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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals
Instructional Leaders
School Counseling Personnel Directors

FROM: Sherrie Beaver
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DATE: April 10, 2020

RE: COVID-19: SC Uniform Grading Policy Guidance for Students Enrolled in Dual Credit Courses

Recently, a number of institutions of higher education (IHE) provided information related to grading procedures to students enrolled in dual credit courses. The information was shared in response to the closing of all educational institutions as a result of COVID-19. However, some of the information is not aligned with the [SC Uniform Grading Policy \(UGP\)](#) or the [SC Uniform Grading Policy Administrative Procedures](#). This guidance is issued as a reminder that all districts must adhere to the UGP and the accompanying administrative procedures. The guidance is also intended to highlight the directives below:

- No grade or grade attempt should be removed from any student's high school transcript.
- Students who did not complete dual credit courses due to COVID-19 and are affected by changes to the IHE grading policy will be held harmless. Students may receive a grade of "WP"; however, the course **SHOULD NOT** be removed from the high school transcript.
- Students enrolled in a dual credit course who receive or choose to receive a "P" (i.e., pass), "NP" (i.e., fail), or "WP" (i.e., withdraw passing) from the IHE should be informed that these grades ("P", "NP", and "WP") have **no GPA value for the high school GPA calculation**. Additionally, students should consider **how the neutral GPA for the dual credit course(s) may affect their final cumulative high school GPA and class rank, which are used for state scholarship qualifying purposes**.
- Any grade issued that is equivalent to passing, such as "P", "S", or "S+", should be entered as "P" on the high school transcript since "P" is recognized on the UGP grading scale.

If you have questions or need additional information, please refer to the [SC Uniform Grading Policy \(UGP\)](#) and the [SC Uniform Grading Policy Administrative Procedures](#) or contact me at sabeaver@ed.sc.gov.