

# GROUP RULES

When using group rules, Canvas decides which grade to drop based on how the rule most negatively or positively affects the student's score for that group. Dropping the lowest score will remove the assignment(s) that give the best possible score for the group. Dropping the highest score will remove the assignment(s) that result in the lowest possible score for that group.

If every assignment in a group is worth the same number of points, you will not need to worry about the nuances of this rule. However, if assignments in the same group have different point values, you may want to consider how this rule will affect your grading. For example, in the following table, let's assume the following assignments are in the same group and a student earns a 71.1% on the 45-point assignment, a 75% on the 100-point assignment and 100% on the 25-point assignment.

	BEFORE DROPPING	POSSIBILITY 1	POSSIBILITY 2	POSSIBILITY 3
45-POINT ASSIGNMENT	32 (71.1%)	Dropped	32	32
100-POINT ASSIGNMENT	75 (75%)	75	Dropped	75
25-POINT ASSIGNMENT	25 (100%)	25	25	Dropped
FINAL SCORE (POINTS EARNED/TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE)	132/170 (77.6%)	100/125 (80%)	57/70 (81.4%)	107/145 (73.8%)

In this case, Canvas will drop the 100-point assignment. Even though the student earned a 71.1% on the 45-point assignment and a 75% on the 100-point assignment, Canvas will drop the 100-point assignment because it results in the best overall grade. When dropping the highest score, Canvas will do the same thing, only to create the lowest score possible. To avoid this situation, we recommend using the same point values for all assignments in a group if possible.

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