

**Policy 2510: Assuring The Quality of Education: Regulations For Education Programs
Comment Log**

November 9, 2017 - December 11, 2017

Action

A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy.

A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy.

N Comment was not accepted.

Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
§126-42-1. General.				
2017-11-09 17:36:35	Ashley Lanham student school Charles Town wv	please go back to the 10 point grading scale! I hate the weird scale we have now and I think parents do too.	A/S	Comment 1: The adoption of a 10 point grading scale will provide all students an equal opportunity to compete with their counterparts in neighboring states for college admission, athletic and academic scholarships, and national awards. This change will level the playing field for all of our students while maintaining our high academic standards. Due to overwhelming comments on the date of implementation this change will become effective for all credit bearing courses beginning July 1, 2018.
2017-11-10 08:07:48	Terri Howes Morgantown WV	100% support of changing the grading scale to better position students on an equitable playing field for college application and consideration	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-10 11:22:27	Erica Hampton Beckley WV	The credit requirements for a high school diploma should be increased and not lowered. We need to graduate students that are better prepared for life after high school. That includes getting away from common core math and teaching basic math skills and financial literacy that all students need to be successful in life. It is a shame that our education department thinks that lowering standards and	A/C	Comment 2: The Graduation Credits will be increased from the original proposal to 22 credits. The only required credits being removed from the current policy are two additional elective credits. Counties have the ability to increase credits beyond the minimum set forth in policy 2510. This change will allow counties the flexibility

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		graduation requirements will somehow help our students. This is not the case! Make economics, parenting, marketing, and financial literacy additional required subjects in high school to better prepare our students!		for scheduling, increasing required courses and/or increasing graduation credit requirements as needed.
2017-11-10 11:48:49	Thomas Stark Weston WV	We already have a generation of students who have left school without knowing even the basics of how our government functions and why America is a beacon to the world. I have watched the dumbing down of our children through neglect of proper U.S. History and Social Studies education for years and we are reaping the results. If anything, we need more social studies and civics education with emphasis on understanding the concepts of the constitution and why it needs to be seen in the context of a fixed and inflexible protector of individual rights and promoter of individual responsibility. You are headed in the wrong direction to reduce the credits in this area. There is plenty of room for vocational education credits without reducing Social Studies credit requirements.	A/C	Comment 3: The Social Studies requirement will remain at 4 credits to ensure students are prepared to participate in a global society.
2017-11-10 12:50:39	Don Scalise Teacher Cabell Midland High School Huntington WV	The change of generalized requirements to 21 credits for graduation is a mistake. More students will rush to complete high school in three years. Most 16-17 year old students lack the emotional and mental maturity to move into a college and career environment.	A/C	See comment 2
2017-11-12 12:18:27	April Bartel Harpers Ferry WV -	I am all for changing the grading scale to 10 Point increments, because I believe it will make us more competitive with other states and give students a better appreciation for their abilities. It is demoralizing to get a 92 and have it be only a b grade. It is my understanding that colleges May	A/S	See comment 1

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		evaluate students on their letter grade alone, making those with a 92 B suffer compared to other applicants marked as 92 A.		
2017-11-12 17:35:51	Deb Johnson Mom Retired People Ranson WV	If this is making it easier for students to pass classes, then I vote NO! Dumbing down our future is NOT the solution to a better graduation rate for WV! Just because other states are doing this doesnâ€™t make it the right thing to do.	N	See comment 2
2017-11-12 19:47:36	Janet Nesslerodt Inwood WV	Ridiculous! Why even score them at all anymore? Everybody is a winner!!!! Everyone gets an A!!!	N	See comment 1
2017-11-13 11:37:38	Trent Sherman Principal Martinsburg High School Martinsburg WV	Grade scale should go into effect for all students 9-12 not just incoming 9th graders. It would be a nightmare having students in the same classes with a different grading scale.	A/C	See comment 1
2017-11-13 12:38:50	Grant Spencer Secondary Curriculum Coordinator Harrison County Schools Clarksburg WV	With the effective date being July 1, 2018, do county boards get to decide which parts of the policy to assign to specific graduation classes? Or does it apply to ALL students enrolled in school after the effective date?		
2017-11-13 13:07:55	Stacy Raffo Craigsville West	I fully support the decision to lower the graduation credit requirements to 21. Many of the states with the highest educational outcomes have lower credit requirements, lowering the credit would provide our counties more flexibility to better serve a broad range of educational goals and outcomes.	A/S	See comment 2
2017-11-13 18:34:11	Brian L Castilow Teacher Magnolia High School New Martinsville WV	The reduction of Social Studies credits from 4 to 3 will be harmful to the overall education of secondary school students. It is imperative that students receive an adequate degree of instruction in matters that have and will affect their lives. Students need to be able to analyze the past and	A/C	See comment 3

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		learn from the mistakes that have been made by previous generations. They can also learn from the successes of the past. Apparently a reduction in Social Studies credits is coupled with the overall reduction in basic graduation credits. As one person stated, "we are not going to progress in educational quality by reducing the amount of education we provide".		
2017-11-13 18:39:04	Brian L Castilow Teacher Magnolia High School New Martinsville WV	The proposal to reduce the total number of graduation credits from the present level to 21 credits minimum is a step backward. The premise that reducing the minimum number will allow a student to increase the number of elective classes is craziness. The number of elective classes available in most secondary schools is slowly but surely being reduced by staff cuts caused by funding reductions. It would be great to offer more elective classes, but that is not a reality in most schools.	A/C	See comment 2
2017-11-13 20:28:39	Mary Humphreys LEWISBURG WV	I am writing in opposition to Policy 2510 on several items. First, I am opposed to lowering the grading scale because in lower the grading scale we are lowering the bar for our students. I am aware that colleges use the ten point scale, but high school is not college. It is important to set high expectations for our students and lowering the grading scale does not send that message. Secondly, I am very much opposed to reducing the number of social studies credits to three. I am a former high school social studies teacher so I speak with some expertise. To go to a comprehensive US History course would be a detriment to our students who we are preparing to become	N A/C	See comment 1 See comment 3

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		<p>knowledgeable, participating citizens. I taught AP US History which is comprehensive and it was a stressful battle each year to prepare the students for success on the AP exam, and these were students who were above average and highly motivated. Students need a knowledge of US history to understand and appreciate the world in which they live. To reduce American history to a one year course is beyond my comprehension. I see no value in this decision for our students.</p> <p>Thirdly, on the stakeholder list I saw three or four classroom teachers. I would certainly think that the changes being made in this policy deserve the voice of more than three classroom teachers.</p> <p>Lastly, I'm opposed to changing the number of high school credits to 21 credits. Again, the bar should be higher not lower. Virginia requires 22 credits and passage of the SOLs. Many surrounding states require testing of some type as a requirement for graduation. I would like to see West Virginia adopt the same practice so that our students might have initiative for doing well on standardized testing.</p>	A/C	See comment 1
2017-11-13 20:52:28	Brendan Gallagher NA Shinnston WV	<p>This entire proposal is a horrible mess. Eliminating health classes in middle school makes no sense in a state where we have the drug issues that we do. Health teachers are the only ones teaching actual life skills since the elimination of home economics. So now we would remove that and teach more things that the majority of students won't use once they leave the other courses.</p>	N	<p>Comment 4. The requirements for middle school Health and PE being identified as wellness will not be changing. The required minutes for PE from code will remain and health standards like all other content areas will be taught. Just like all the other content areas the principal and a team of teachers will decide the amount of time need for students to reach mastery of the health standards.</p>

