How to explain F Grades

To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations, protect the confidentiality of financial aid recipients, and provide timely response to students seeking financial aid in an upcoming term, adjustments have been made to the final grade reporting process in both AccessPlus and Canvas for students receiving an F for a course.

To meet compliance requirements, all F grades entered through either AccessPlus or Canvas require a comment indicating the reason for an F grade. These options are:

- F - Earned
  - Given when student completed the course. Check last day of Canvas login or assignment submission/grades if uncertain.

- F - Stopped Attending
  - Instructor must enter a "Last Date of Attendance", which is the instructor's best reasonable estimate for the last date of academic activity for the student. Check the last login date for the student and last assignment submission date in Canvas.

- F - Never Attended
  - Select this if to your knowledge, student did not submit any assignments (received no grades) and did not attend class. Check Canvas for login status.

If you have questions, contact the Office of the Registrar, 214 Enrollment Services Center, Ames, IA 50011-2011, (515) 294-1840, registrar@iastate.edu