Faculty: Attendance Recording by Students

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Allow students to report their attendance status... really?

Moodle's **attendance feature** is a helpful tool for recording class participation and communicating it to students. An option for self-reporting attendance may seem a bit crazy at first, but on reflection it offers a further method for students to take responsibility for their learning. Suggestions for using use this feature:

- *Create a second Attendance activity link* and name it "Participation." When you add class sessions for the participation link, check the option to ==allow students to record their own attendance==. Ask students to reflect on their participation and submit a score.
- *Add more sessions to an existing Attendance activity link.* After creating sessions as you normally would for each class meeting, add a second set with the self-reporting option activated. Enter "Class participation" in the **Description** area to make it easy to distinguish between sessions.

What does this option look like for students?

Activating the self-report option provides a simple-to-use interface for the student.

When you activate the self-reporting option, students have the opportunity to ==submit== ==attendance== for themselves.

Clicking on the link brings up the choices that you have laid out in the **Settings** area.

After the student makes a choice and saves it, the submission receipt indicates that the

attendance status was self-reported.