

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-05
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative
DATE:	August 9, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Uniform Grading Policy (UGP): 10-Point Grading Scale

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this item is for the State Board of Education (SBE) to approve amendments to the UGP.

CRITICAL FACTS

April 12, 2016, the SBE approved a 10-point grading scale for grades 9–12 beginning with the 2016–17 school year.

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) created a conversion chart to assist districts with the implementation of the new grading scale. The chart gives numerical and letter grade conversions for college preparatory (CP), honors, advanced preparation (AP), international baccalaureate (IB), dual enrollment, and pass/fail grades.

The UGP amendments also include guidance for out-of-state non-public transfers and high school credit at the middle/junior high school level.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

- April 12, 2016 The 10-point grading scale was submitted and approved by the SBE.
- August 9, 2016 SBE to review the conversion chart and other amendments to the UGP.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: Potential lottery funding implications
FUND/SOURCE: General Assembly

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: yes no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments:

Attachment 1: Uniform Grading Policy with strikethroughs
Attachment 2: Uniform Grading Policy without strikethroughs

RECOMMENDATION

SCDE recommends the SBE approves the UGP modifications for the 2016–17 school year.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: FOR INFORMATION ONLY: