Grade Distribution Graph in Canvas

A standard feature in Canvas permits students to view a Grade Distribution Graph (GDG) for individual assignments in the course grade center. This distribution graph shows the mean score, high score, and low score.

Instructure, our Canvas provider, reported the default global setting for GDG in all courses is Enabled/ON, and it will not change in the foreseeable future. We cannot turn off the GDG feature at a campus/global level, it must be turned off at the course level by each instructor.

PII (personally identifiable information) is never provided to students. However, this level of data access may be especially problematic in courses with enrollments of 25 students and fewer, as students may be able to extrapolate other information about their classmates based on the information provided.

Instructors can disable the view option on individual courses following the information below.

1. Navigate to the course and click the Settings menu.
2. Click the more options link at the bottom of the settings page.

3. Under the expanded options, place a check next to Hide grade distribution graphs from students.

4. Click Update Course Details and the graphs are no longer visible to students.