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<p>2017-11-14 13:01:19</p>	<p>Terri Baker HealthTeacher Lincoln Middle School Clarksburg WV</p>	<p>Policy 2510 proposed changes for Health Education and Physical Education to Wellness Education and Physical Activity. As stated in the document, "Middle schools should recognize that healthy lifestyles and academic success are tightly interwoven", is an understatement. Weve known this for years, as well as test scores and academics improve when children are physical active and healthy. Knowing these statements to be true, then, these changes beg the question, why are we going backwards in educating our children in health education and physical education? There is a clear difference between Physical EDUCATION and physical activity. I am a classroom health teacher at the middle school level, where health is a required course for 6, 7, and 8th grade students. I have 25-30 students in my classes to teach highly sensitive topics in the curriculum, like: ATO (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) education, decision-making in real-life situations, nutrition, obesity, suicide prevention, emotional and mental health, self-esteem, eating disorders, puberty, growth and development, risks of sexual activity- STDs and teen pregnancy, sexual abuse, harassment, bullying, life skills, goal setting, dating and healthy relationships, dating violence and domestic violence, and the list goes on. I take my responsibility as a health teacher seriously, so I not only teach this subject matter, but make connections with my students, offer support, encouragement, and get them the resources they need when dealing with these real-life situations. As a vulnerable middle school student, would you</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>See comment 4</p>
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		<p>learn more in a classroom of 25-30, as opposed to a gym class setting where there may be 40-50+ students in a class? (And you may have "physical activity", two or three days a week, and "wellness education" a few days a week? With the rate of obesity and diabetes increasing, and the drug epidemic that we our State is facing, as an educator, how do you think these changes are going to improve our studentsâ€™ well-being, overall health and wellness? Our children in WV deserve more than this!</p> <p>We are really setting them up for failure when it comes to their health and wellness. So, where does that leave our State and our society years down the road? We are dealing with students who are have a wide variety of health issues as it is. I can see how this can be justified as an improvement or alternative to what is in place now at the middle and high school level. What message are we sending to our children?</p> <p>As a health educator with a Masters degree, I feel that this is a "slap in the face" to health educators. How can these changes serve to improve student academic performance, physical, mental, emotional, or social health in our society as a whole, because the issues that teens are dealing with will not be addressed in this "watered-down" version of Health Education. Are we truly putting our childrens best interest as priority number one, or is it a dollar sign that is being sought out, with classroom health educators paying the price?</p> <p>Please for sake of our children, for the health and well-being of our State, do not make these</p>		
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		proposed changes to Health and Physical Education!		
2017-11-15 07:56:38	Rise Marshall Morgantown WV	I am very opposed to lowering standards in our state or in our country. It is never the right move to expect less of ourselves or others. Producing more citizens who know less is a step back. Past generations have made information readily available - learning is an important element in success - the road to knowledge shouldn't be easy; it should be a challenge as is life. The "dumbing" of our state is not a step for progress.	N	
2017-11-15 08:06:23	John McCormick Mercer County Schools Athens West	The proposed changes to social studies standards are not in the best interest of West Virginia students or teachers, and reflect a desire to gut social studies education on behalf of artificially and arbitrarily easing graduation requirements for what is ostensibly book keeping purposes. As a social studies educator having taught U.S. History I, II, and AP U.S. History I can attest that there is no feasible way to accurately and adequately share the narrative of U.S. history with students over the time frame allotted to a single course. Many teachers, myself included, struggled to get students from pre-Columbian times to the Civil War in a single semester. Already in that set-up we are asked to make difficult choices regarding important events to leave out or teach quickly (read: minimally). U.S. II teachers often struggle to make it through the Cold War, and must make similar concessions just to get through the material	A/C	See comment 3

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		<p>required by current standards, common sense, and the virtues of basic patriotism.</p> <p>By combining U.S. history into a single course teachers are being asked to give students a highlight reel of American history, which would cover big events (and not even well, at that) and leave out the many nuances that tie these major events together in one grand narrative. This means that our students are destined to be even more illiterate in regard to our history and the events that shaped who we are as a country and a people.</p> <p>There is no excuse for this. There is no justification that the WVDE, state board, or legislature can come up with that will make dumbing down our history seem like a feasible option. Rather, this comes off as a desperate attempt to shove kids through the doors of our schools in the name of "graduation rates" and reducing teaching staff in the social studies.</p> <p>It is truly disgusting to think that our state would reduce graduation requirements for these reasons, yet here we are.</p> <p>Our students need history. They need to learn as much about our past as possible, because that past has created the identity that they hold and both the nation and country in which they live. Do not rob them of understanding in the name of book keeping.</p>		
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		<p>In other words, continue letting us as teachers do our job, and insist that the government do theirs. Maintain the two part U.S. history curriculum, and let us teach what needs to be taught. There are other ways to boost graduation rates that don't involve devaluing an entire discipline. As for teachers: if this is a back handed way to reduce staff (and I feel that it is), then urge the legislature to do their jobs and find the money to keep paying for an integral part of our school system.</p> <p>As a professional it is my opinion that these changes make a mockery of our education system, and do not represent a government with the best interest of its students or citizens at heart.</p>		
2017-11-15 08:48:48	Kristin Giles Principal Cabell County Schools Lesage WV	<p>2510 states that students in K-5 are to have 30 minutes per day of unstructured physical activity while policy 4373 discusses consequences for behaviors one of which includes noon detention. There is a discrepancy in the 2 policies. Elementary has a difficult time giving consequences to elementary students. If you take away our ability to take recess, students are not accountable for their actions.</p>	N	
2017-11-15 11:24:28	Lisa Martinelli Morgantown WV	<p>As the mother of two young children, I am appalled that this is even up for consideration. What exactly is the desired outcome? Is this being proposed in order to somehow boost our state education statistics? If we lower our standards, we will pay for it. If anything, we should be raising our standards. We should be striving to be the best - not dumbing down our future generations. Education is the key to moving this state forward. And, I don't mean by lowering the standards in order for more kids to</p>	N	See comment 2

