

GIVING FEEDBACK in remote/online settings

SUMMARY HANDOUT

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Illustrative examples:

(S=synchronous session or F2F; A=asynchronous online or regular homework)

- A. In-the-moment feedback during a class activity (S)
- B. Teacher's collective comments on homework at start of a synch session (S)
- C. Teacher's individual written feedback on student work (A)
- D. Peer feedback on a first draft, before a grade is assigned (A/S)
- E. Peer comments on online discussions (A)

Key tips:

- Create first a "safe learning environment," with clear norms and expectations regarding feedback
- Be sensitive about how negative feedback is worded and communicated
- Set aside time in your schedule to provide timely feedback
- Whenever possible, assign grades only **after** the student has had the chance to make revisions in response to the feedback received
- Provide rubrics and models of past work as a form of "advanced feedback"

Key decisions to be made (and related options to consider):

WHEN to give feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced (through rubrics & models) • In-the-moment, while the activity is in progress • First draft (w/ opportunity for revisions) • Final product (no revisions) 	WHO gives the feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher • Classmates • Real audience 	Level of PRIVACY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public & individual • Public-collective • Private (shared only with student) • Impersonal (ex: models) 	GRADING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No grade • Effort grade • Grade after revision • Grade-no revisions allowed
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Useful online tools:

- Editable documents (Google doc; track-changes in Word)
- Options to leave comments in online discussions (any LMS; Padlet; Flipgrid)
- Voice recording to leave comments (*VoiceThread; others*)

Reflective questions about specific implementations of this practice:

- *What did you do to provide feedback to your students' work?*
- *What decisions did you make (and why) about WHEN, WHO, PRIVACY, and GRADING?*
- *What worked/didn't work and why?*
- *What may you want to do differently next time?*