
Uniform Grading Policy 3.301

The Background:

The Uniform Grading Policy outlines the required uniform grading system to be used by all districts in grades 9-12 for the purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. This policy serves to supplement and further define Uniform Grading System Rule 0520-02-03-.02.

This item proposes changes to align this rule with Public Chapter 1080 of the 112th General Assembly and revisions to State Board Uniform Grading System Rule. Public Chapter 1080 requires the State Board to develop a 10-point grading scale for students in grades nine-twelve (9-12). This item proposes the 10-point grading scale to replace the existing state uniform grading scale beginning with grades issued in the 2022-23 school year. This does not prohibit an LEA from developing, adopting, or implementing a local grading system for purposes other than reporting students' grades for postsecondary financial assistance.

The proposed changes also clarify that a student shall receive a score of sixty percent (60%) for passing a credit recovery course, which now amounts to a D under the revised 10-point scale for the Uniform Grading System.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.