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		graduate. They need to be legitimately educated, not just the recipient of a high school diploma. I am disgusted that this is someones idea of improving public education in West Virginia. I am strongly opposed to the implementation of this policy.		
2017-11-15 15:00:20	Andrew Kane Student Barboursville Middle School Barboursville West	I would like the grading scale to be changed	A/S	See comment 2
2017-11-15 15:00:32	Cadence Jones BMS Barboursville WV	1	N	
2017-11-15 15:01:30	skyler adkins Policy 2510 barboursville barboursville WV	I AGREE	A/S	
2017-11-15 17:25:03	Becky Hardwick Fairmont West	I am opposed to reducing the number of credit hours required to graduate high school. I am a mother of 3 children. Currently 2 attend our county school system and the other is enrolled at a local university. The reasoning behind the change is wonderful. Great programs and classes need to be available at the school for the student to personalize their course work. The high school my eldest son graduated from did not have many elective courses. It was lacking teachers and equipment. Real enrichment classes were not available. Every elective was full. What else would be available to them? These changes move us backwards. Our students need to be able to compete outside the borders of our state. Leave the credit requirements and the grading scale alone as is.	A/C	See comment 2

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<p>2017-11-15 18:26:45</p>	<p>Eric Alan Ohio County Moundsville WV</p>	<p>Exercise and physical activity are merely movements. Physical education is the teaching of a VARIETY of lifelong activities. Allowing a physically active credit elective course to fulfill the high school PE credit requirement is not acceptable as it is simply not PE it is merely physical activity.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Comment 5: Counties will have the flexibility to allow, at their discretion, students to meet the PE requirement in a variety of ways, including JROTC, integrated PE, and certain school sponsored activities.</p>
<p>2017-11-15 20:46:35</p>	<p>Ibrahim Khan Student None Morgantown WV</p>	<p>To Whom It May Concern, Im not really sure if Im writing in the right place for this issue, but I wanted to comment on the bill for less requirements to graduate by making history an elective. You cannot just take away a core subject to make it easier to graduate. High School is about developing students with the necessary capabilities and knowledge to exceed in college. How are they supposed to do that when you are taking away such an important and necessary subject? So I ask you, please do not put this bill into effect.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>See comment 3</p>
<p>2017-11-16 09:31:47</p>	<p>Starsha Crouse Reading specialist Springfield Green Spring elem. Springfield WV</p>	<p>Our students need to know where they fit into the rest of the world. They will be expected to work in the larger world and connect with others. Social studies, when taught correctly, teaches students critical thinking skills. Its not just dates and names.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>See comment 3</p>
<p>2017-11-16 09:38:19</p>	<p>Jason Smith Huntington WV</p>	<p>Considering North Korea’s nuclear program, the emerging slave trade in places like Libya, the independence movement of Catalonia, questions of Russian interference in our sacred democratic process, and foreign investment in our state it is difficult to comprehend how our legislatures are opting to reduce the required course work in our state’s social studies curriculum. It is more than shortsighted, it is irresponsible. Yesterday’s history creates today’s conditions and also provides a road map for informed people to utilize</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See comment 3</p>

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		while navigating into the future. It is your obligation to ensure our students are well-equipped and ready to deal with a global society. Altering the state's social studies curriculum in the ways that have recently been proposed will prove to be a tremendous detriment for West Virginia's youth and subsequently the future of our state.		
2017-11-16 13:00:34	Jason Johnson Media specialist Jefferson County Schools Charles Town WV	Do not limit the number of history credits from 4 to 3. It is doing a disservice to our kids and it is eliminating jobs in the school system.	A/C	See comment 3
2017-11-16 13:17:18	Marsha Bishop Principal Fayette County Schools Mt. Hope WV	The provision that all school personnel have one non instructional day of PD on global competency and study of diversity and multicultural education should be deleted. Teachers and other school personnel have many other crucial areas that should be used for professional development. We cannot afford to use an entire day for this PD, it could be delivered in another format if needed.	N	Multicultural training is required in state code.
2017-11-16 15:52:32	David Sturm Parent Citizen Shinnston WV	As a member of my local high schools academic boosters and the LSIC, I am writing to say that I DO NOT support the states proposed changes to Proposal 2510. I certainly do not support lowering the numbers of credits required to graduate and I also do not support lowering the grading system. As a parent, I have always maintained that by lowering the expectations, we get a lower level of performance. I would encourage the WV BOE Members to NOT SUPPORT this proposal and lets keep our expectations higher as opposed to supporting an amendment that may show	N	See comment 1

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		improved metrics, but would demand less from our students.		
2017-11-17 07:53:47	Curtis Mascherino Hoops for heart state coordinator/P.E. and health WVAHPERD Man WV	Choir and other elective classes may assist in getting the students some additional movement minutes through out the school day but it can not replace the vigorous part of moderate to vigorous physical activity. It is not enough movement to elevate the heart rate high enough for some real physical benefit. The choir teachers will also lack the ability to test the kids at the end of the semester on the FitnessGram test, nor would they if they were properly trained.	N	See comment 5
2017-11-17 09:09:25	J.T. Monahan Civics and History Teacher Harrison Co. Bd. of Ed. Bridgeport WV	Congratulations on taking the easy way out in dealing with the problems of drop outs and the teacher shortage. Dumbing down our state, even farther than it already is, is not the solution. No self respecting corporation will bring jobs to a state that guts its education system the way this policy will. When it comes to solving our states difficult problems you have shown yourselves to be complete cowards, and completely unconcerned with the future of our children.	N	
2017-11-17 10:15:20	Trina Runner Teacher/Parent BHS Bridgeport WV	I feel that by lowering the graduation requirements, we are falling further behind in allowing our students to be competitive in education and in the world of work. WV already ranks among the lowest in education and on paper, this might make us look better because the graduation rates will go up, it will be detrimental to the students once they graduate and compete for jobs and attend colleges where standards are so much higher. They have proven to be able to excel at the current level and we should be increasing rigor, not decreasing it. This would also have an	A/C	See comment 2

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				as part of a standards-focused report card for families.
2017-11-17 12:47:10	Rebecca Sams Liberty High School Glen Daniel WV	<p>If we are trying to stress the importance of educational success of the students, how is lowering the grade scale (to make it easier on the students-so they do not have to strive for the best), reducing the amount of credits (so they do not have to be as accountable for their credits, making them lazier, and offering an online PE credit (where they do not need to be active when obesity is rampant in our state), going to offer them anything useful going into life after college.</p> <p>Granted, the colleges use 90-100 (A) grade scale, but you are give more responsibilities in college, and left to make your own decisions more than in high school. In addition, the work in college is meant to be harder and more involved, earning the rounder grade scale. In all education classes, colleges still use the 93-100 (A) grade scale. Therefore, if we change the grade scale in high school, the students that wish to go into education in college, will not be prepared for the shift in effort it takes to make the grade.</p> <p>By reducing the amount of credits necessary to graduate from high school, we would be enabling them to become lazier in their work habits and not be accountable for the effort it takes to ensure they reach their required credits. By requiring them to have more credits, we are teaching them how to be responsible as well as how to stay informed of what they need to graduate. If less credits are required, less effort will be put forth from the</p>	N	<p>See comment 1</p> <p>See comment 5</p> <p>See comment 2</p>

