

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>CODE:</b>	PL-01
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Policy and Legislative
<b>DATE:</b>	September 13, 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**

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| • April 12, 2016     | The 10-point grading scale was submitted and approved by the SBE.   |
| • August 9, 2016     | SBE reviewed the conversion chart and other amendments to the UGP.  |
| • September 13, 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: