

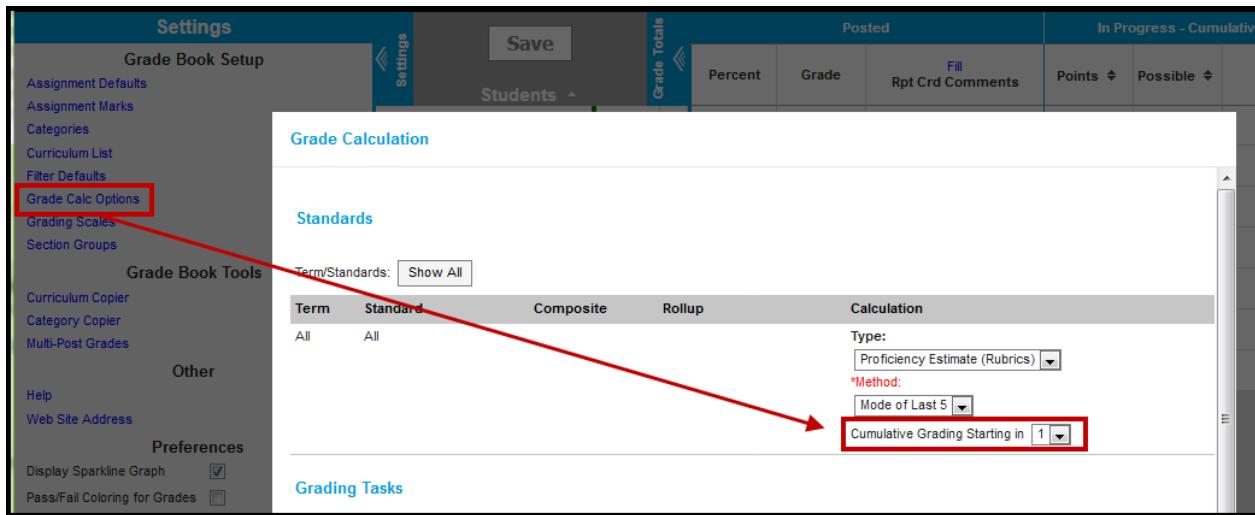
Cumulative Grading (Instruction)

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Location: Grade Book > expand Settings menu > Grade Calc Options > Cumulative Grading Starting in; Progress Monitor > Settings > Grade Calc Options > Cumulative Grading Starting in

Using cumulative grading allows teachers to set a starting term for calculating grades across multiple terms. Cumulative grading is established in Grade Calc Options.

This option could be useful for sections that meet across multiple terms.

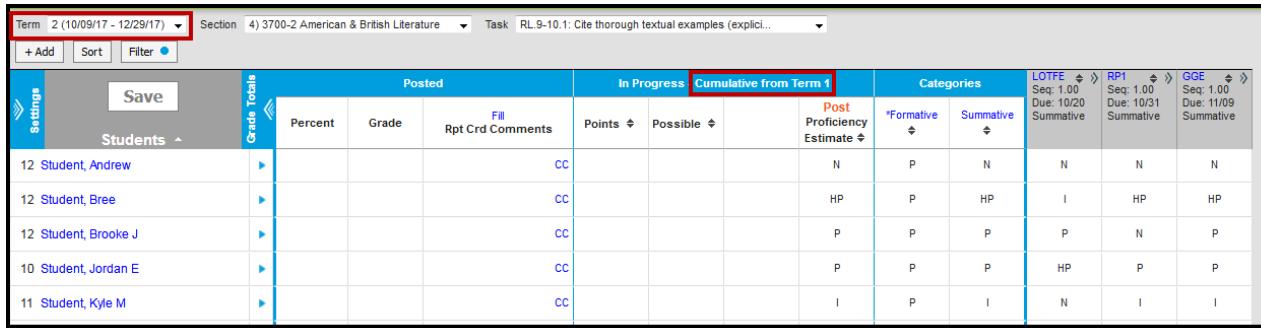


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The *Edit Grade Calc Options* tool right in Additional Access Rights > Instruction Tools is required to modify cumulative grading. See the [Instruction Tool Rights](#) article for more information.

To set up Cumulative Grading select a term in the **Cumulative Grading Starting in** field. In the example above, cumulative grading is established for all standards in all terms in the section - cumulative grading can also be set for individual tasks or standards as well.

In the grade book, any cumulative grading setup is indicated in the heading of the **In Progress** section of Grade Total, as in the following image:



The screenshot shows a grade book interface for Term 2 (10/09/17 - 12/29/17). The 'In Progress' column header is highlighted with a red box. The 'Cumulative from Term 1' column is also highlighted with a red box. The table includes columns for Students, Grade Totals, and various categories (Posted, In Progress, Categories, LOTFE, RP1, GGE). The 'In Progress' column contains 'I' for In Progress, while the 'Cumulative from Term 1' column contains 'N' for Not Yet Started. The 'Categories' column includes 'Formative' and 'Summative' assignments.

Established cumulative grading rules are indicated in the In Progress header of Grade Totals

Cumulative Grading Example

The two images above show an example of using cumulative grading across two terms. This example is provided for explanatory purposes and does not represent the only way this option can be implemented.

The section of American & British Literature meets during Terms 1 and 2. The standard "Cite thorough textual examples" is assessed across both sections using formative assignments that are not included in calculations, and essay assignments aligned to the Summative category, which contribute to In Progress grades.

In Grade Calc Options, I selected a **Method** of Mode of Last 5 and set **Cumulative Grading** to start in term 1. Term 2 is shown in the grade book image.

The grade book is filtered to show only assignments aligned to the Summative category. The In Progress score for the Summative Category (the Mode of last 5) is calculated from the 3 assignments in term 2 (shown above) and 2 assignments from term 1.

Cumulative Grading in Parent and Student Views

Teachers should be aware of the following when setting up cumulative grading. In parent and student views of grades (such as in the Portal and Campus Student), grades are shown for all terms included in the cumulative logic. Therefore, the current In Progress grade earned by the student will be shown for future terms, even if they haven't begun yet.