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		<p>students.</p> <p>When a child is involved in a physical education class, they are required to be active for at least an hour, which is sometimes all the physical activity that a student will do in a given day. In this state where obesity is rampant, it is imperative that we keep the physical education classes actually physical. Require the student to be present and active in the class to get the credit. Make the classes stress how important it is to be physically active. If a student is being told through an online class, how important being active is for a healthy lifestyle, the statement is dripping with irony.</p> <p>Students need to be challenged in high school to prepare them for life as an adult. Those students who are not planning on going to college still need to be aware of the responsibilities they will have and the challenges they will face. If we as educators start making life easier for them, then who will they have challenging them and encouraging them to succeed in a competitive world?</p>		
<p>2017-11-17 12:54:47</p>	<p>Andrew Ashley Physical Education Teacher Wood County Schools - Hamilton Middle School Parkersburg WV</p>	<p>If implemented by the state, this policy update stands to open the flood gate to other classes that could be considered equal to a properly taught physical education class.</p> <p>According the the Henry J. Kaiser Family foundation, one in three children in West Virginia are overweight or obese. While there is nothing wrong with show choir from a musical or performance standpoint, it does not teach students</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>See comment 5</p>

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		getting back in a healthy fitness zone. So while I understand what the policy is trying to put forth I believe we would just be expecting less of our kids at a time where we need more. Thank you for taking the time to read my feelings on the policy.		
2017-11-18 12:38:54	Andrea Friend	First, I would like to say that your online comment form is confusing. I have no idea in which box I should submit this comment, and I'm sure most people would agree. That being said, my comment is with regards to the proposal to change the grading scale to a 10-point system. In a word, YES! By all means, go with the 10-point system. It should have been done decades ago. The current system that my county has used for an eternity (which starts an A at 93%) is senseless and unfair. It simply needs to go! I am a teacher with 34 years of experience, and I've always felt the current system holds back many hard-working students and caters to the brightest. However, I am submitting these comments as a parent because that is my primary role and concern at this time. My daughter is a freshman with a record of mostly straight As. She is taking some honors classes, and the work load is tremendously demanding. I watch her immerse herself into hour upon hour of work each night and over weekends and holiday breaks, and it seems incredibly unfair that she must work even harder to achieve an A at a 93%. It's time that the WVDE puts some realistic, attainable goals into Policy 2510, and this is a good start. Give our students a 10-point grading scale, and make it mandatory in ALL county school systems. Thank you!	A/S	See comment 1

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<p>2017-11-18 20:45:15</p>	<p>Thomas A. Talerico N/A N/A Morgantown WV</p>	<p>Either I am in the wrong site or your site seeking public comment on revisions to the public education is not user friendly at all. What do all the following categories from PURPOSE to SERVERBILITY have to do with me making a comment on the purposed changes In the way of a comment on the purposed changes I feel all of the them are taking education in the wrong direction. If you are trying to dumb-down the students these changes will do. Your purposed 10 point grading scale seem to be in direct conflict to the PASS/FAIL proposal. So which of the two do you want? As a teacher or a parent--I would want neither. What I would want is as much data as possible to know exactly where the student is preforming and what level of mastery to the subject matter do they have. How does reducing credits help prepare our students for the challenges of the world of tomorrow. Your proposed change reducing the number of credits in social studies is totally misguided. The Oklahoma Council on Public Affairs study of students show that 77% didn know who the first President was or who the main architect of the Declaration of Independence was. And if those statics aren scary enough and very alarming, how about their finding that only 3% of students could pass the citizenship test. Do you not think our stents should have a basic knowledge of the history of the United States and the political system we have and how it is SUPPOSED to work. I recommend that the social studies requirement be INCREASED to at least give our students a basic understanding it.</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See comment 2 and 3</p>
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		<p>Additionally I recommend that the grading scale remain the same and standardized throughout the state</p> <p>If you wish to discuss this matter please feel free to email me at tombecky388@comcast.net.</p> <p>Thank You</p> <p>Tom Talerico</p>		
2017-11-20 10:07:26	<p>Thomas Salkovick Physical Education and Health teacher John Marshall High School Wheeling WV</p>	<p>I apologize I'm usually more diplomatic than this, but what moron came up with the idea of counting show choir as a physical education credit? Have you been walking around state with your eyes open? Have you studied the data? Do you understand the obesity problem in our county? our state? Apparently not! We should be doing so much more to fight this problem and this would just send a message we don't care at all. I'm truly disgusted with even the concept of this change!</p>	N	See comment 5
2017-11-20 12:19:23	<p>Karen Bonnett Treasurer, Past President, National Delegate, Midw WV Assoc for Health, PE, Recreation and Dance Daniels, WV WV</p>	<p>I am writing to request that this POLICY 2510 NOT be approved as it stands.</p> <p>I find it dumbfounding that in a state with the highest obesity rating and the lowest wellness rating in the nation, our WVBE would even consider lowering our standards for Physical Education for high school students. What can you possibly be thinking by wanting to allow show choir to meet the physical education requirement! Not even if the choir members perform cartwheels is this in any way physical education. Students walking to choir perform no more physical activity than students walking to math or english class! It would appear that some stakeholder has a granddaughte</p>	N	See comment 5

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		<p>who sings but doesn't want to take PE. If my students sing while participating in kickboxing, can they receive a choir credit too?</p> <p>Physical Education is for the purpose of participating in moderate to vigorous activities (after learning the basic skills) in order to develop better overall cardio vascular fitness, strength, flexibility, as well as to ward off diseases; especially those related to a high cholesterol diet along with a sedentary lifestyle as West Virginians are so prone to develop. Physical Education also develops desired work place characteristics such as; cooperation, competition, hard work ethic, respect, etc. During this past decade our schools seemed to be moving along the path toward more activity physical education classes (goals of 50% moderate to vigorous), additional physical activities integrated within the school day to enhance and promote lifelong wellness (not to replace the intense activity of physical education classes), and wellness councils to promote student, staff, and community health, wellness, and fitness activities. Now with this policy I see that we are doing a U-turn. We are endorsing LESS physical activity and NON-VIGOROUS activity to earn credit for Physical Education and all the many movements that it includes. What's next? Should we count walking to the cafeteria as PE credit? It is laughable (if it weren't so serious) that this policy you are considering actually removes middle school Health and Wellness and Moderate to Vigorous qualifications and even removes Health Education!!! What our citizens should be outraged to even see an inkling of thought to removing</p>		<p>The physical activity requirements have not changed.</p>
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		<p>Health Education as well. I mean; we have an Opioid epidemic people!!!</p> <p>Within this policy I notice some contradictory statements. For instance, 7.5.c.1 states employment of high quality teachers to implement each program of study, 7.5.c.2 states WVBE will ensure that professional staff members are working in the areas of endorsement specified on their certificate and 7.5.c.3 states that WVBE will ensure that teachers have a specific knowledge of the approved content standards for all programmatic level taught; therefore, I ask if you really think that choir teachers know, implement and are certified in physical education? We all know better than that yet 11.38 Integrated PE states that Show Choir ETC will fulfill the PE credit requirement. Please, please, please reconsider such a change to dilute the Physical Education, Wellness, Fitness, Health of our students and future citizens and work force.</p>		
2017-11-21 06:26:51	Eugenia Sever Teacher Independence High School Coal City WV	Nice rewording. Makes much more sense.	A/S	
2017-11-21 07:07:29	Eugenia Sever Teacher Independence High School Coal City WV	Nice rewording. Makes much more sense.	A/S	
2017-11-21 09:23:10	Lisa Ratliff Special Education Teacher Braxton County	Why would we reduce the number of required credits for high school? We are not preparing our students to be competitive in the real world, beginning with college. I have lived all over the	A/C	See comment 2

