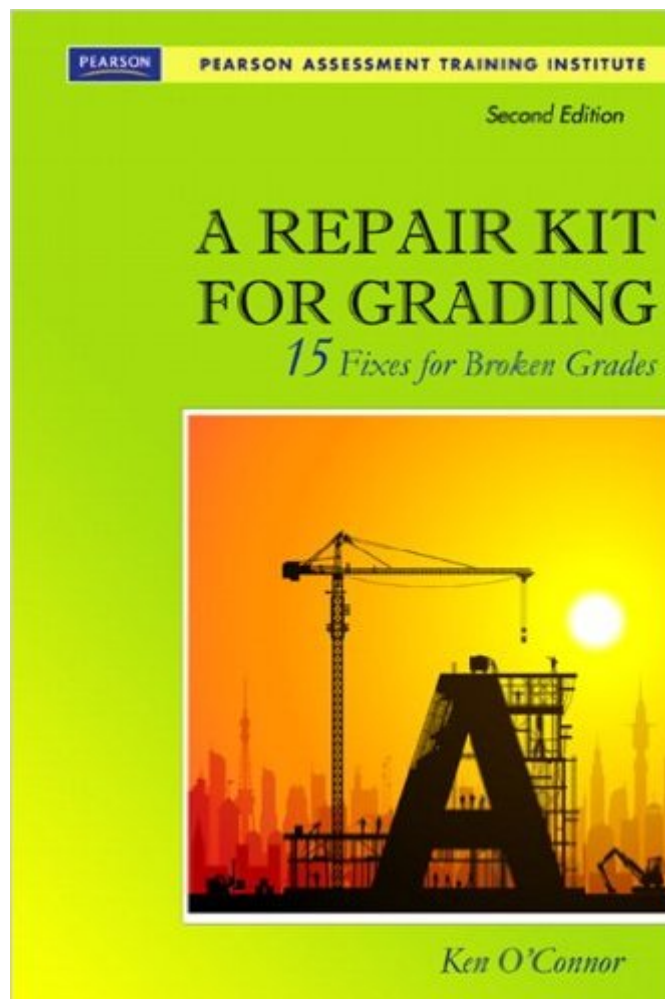


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Communicating about student achievement requires accurate, consistent and meaningful grades. Educators interested in examining and improving grading practices should ask the following questions: Am I confident that students in my classroom receive consistent, accurate and meaningful grades that support learning? Am I confident that the grades I assign students accurately reflect my school or district's published performance standards and desired learning outcomes? In many schools, the answers to these questions often range from "not very" to "not at all." When that's the case, grades are "broken" and teachers and schools need a "repair kit" to fix them. *A Repair Kit for Grading: 15 Fixes for Broken Grades*, 2/e gives teachers and administrators 15 ways to make the necessary repairs. Additional Resources from ATI Visit <http://ati.pearson.com> to read more articles on assessment, download study guides, and more!

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The title of this book says it all--it is a repair kit for fixing the "broken" grading system we currently have. This book is full of ideas that challenge the traditional way we grade, but these challenges make total sense in light of what we now know about quality assessments and student learning. O'Connor basically sums up what he states in his book *How to Grade for Learning, K-12*, and his work is based on and references the work of others who have tackled the grading dilemma, such as

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