Overview: Mastery vs. Completion

Why Is This Changing?
Courseware defines module mastery as earning 80% or higher on the module mastery test. In the past, students did not get credit for completing a module unless they earned 80% or higher on the mastery test.

New for the 2017-2018 school year, Courseware distinguishes between mastering modules and completing them, making mastery and completion two separate metrics. This new practice provides more transparency in grading and a more holistic view of student engagement in their courses. Teachers will be able to more easily monitor students’ grades and intervene when necessary.

What Is Changing?
- When a student attempts a module mastery test, the gradebook will record the module as completed, regardless of the score the student earns.
- The student’s module score reflects his or her score on the mastery test.
- A new Student Curriculum Details page shows the student’s grade on each module.
- When a student completes a module, the Student Curriculum Details page marks the module as Completed Mastered or Completed Not Mastered. (See the image below.)
- In addition to Courseware, Flex Assignments and Prescriptions will also separate Mastery from Completion.

Exempt Status
- Another status you might see on the Student Curriculum Details page is Exempt. If students earn a high enough score on a unit pre-test, they may be exempt from completing certain modules within the unit.
Students automatically earn 100% for exempted modules, and these modules are considered complete for pacing and progress purposes.

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**When Is This Changing?**

All course sections that are active as of August 25th, 2017, will be converted to the new mastery-vs.-completion rule. No student scores will be changed. All course sections created on or after August 28th, 2017, will follow this new rule as well.

**What Is Not Changing?**

- Module mastery is still defined as earning 80% or higher on the module mastery test.
- Students may still retake the mastery test multiple times if your program allows them to do so. (Teachers may need to unlock mastery tests to let students retake them.)

**How Do Module Scores Appear in the New Gradebook?**

**New Sections Created 8/28 or After**

The course section Gradebook page is automatically generated, and students’ module scores are recorded in the Gradebook.

**Updated Grade Tracker Page on 8/28 or After**

When updating a Grade Tracker page, the new template will automatically apply the module score to the activity in the Gradebook.

A preview option for course grades and scores is provided in the Gradebook before updating Grade Tracker pages.

**Grade Tracker Page That Is Not Updated**

Grade Tracker pages which are not updated will retain existing template settings and functionality.