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	Middle School Sutton WV	world (military spouse), and we are not doing our children a favor by not challenging them.		
2017-11-21 21:22:08	Crystal Adkins Teacher AFT Rivesville Wv	126-42-5 Program Definition and Design 5.2.d Current language is the same as WV Code Â§18-2-7a. This should not be changed. 5.3.a AFT-WV suggests the addition of Education to certified Physical Education teachers. 5.4.a AFT has concerns regarding cutting graduation requirements from 24 to 21. While we support allowing students the opportunity to take courses geared toward interests and other career pathways, we would like to have clarification from the Office of School Finance as to whether lowering the requirements will affect the school aid formula funding to the counties. 5.4.c.4 AFT-WV has concerns regarding the proposal to require students be enrolled in a mathematics class each year as it could result in a conflict for students on a block schedule. 5.4.d.1 AFT-WV supports changing of the high school grading scale. However, some guidelines should be developed regarding courses with different grade level students enrolled, etc. AFT recommends that the change be for all grades beginning with 2018-19.	N A/C N A/C	See Comment 2 Counties still have the ability to accelerate students through course work additionally a large number of CTE courses contain embedded math courses which count as transition math for seniors. See Comment 1
2017-11-22 09:20:06	Katherine J. Bush Charleston WV	You specify that the scope of education is to provide a "rigorous, high quality curriculum" . By reducing the credits for high school graduation AND cutting out YET ANOTHER social studies	A/C	See comment 2 and 3

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		program, you are DOWNGRADING our curriculum to MEDICORE.		
2017-11-22 14:50:25	sherri williamson Teacher Morgantown Wv	<p>We still have problems with the delivery method for our mathematics curriculum. Until all counties are using the same delivery method (math 1,2,3 vs traditional), how can we say students should be in a math class every year? There are more options in the traditional than the math 1,2,3 version.</p> <p>Every time we get a transfer student it becomes a nightmare where to place them. They are either repeating material or not getting enough.</p> <p>Why is every county different?</p> <p>No matter what the decision is, every one should be implementing the standards through the same delivery method.</p> <p>Ten point grading scale? YES!</p> <p>Not sure where the students will go if we cut social studies teachers and reduce the electives they teach? Fewer classes each day?</p>	A/C	See comment 1 and 3
2017-11-23 10:02:08	Kim Love Ravenswood WV	I do not think that changing the grading scale or lowering the graduation requirement is beneficial to WV students. Being a parent of college student, I feel that my child was not challenged enough in high school to begin with, making college even more difficult in her first semester. Lowering the standards for students lessons the high standards that should be set for our students to prepare them	N A/C	See comment 1 See comment 2

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		for life after high school and at the next level of education.		
2017-11-23 22:16:09	Anonymous	<p>The social studies requirement should NOT change. Currently, students are required to take world history. It is important they take this course to fully understand the foundations of the world we live in. Not only that, how are they to understand Americas relations with foreign nations if they don know anything about them?? It is IGNORANT to remove world history as a requirement when students need history now more than ever. History is THE most important class students will take in their academic careers.</p> <p>Changing the policy will only hinder West Virginias economic development as you are essentially fostering stupidity by making it easier to graduate. If you want to see real change in our state, pay your teachers more and stop making it as difficult as possible for them to do their jobs.</p> <p>Keep the policy as is.</p>	A/C	See comment 3
2017-11-26 19:54:33	Yocum WV	As a Social Studies teacher myself, I believe it is important to have at least four years of Social Study credits during high school. I tell my students at the beginning of each semester “Those who do remember the past are doomed to repeat it” by George Santayana. I tell my students this quote because I believe it is important for students to understand how civilizations have developed throughout human history. Let us not forget about US Studies and US contemporary studies, these two classes are important when it comes to student learning Social Studies in high school. If you	A/C	See comment 3

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		<p>decrease the amount of Social Studies credits from four to three students will not be able to grasp the concept of how the world has come to be in the present by looking back at the past. Not only do I believe that reducing the credits for social studies is a poor choice made by our state education system. I also believe it is a way for the government to keep future generations out of politics and matters of state. The less students learn about History especially Ancient Greek, Roman, and US History the less people know of how politics is ran and how matters are dealt with in a political way. How dare politicians and so called educators try to cut social studies credits, who have probably never taught history, and think they know what is best when it comes to the value of History and learning students receive from it. Keep the social studies credit requirements at 4 and let kids learn about history, or this country will fall within the coming generations.</p>		
<p>2017-11-27 07:38:40</p>	<p>Bryan Youngblood Health and Physical Education Teacher Wood County School Marietta Ohio</p>	<p>Choir in no way, shape or form fulfills any criteria as physical activity. We are doing our students a grave disservice by allowing a Fine Arts class to be counted as a physical education requirement.</p> <p>I believe I can say this as my undergraduate degree is in Fine Arts. Fine Arts and Physical Education are an important part of education as all students should be well-rounded but the two need to be kept separate.</p>	N	See comment 5
<p>2017-11-27 08:12:30</p>	<p>Eamonn Murphy Student Morgantown High</p>	<p>This shit gay bruh</p>	N	

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2017-11-27 08:14:07	grace student haines morgantown wv	Students use the 10 point grade scale in middle school and college, not high school. High school is supposed to get you ready for college and having the 10 point grade scale is not allowing this to happen.	N	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:14:19	Charlie Petty Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	West Virginia schools should use a ten-point grading scale because that is what colleges use and what other states use.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:14:23	Maria boyce Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The change from middle to high school is very stressful, and the change of grading scale makes it worse. Also, its not fair for students to try to get into college when other students applying used the ten-point scale and therefore have a higher grade point average.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:15:30	Kaitlyn Ammons student morgantown high school morgantown wv	I am a student at Morgan town high school, i play basketball and have a very busy schedule. The ten point grading scale would help me so much and i know that it would help every other student become more successful and try harder in school because theyll know they have a greater chance at passing and getting good grades. I believe that this will also create a better atmosphere because students will be less stressed and want to learn more.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:15:41	Grace DeMarco Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I am a student at Morgantown High School and the 7 point grading scale is too hard on us. There is no consistency because the grading scale changes from middle school to high school, then from high school to college. The 10 point grading scale is a lot less stressful for us and more consistent. All of	A/S	See comment 1

