

In April 2010, ISDA sent out a **Gradebook Survey** to 5404 MIT students in the following Courses: 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 14, 18, 21H, 21M, SP. The survey solicited feedback on the use of Gradebook and its various features during the 2009-10 academic year.

General

Survey Response Rate 11% (574 completed responses)

71% of respondents use the Gradebook in their courses

The most frequent type of grade information that instructors make available to students is assignment and/or exam grades

Respondents deem the following their primary source of information for grades and/or class performance:

- Stellar Gradebook 50%
- Manually graded/returned assignments (on paper) 46%

Grade Submission

- 70% of respondents submit "gradable" work for classes about *once a week*

Grade/Comment Posting

- In classes that use the Gradebook, respondents reported that in general, grades are posted for all submitted work
- It generally takes *more than a week* for grades to be available after work is submitted
- 45% of respondents find classes that use the Gradebook provide grades faster (than classes that do not use the Gradebook) *37% of respondents find no difference*
- 96% of respondents do not get comments from instructors and/or TAs within the Gradebook

Homework Tool

- 69% of respondents do not receive comments for submissions uploaded within the Homework tool
- 67% of respondents have submitted papers or other assignments via the Stellar Homework tool
- Most of the classes that use the Homework tool, post grades for submitted work

Gradebook users in Course 8 or 18 (pilot)

46% of respondents (266 actual)

- 64% of Course 8 and 18 respondents say that their primary source of information for grades and/or class performance is the Stellar Gradebook
- In general, it takes from *3-5 days to more than a week* for grades to be available after students submit their work
- 55% of respondents find classes that use the Gradebook *provide their grades faster* than classes that do not use the Gradebook

Gradebook users in other (non pilot) courses

24% of respondents (141 actual)

- Outside Course 8 or 18, the majority of Gradebook users are in Courses 2, 6 and 10
- 72% say that their primary source of information for grades and/or class performance is manually

graded and/or returned assignments

- 72% of respondents submit "gradable" work for classes about *once a week*
- In general, it takes *more than a week* for grades to be available after students submit work
- The majority of respondents find classes that use the Gradebook show no difference in the speed of grade releases (compared with classes that do not use the Gradebook)

Non-Gradebook users

29% of respondents (168 actual)

- 87% of non-Gradebook using respondents say that their primary source of information for grades and/or class performance is manually graded/returned assignments
- 54% report that they usually submit "gradable" work for classes (whether in class, through Stellar or email) about *once a week*
- 73% of respondents have submitted papers or other assignments via the Stellar Homework tool
- 55% state that in classes that use the Homework tool, grades are not posted for work submitted

Other

- 48% of respondents use You@Stellar
- 75% of respondents have never accessed Stellar on a mobile device
- 60% of respondents rate the performance/speed of the Gradebook is satisfactory