes and to show it to students without scores.



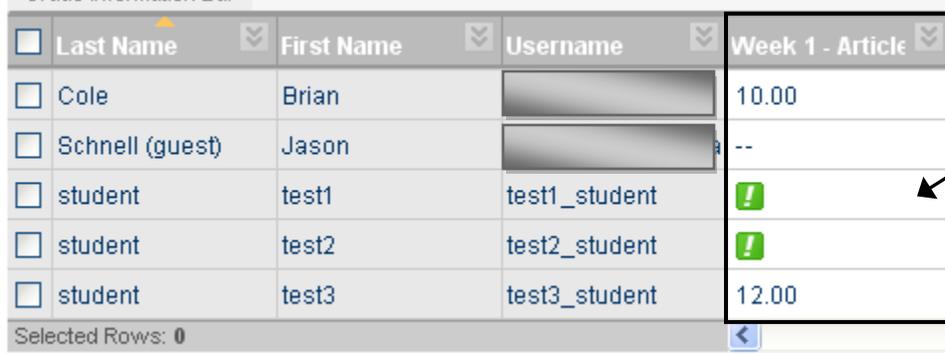
- To complete the association, scroll down to the end of the assignment settings page and click Submit.



Grading an Assignment using a Rubric

Rubrics can be used to make grading assignments, and other grade center items, easier.

1. From the Grade Center, navigate to the column of the assignment you want to grade. Submitted assignments that are ungraded will be shown with an exclamation point in the cell.



<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Name	First Name	Username	Week 1 - Article
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cole	Brian		10.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schnell (guest)	Jason		--
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test1	test1_student	!
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test2	test2_student	!
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test3	test3_student	12.00

Selected Rows: 0

2. Hover inside the cell with the assignment to be graded and click the action menu [] inside the cell. Choose 'Attempt -/-/----' to directly open the assignment.



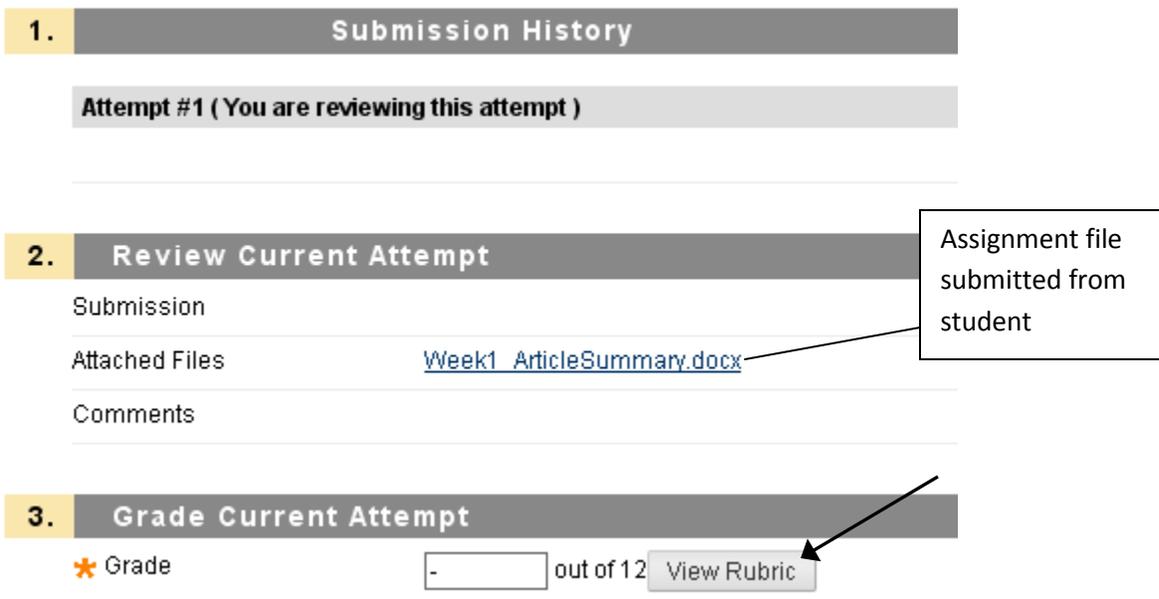
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test1	test1_student	!	⌵	--	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test2	test2_student	!			
<input type="checkbox"/>	student	test3	test3_student	12.00			

Selected Rows: 0

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- > View Grade Details
- > Exempt Grade
- > Attempt 1/10/12 !

3. Locate the submission and examine any attached files from the student. Click the 'View Rubric' button.



1. Submission History

Attempt #1 (You are reviewing this attempt)

2. Review Current Attempt

Submission

Attached Files [Week1 ArticleSummary.docx](#)

Comments

3. Grade Current Attempt

★ Grade out of 12 [View Rubric](#)

Assignment file submitted from student

4. Fill in the Rubric Detail page with the appropriate points and optional feedback comments. The total points is kept track at the bottom of the page.

Grid View

	Exemplary	Accomplished	Developing
Article Summary	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Points: 4</p> <p>Article summary is accurate, well organized, coherent and well written.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Very nice summary!</p> </div> <p style="text-align: right;">abc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Points: 3</p> <p>Summary is accurate but organization could be improved.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Points: 2</p> <p>Summary is reasonably accurate -some minor errors and/or organization is poor.</p>
Reflection	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Points: 4</p> <p>Student makes insightful connections between article and knowledge gained in chemistry or other science courses.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Points: 3</p> <p>Student makes connections to scientific knowledge.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">abc <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Points: 2</p> <p>Student alludes to connections to scientific knowledge but is not explicit. Student makes connections to life experiences not based in science.</p>

5. In this example, the total is 11 out of 12 possible points. (Enter a new total in the box if desired.) Enter any overall feedback in the box provided (optional). Click Save to save the grade.

Raw Total: 11.00 (of 12.0)

Change the number of points out of 12.0 to:

Feedback

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abc [Undo] [Redo] [Home] [Find] [Insert] [Table] [Link] [Image] [Table] [Link] [Image]

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