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		students would really appreciate if we were able to have the 10 point tradin scale, thank you.		
2017-11-27 08:15:58	Hunter Rowe Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Lowering the grade scale would provide less stress for the student body, and would give a better environment in regards to comfort.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:16:28	Charlie Petty Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	West Virginia schools should use a ten-point grading scale because it is what colleges use and other states.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:16:35	Liam Murphy Student Morgantown High School MORGANTOWN WV	Change the grading scale. This is colusion you guys are colluding against the students of West Virginia. I donâ€™t like how I canâ€™t pass some of my classes with 91% or 92%. I hate the 7 point gradin scale. CHANGE IT, IT IS COLLUSION!!!	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:16:54	Reisan Swanger Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	Changing the grading scale to a ten point grading scale will cause less stress and give students more opportunities to get into better colleges and earn more scholarships. Stress is a very big cause of early teen suicide and lower the grading scale will help relieve some stress. Also, students getting into higher colleges from West Virginia will give them bragging rights on how good their educators and schools are.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:17:06	Allison Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	They seven point grading scale needs to be changed for students in West Virginia because it is not fair for the high school students looking into colleges and furthering their education. If a student gets a 92.3 it will appear as a B. Students in surrounding states who get a 91 will receive an A and colleges will take the higher letter grade when actually the 92.3 student got a higher percentage.	A/S	See comment 1

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		It is also a lot of stress for high school students. It is very hard to receive the grade they want with only seven point between each grade.		
2017-11-27 08:17:10	Emily laskody Student Morgantown high school Morgantown WV	While one person is one state has an 82% it is an A for them if someone in West Virginia has an 82% it is a B. That isn't fair to the atudents in West Virginia.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:17:11	Mahalie Moser student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	A change in grading school would give students a higher chance at succeeding in their academics. It would also level the playing field for students applying to colleges. Students battle constantly with stress, and their grades and a change in grading scale would give students more confidence.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:18:25	kyle morgantown highschool morgantown wv	The WV board of education is colluding against us students. As a state we have a harder time getting into college.	N	
2017-11-27 08:18:45	John McConnell Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I do think we should change the grading scale to 10 points. I also believe we should oly need to aquire 21 credits apose to the 24. It would definitely put students on track to be more successful and make us more available to be looked at by colleges. It would also help students get accepted into sed college.	A/S	See comment 1 and 3
2017-11-27 08:19:04	Mr. Underdunk Principal Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Change this stuff bruh we finna tryna let our students pass bruh. Like on my mom bruh change it swear omg.	N	See comment 1
2017-11-27 08:19:09	Aidan Workman Morgantown High school Morgantown WV	First, The change in the grading scale could be a good or bad idea. A good thing from this is Students may feel proud by getting a good score, but kids may slack off. For example say you have a	N	See comment 1

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		<p>80% which in the current high school grading scale is a C but with the change of the grading scale you would have a B. Kids might not work as hard.</p> <p>Second, The change in the requirements do go into college again would make students lazy and not work hard and we wouldn learn as much as the normal scale.</p> <p>Thankyou for reading this please consider what I have to say</p>		
2017-11-27 08:19:12	<p>Madilyn Shaffer Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>The grading scale is extremely hard to keep up with. Students are thrown into the harder grading scale from middle school which is really hard to change to. If the grading scale was lowered to a 10 point scale our grades would improve and that extra 3 points could save students from failing a class. I do not agree with cutting credits. I think that this will give kids more of an excuse to start slacking and not take their core classes as serious. Cutting these classes will also leave people without jobs and its a little disrespectful to teachers because its like saying that their subject doesnt matter. Keep the course requirements and adopt a new grading scale.</p>	<p>A/S</p> <p>A/C</p>	<p>See comment 1</p> <p>See comment 3</p>
2017-11-27 08:19:23	<p>Rainey Block Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>In my opinion, the grading scale should definitely be altered to be a ten-point scale. As a student, I have personal experience with the issues that this scale can cause. First of all, we need consistency between elementary school, middle school, high school, and college grading scales. All of the schools, including most colleges (specifically WVU, where a lot of Morgantown students are going to go) operate on a ten-point grading scale. Also, for</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See comment 1</p>

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		<p>students in middle school taking high school courses, the standards are different. In 8th grade, most students start their high school foreign language credits, and also some students start their high school math credits as well. For example, my 7th grade year I took Math 1, and in 8th grade Math 2, but the requirements for those classes to get an A were different than all my other classes. Another reason that the grading scale should be lowered is that a B for someone in West Virginia could be an A for someone from a different state, and a fail for us could potentially be a pass for them. When it comes time to apply for colleges, that would give people from other states an unfair advantage over us, because colleges would only see the GPA and letter grade, and not the percentage. This could make it seem like they did better than us when in reality the two students could have earned the same grade. This is why we should change to a 10-point grading scale.</p>		
<p>2017-11-27 08:47:33</p>	<p>Broc Oliverio Bridgeport WV</p>	<p>As a student, I think that holding students to a high standard is important. It improves the quality of students produced out of WV, thus creating a better economy in the long run. With this new society, we need to be prepared better for a more intelligent society. We can't have policies that let us slack off! That's what policy 2510 is doing by reducing the amounts of credits required. Also, as a student of the block and period schedule, I find that the block schedule is some much more rewarding. I have very challenging AP classes and block scheduling enables me to learn more and go home with less homework so that I have time for extracurricular and social/family activities. Please</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See comment 2</p>

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		donâ€™t lower the standards! I like how things are now.		
2017-11-27 10:07:01	Victoria Shrensky Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think we should change to the ten point grade scale because it would be more consistent with the middle schools and colleges. Also I think that we should keep the 24 credits instead of 21.	A/S A/C	See comment 1 See comment 3
2017-11-27 10:07:07	Aiden Boone Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The schools should switch to a 10-point grade scale because it clearly stresses students out and puts them at a disadvantage.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:07:44	Luke Bechtel High School Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The grading scale for high school students should be 90-100. WV students are at a disadvantage for scholarships. WE need to make all of the grading scales the same for college high school and middle school. The high school credits should stay at 24 credits to graduate but we should not have to take an arts or take gym if we already play a sport.	A/S A/C	See comment 1 See comment 3
2017-11-27 10:07:58	Mustafa Rai Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	Changing the grade scale would help put students in West Virginia on a more equal footing with other states when applying to colleges, as other colleges us the 10-point grading scale. It will also give a more natural transition from middle school to high school, and give students in West Virginia less stress.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:08:01	Courtney Klinr Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The 7 point scale gives students a disadvantage going from high school to colleges. We should keep 24 credits.	A/S A/C	See comment 1 See comment 3
2017-11-27 10:08:32	Michael Brown Student Morgantown	We should change the grading scale to a 10 point grading scale. We need to do this to stay consistent with elementary and middle schools. Another	A/S	See comment 1

