

**RULES  
OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-01-03  
ACADEMIC AND INSTRUCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**0520-01-03-.02 UNIFORM GRADING SYSTEM.**

- (1) Until the 2022-2023 school year, LEAs shall use the following uniform grading system for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12) for purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation:

<b>Uniform Grading System</b>					
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percentage Range</b>		<b>Honors Courses</b>	<b>Local and Statewide Dual Credit Courses, Industry Certification-Aligned Courses, and Dual Enrollment Courses</b>	<b>Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate Courses</b>
A	93	100	Shall include the addition of 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.	Shall include the addition of 4 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.	Shall include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.
B	85	92			
C	75	84			
D	70	74			
F	0	69			

- (2) Beginning with grades issued in the 2022-2023 school year and thereafter, LEAs shall use the following uniform grading system for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12) for purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation:

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Uniform Grading System					
Grade	Percentage Range		Honors Courses	Local and Statewide Dual Credit Courses, Industry Certification-Aligned Courses, and Dual Enrollment Courses	Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate Courses
A	90	100	Shall include the addition of 3 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.	Shall include the addition of 4 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.	Shall include the addition of 5 percentage points to the grades used to calculate the semester average.
B	80	89			
C	70	79			
D	60	69			
F	0	59			

- (3) Assigning additional quality points above 4.0 for honors courses, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Exam Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International, dual credit, dual enrollment, and Industry Certification-aligned courses is not allowed for the purpose of determining eligibility for the lottery scholarships.
- (4) LEAs must utilize the Uniform Grading System to calculate eligibility for financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. However, LEAs may adopt an additional local grading scale(s) for other purposes.
- (5) LEAs may adopt the Uniform Grading System for grades pre-K through eight (8) or they may adopt a local grading scale for those grades.

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