Frequently Asked Questions

How does Marco Learning benefit my child?

Marco Learning allows students to receive high-quality feedback from another adult who does not know their academic and behavioral reputation in the classroom. Graders provide specific, actionable, and timely feedback to help students improve their writing. Their support allows for more writing opportunities and helps prepare students to write for objective, outside audiences – a critical skill for college and career-readiness.

How does Marco Learning benefit teachers?

Marco Learning helps lighten teachers' grading load so they have more time for their highest-impact responsibilities. With the support of a Grader, teachers are able to deliver more feedback faster, assign more writing opportunities, and spend more time engaging students (and parents, too!). Through Marco Learning, teachers receive valuable student performance data in real time that they can quickly incorporate into future lesson plans and use to immediately improve instruction. More timely and thorough feedback helps students and teachers know what they are missing and how to improve.

Will teachers stop grading writing assignments themselves?

No, of course not! Marco Learning exists to help teachers give students more timely, personalized feedback and attention. Graders are a second, objective pair of eyes, speeding the teacher's ability to digest student data and progress. At Marco Learning, we believe teachers must always be involved in the feedback and assessment process. Teachers review all work and feedback from the Graders before returning it to students.

Will students and parents be able to ask "Graders" questions about the feedback they received?

Right now only teachers can contact Graders through Marco Learning online platform. Students are encouraged to direct all questions about their graded assignments to their teachers.

How are "Graders" qualified to evaluate student work?

"Graders" must be enrolled in or preparing to enroll in an education program, have a strong academic record, and demonstrate a commitment and passion for teaching. All Graders complete a 30-minute phone interview as well as a comprehensive training before they begin grading. Marco Learning also provides Graders with coaching as needed in order to ensure Graders are effective.

How are teachers matched with "Graders"?

Graders are matched with teachers based on subject and grade-level expertise. Graders with the most experience and the highest reviews are prioritized.

How can student work be accurately evaluated by someone who is outside the classroom?

Teachers provide Graders with a detailed description of the assignment as well as a grading rubric. Graders evaluate work and give feedback based on the criteria from the rubric. Graders are also able to ask teachers clarifying questions as they grade the assignment.