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	Highschool Morgantown WV	reason why we should have a 10 point grading scale is so that we will have the same chances and opportunities as other states that have the 10 point grading scale.		
2017-11-27 10:08:34	Jeff Hao Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe that we need to change the grading scale to a ten-point scale. Changing the scale to a ten-point scale will have a multitude of positive effects. It would encourage students to take more honors and AP classes since they don't have to worry about failing that class. It would boost the self-esteem and self-image of students. It would achieve uniformity with the scales used in elementary and middle schools. However, I believe that graduation credits should still be maintained at 24, not 21.	A/S A/C	See comment 1 See comment 3
2017-11-27 10:09:22	Lindsey Moran Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The grading scale needs changed. The grading scale stresses high school students out when it comes to tests and or quizzes because getting a 90% on a test is a B, when you needed an A to bring your grade up. High school students are already stressed out and we don't need the grading scale on top of that. We should also only need 21 credits and not 24.	A/S	See comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 10:09:38	Evelyn Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I would like the 10-point grading scale in WV because it would keep consistency over the years through school.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:10:06	Jack Kurth student Morgantown High school Morgantown WV	The 7 point grade scale is very stressful for high school students while we already have enough stress as is. West Virginia is looked down upon and has stereotypes as is. As an example, a West Virginia kid and a kid with the ten point grade scale might both apply to the same college. The other kid will be chosen if he has all As with one 90% while the West Virginian with all As and one B with a	A/S	See comment 1

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		92%. The other kid will be chosen even though the West Virginian had the better of the percentages.		
2017-11-27 10:10:08	jeo	West Virginia schools should switch to the 10 point grading scale because it will put us on level with other states in the country when it comes to applying for colleges. The 7 point grading scale puts unnecessary stress on high school students who are taking many difficult classes.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:10:11	Sarah Eaglen Student Morgantown High Morgantown WV	The 7-point grading scale needs to be changed to a 10-point grading scale because right now, students in our state are at a disadvantage when applying to colleges. Most high schools in our country already have a 10-point grading scale, so our grades would be on the same scale as theirs when applying to college. Also, a 10-point grading scale would be consistent with the middle schools and colleges. Some eighth graders have to worry about different grading scales for different classes if they are taking high school classes early. The credit requirements should not be dropped because I think that the history credit and the extra elective credits are important for a well-rounded education and the formation of career ideas.	A/S	See comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 10:10:31	Kyra Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that by lowering the the grading scale to a ten point scale, it will have great effects! Students are stressed with high school to begin without even worrying about grades. Also most colleges use a ten point scale so there is really zero purpose in keeping the grading scale we have now.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:10:31	Katherine Pilcher Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that West Virginia should move to a 10-point grading scale because it would allow more students to pass their classes and it would make students look better to colleges. I do not think that West Virginia should only require 21 credits to graduate	A/S	See comment 1 and 3

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		because students go to school to not only learn book smarts, but about the world around them. With less social studies and electives students won have to learn as much art or history and as a result many won .		
2017-11-27 10:10:35	Henry Dupke High School Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe that this the grade scale is uneven and it should be level. High is different but it should at least have the same grading scale. The credit change from 24 to 21 is good I say. It helps other people out and it can help people out of the can't get those extra credits	A/S	See comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 10:10:46	Jiyun Lim Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The ten-point grading scale would be beneficial to high school students. It would provide consistency between middle school and college. It would also put West Virginian students at the same playing field when applying for colleges. The reduction of credits will also reduce stress for students as they won be required to take as many classes.	A/S	See comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 10:10:47	Geoffrey Swisher Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be changed to a 10 point grading scale because it helps West Virginian students be competitive with students from other states with 10 point grading scales. Also, the credits fro graduation should not be changed just to make the state look good on graduation percentages. History is a very important class and many other less important classes could be cut.	A/S	See comment 1 and 3
2017-11-27 10:10:52	Ibrahim Khan High School Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	We should change to a 10-point grading scale. It will give students like me a level playing field to get into a college and even get a scholarship. Also, their will be more consistency between the middle school grades and the high school grades. We should not change the required credits for high school graduates. You can just remove a core	A/S N	See comment 1 See Comment 2

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		subject like history from the learning curriculum. High School is about preparing students for college, so if we do not get the proper knowledge to do so, what is the point?		
2017-11-27 10:11:04	Katie Rice Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	We should get rid of the seven-point grading scale because we are at a disadvantage when trying to apply for scholarships and colleges. Also, the grading scale will be consistent between middle schools, high schools, and colleges. The number of credits needed to graduate should continue to be 24.	A/S N	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 10:11:21	Celeste Mancuso Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think that if we were to change the grade scale to the ten point grading system, not only will it relieve stress off of the shoulders of High School students, but it would also give graduates a higher chance of applying for nicer colleges. Students are already stressed enough about school work and we don need to be stressed when we see that a 92.4 is a B. Students try hard enough to bring grades up and when a 92 is keeping students away from colleges and scholarships, then we have a problem. I know that I would be so much happier to see that the class I have a 91% in right now was an A, and it would help me to see that I should try harder to keep it up. If a 90 was an A, I can promise you that a lot of students would feel better during classes, and would finally have the straight As that parents are hoping for.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-27 10:11:23	Isabel Thubron High School Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think we should keep the seven-point grade scale because it encourages students to work harder for the letter grade they desire, and when it comes to applying for scholarships and colleges, it will seem more impressive to a dean that a potential student excels academically and may increase the	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2

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		reputation of a college knowing the student body had previously excelled at a higher expectation. I also believe that we should keep the 24 credit requirement because it would be less confusing than to worry about which credits to take out and some people wouldn't be needed for work since their credit may be excluded or not desired by students leaving some without a job.		
2017-11-27 10:11:28	olivia high school student morgantown highschool	The 10 point scale would benefit students to a huge extent. If we would change it many of us students would be less stressed with trying to keep our grades between 92.5-100. Less stress is very much needed for us so that we can be more focused in class instead of stressing about the grade in said class. This would also help keep middle school kids going into high school from worrying because keeping the grades all the same throughout would make them feel more comfortable switching to a bigger school.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:11:33	Talia student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the 10 point grading scale is better because students will not have to adjust to a new grading scale after middle school. Students will also have more chances at winning scholarships to colleges when they apply because their grades are more likely to look better with the lowest A being a 90.	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 10:11:42	Austin Snitz High School Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think a 10 point grading scale would be better because it would make it consistent with middle school and college. West Virginia is also at a disadvantage now because the other states have a 10 point grading scale. A student in Kentucky could have a 92 and a student in WV would have a 92 but the WV student will get a B and the Kentucky student would get an A. Colleges would more likely	A/S	See comment 1

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		accept the student from Kentucky because they have better grades. The graduation requirements do not have an effect on me. History and an elective are not that important to me but it could help other students. It does not matter to me whether you change this policy or not.		
2017-11-27 10:11:54	Chloe Conneway Morgantown High School student Morgantown high school Morgantown Wv	The grading scale should change back to the ten point grading scale because students need to obtain a certain amount of credits to graduate. However, if one does not meet those requirements then they will not graduate on time. It's difficult for one to earn the credits if they don't do well in the required class. The grading scale is so if someone got a 80% on a test, that would be a C. Normally a 80% would be at least a low B. The grading system effects the chances of getting into good colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-27 10:12:33	Alannah Turak Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the 10 point grading scale should be adopted at the high schools, not only does it create conformity within the middle schools and collages, but it would give us the step up in trying to get to a good collage because you may have a 92 percent but with the 7 point grading scale it shows as a B for us bit for others it would show as an A. I feel as if they should keep the credits the same, I think changing it would create confusion and everyone has already learned about the 24 credits. This will also help to keep students focused and trying to achieve their goals, this will look good on collage applications also.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 10:13:35	Amelia Haddox High school student Morgantown High School	I think we should switch to the 10 point grading scale. With the 10 point grading scale, we will be on an even field with everyone else, including colleges and middle schools, as well as the people we are	A/S	See Comment 1

