

# Add a Curve Using Adjusted Grade

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The Adjusted Final Grade column in a course's gradebook in D2L allows an instructor to modify a student's final average. Instructors can use this column to curve student averages as well.

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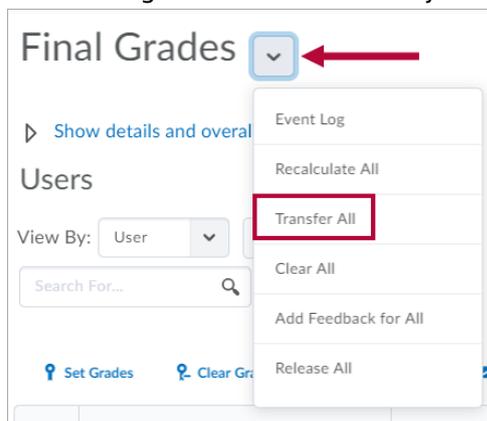
## Apply a Curve.

1. Click on **Grades** from the navigation bar.

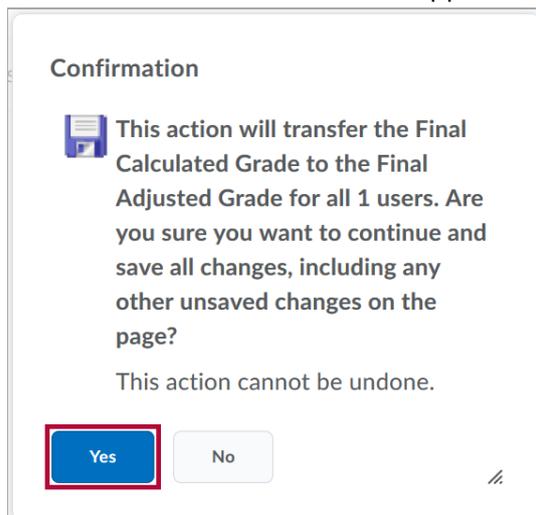


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2. Locate the **Final Adjusted Grade** column beneath the Final Grades Column. Click the dropdown arrow and choose **Enter Grades**.
3. Click the arrow beside Final Grades and select **Transfer All**. This will move students' final calculated grade into the final adjusted grade column.



4. A new confirmation window will appear. Click **Yes**.



5. Locate the highest score in the Final Calculated Grade column. Subtract the points earned from the total points available (ex:  $200-180=20$ ).

Final Calculated Grade		Final Adjusted Grade		Feedback	Released
Grade	Scheme	Grade	Scheme		
180 / 200	90 %	180 / 200	90 %	No feedback provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>
122 / 200	61 %	122 / 200	61 %	No feedback provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>
180 / 200	90 %	180 / 200	90 %	No feedback provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Take the difference in points and add that difference to the numerator column of each student's final adjusted grade.

Final Calculated Grade		Final Adjusted Grade	
Grade	Scheme	Grade	Scheme
180 / 200	90 %	200 / 200	100 %
122 / 200	61 %	142 / 200	71 %
180 / 200	90 %	200 / 200	100 %

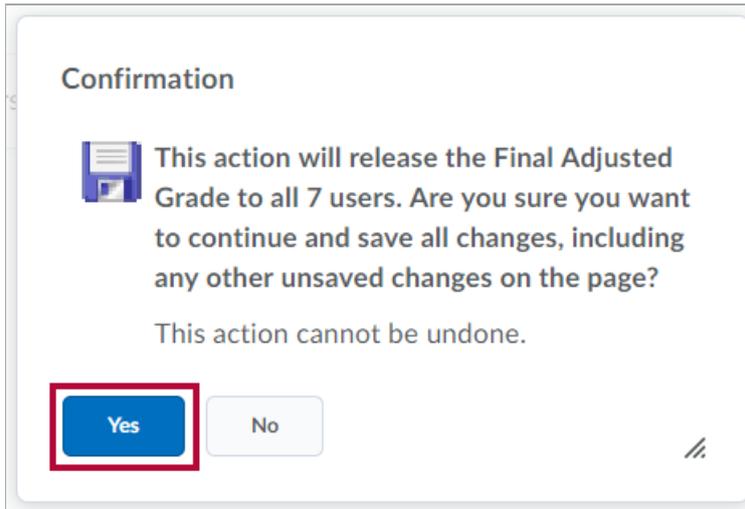
7. Click **Save**. Note the difference between the Final Calculated Grade percentage and the Final Adjusted Grade percentage.

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Grade	Scheme	Grade	Scheme
180 / 200	90 %	200 / 200	100 %
122 / 200	61 %	142 / 200	71 %
180 / 200	90 %	200 / 200	100 %

8. To release these grades and make them visible to students, Click the arrow beside "Final Grades," and select **Release All**.

The screenshot shows the 'Final Grades' interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'Final Grades' with a downward arrow. A red arrow points to this dropdown. Below the dropdown, there are several options: 'Event Log', 'Recalculate All', 'Transfer All', 'Clear All', 'Add Feedback for All', and 'Release All'. The 'Release All' option is highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown, there is a search bar and a 'View By:' dropdown set to 'User'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Set Grades' and 'Clear Grades'.

9. Click **yes** on the confirmation window that appears.



10. Click **Save and Close**.

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