
Uniform Grading Policy

The Background:

Public Chapter 723 of the 108th General Assembly directed the State Board to adopt a grading scale for grades kindergarten through eight. The legislation is clear that the use of the grading scale is permissive and local education agencies may adopt scales for non-high school grades that either align with the State *Board's Uniform Grading System* or deviate from it. After discussions with school district representatives it was determined that permissive language regarding the use of the *Uniform Grading System* grading scale for lower grades does not limit a local district's creativity in crafting a meaningful academic reporting system for students and their families.

Further, the *Uniform Grading Policy* is silent regarding locally adopted grading scales for purposes other than that of lottery scholarship eligibility. Consequently, some districts have adopted additional scales. These districts use the scales to report grade point averages to postsecondary institutions. Other districts have inquired about adopting such scales and the proposed language clarifies that this is permissible.

The Recommendation:

The State Board of Education staff recommends acceptance of this item of first reading.