What is a Draft SafeAssign assignment and what is it for?

Instructors can choose to set up SafeAssignments as drafts (by placing a check mark next to Exclude Submissions), which allows students to submit papers without storing them in the Institutional or Global Reference Databases (otherwise, if they submitted the paper again, it would have a 100% match against itself).

The purpose of the Draft is to teach the students about proper citation by allowing them to check their work against SafeAssign prior to submitting a final version. Please remember to describe this first stage of the assignment as a “draft assignment” in your assignment description/comments area so that the students understand clearly that they are only submitting a draft of the paper and that the Final paper will be submitted later into the same Assignment.

SafeAssign now supports multiple attempts and does not check attempts from a specific student to a specific assignment against previous attempts from the same student to the same assignment; this fulfills the use case of preventing matches from the same student and paper appearing in Originality Reports.

To set up a SafeAssign assignment as a draft, follow the instructions on Create a SafeAssignment in Blackboard page and (on the “Create Assignment” page, under “4. Grading”, “Submission Details”, “Plagiarism Tools”) place check marks next to:

- Check submission for plagiarism using SafeAssign
- Allow students to view SafeAssign originality report for their attempts (if you would like the students to see their originality report)
- Exclude Submissions
Once all of the paper drafts have been submitted (allowing time for the students to review their originality reports), the instructor can un-check the box next to Exclude Submissions. Students then can submit their final drafts to the same SafeAssign assignment.