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		going against to get into colleges. When colleges see our report cards and they see a B is doesn show the percentage as 92% and nothing is mentioned that we have a 7 point scale which is unfair because we learn the same content as other schools around the country but when colleges see a B on our report cards it could be the same percent as an A on others. Another reason is the transition from middle school to high school would be so much easier for students if they could have the same consistent grading scale. Also, West Virginia doesn have a good reputation as everyone already knows so why would you want to make us look worse when most students get Bs and Cs on the 7 point grading scale when with 10 point those would be As and Bs. And for the 21 credit policy i think we need to keep the 24 credits, we do not need to get rid of a social study,social studies teaches us about how we got to where we are today and can be one of the most important subject to learn, it also lowers everyones expectations which will make people lazier after high school.	A/C	See Comment 2
2017-11-27 10:13:40	Maille Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Students that apply for scholarships are competing against many other applicants. Lowering the grade point scale would benefit them greatly. It would look better on transcripts and have a better chance of being accepted in to colleges and earning scholarships. The credits should lowered so that students have opportunities to take classes that interest them or to go to technical school or take college classes.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 10:16:29	Mirannda Wotring Student Morgantown High	Schools in West Virginia that are not on a 10-point grading scale should be adjusted. As a student being graded on a 7-point grading scale, I find it	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2

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	School Morgantown WV	extremely unreasonable that a student elsewhere can have the exact same number grade as I do, yet have an "A" where I have a "B". Colleges will look at West Virginia schools and think lesser of the students for having lower grades than other places. Regarding the graduation requirements, lowering the number of credits would allow students to express themselves slightly more and choosing which classes they want to take as opposed to being forced to take certain classes would encourage them to pursue the right career and enjoy the classes they take while in High School.		
2017-11-27 12:29:29	Savannah Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	i think it needs to be changed itâ€™s unfair to put the students in a highly academic school to put their students at a disadvantage because west virginia has enough strikes against it, so why make it harder for kids who actually have high goals. also itâ€™s completely unfair to the students in middle school who jump up a grade and end up feeling like a complete idiot because u have all Bâ€™s. and the graduation credits should be kept the same unless we get more freedom because people just waste the day away when they have one class and like 4 IR classes	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:29:44	Troy Anderson Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	Lower the grading scale to make it easier for students to go to college. Lower the graduation requirements to 21 from 24 to make it easier for students to go to college.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:29:49	Alan Hongpaisan Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Converting the seven point scale to a ten point grading scale, I believe a wonderful idea. High School Students in West Virginia are having to take harder steps for applying to colleges compared to other students in different states.	A/S	See Comment 1

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<p>2017-11-27 12:29:58</p>	<p>Josie Kemp-Rye Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West</p>	<p>I believe that it would be appropriate for the current 7 point grading scale to change to a 10 point grading scale, so it would be more consistent with the grading scale in elementary and middle school, and so students in West Virginia would have a fairer chance to get into college. However, it would not be beneficial to change the amount of credits required from 24 to 21. That would only cause some teachers to perhaps loose their jobs, and students not planning to go to college would learn less.</p>	<p>A/S A/C</p>	<p>See Comment 1 See Comment 2</p>
<p>2017-11-27 12:30:03</p>	<p>Emme McKnight Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West</p>	<p>I think the grading scale should be 10 point because it would help students prepare for college, and it would be consistent with the middle school scale. I also think that the credit hours should remain the same because students usually don have problems with the hours and our counselors tell us when we need more credit hours or weve reached the amount to graduate.</p>	<p>A/S A/C</p>	<p>See Comment 1 See Comment 2</p>
<p>2017-11-27 12:30:14</p>	<p>Isabella Student Morgantown High School Morgantown wv</p>	<p>I think that having the ten-point grading would improve grades and make it easier for students to adapt to high school. It would also make the grading scale the same all throughout the students education. I think that the credits going down to 21 is a good idea so its not as difficult for students to get 24 credits.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See Comment 1 and 2</p>
<p>2017-11-27 12:30:31</p>	<p>Corbin Mains Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West</p>	<p>The 7 point grading scale is almost entirely irrelevant, and only makes it harder for students in our state to get equal letter grades as other states. In our colleges they use the 10 point grading scale, so why high schools would be the only level to use the 7 point grading scale is beyond me. As for the graduation requirements it seems like changing the</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See Comment 1, 2 and 3</p>

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		credits from 24 to 21 would just make students less educated in Social Studies.		
2017-11-27 12:30:49	Corder Helmick Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think West Virginia high schools should run on a ten-point grading scale. This would give students an even playing field for getting into colleges. Students would be less stressed and freaked out about their grades. I don't have a problem with the amount of credits required and wouldn't care if that was changed	A/S	See comment 1
2017-11-27 12:31:09	Ethan Smith Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the grading scale should be on a ten point grading scale. The credit requirements should be lowered from twenty four to twenty one credits because college is hard and long enough.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:31:09	Ethan Smith Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the grading scale should be on a ten point grading scale. The credit requirements should be lowered from twenty four to twenty one credits because college is hard and long enough.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:31:20	Aiden student Morgantown highschool Morgantown West	I would greatly agree with the switch to the 10 point grading would greatly benefit students when applying to colleges and reducing student stress. However, I would strongly disagree with the reduction of one social studies credit and two electives credits would be unfounded due to most students enjoying electives which generally enrich a student's educational experience.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 3
2017-11-27 12:31:26	Nicole Liang Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe that the 10 point grading scale is a necessary reform in schools. The change will help students be on the same scale as students from other states, and it will also help ensure consistency in the school system, as the middle school and the colleges will use the 10 point grading scale. It will also help reduce the pressure	A/S	See Comment 1, 2 and 3

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		on students, allowing them to get As easier than with the 7 point grading scale. However, I believe that the change in the number of credits to graduate is not a good idea. It is important for students to be able to explore what they may want to do in their life and choose what classes they want to take, so taking away two elective credits will limit what a student can do. Taking away a history credit will severely limit the understanding students have of the world as well as many critical thinking skills.		
2017-11-27 12:31:40	Jenna Ruckle student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think the grading scale should transition to ten point. It would make it more consistent from middle school to college, making it easier for students. West Virginia students would have a better looking resume if the grading scale was larger. Although, the graduation requirements should stay the same. All the classes required for the 24 credits are important, why take away from that?	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:32:19	abigail shubert student morgantown high school morgantown wv	I think the current grading scale should be changed to a 10 point grading scale because, it would equalize the opportunity with our students and students of other states when applying for college. I also think that lowering the credits isn a bad idea but I would rather have more options for classes.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:32:19	Reece Taylor Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that it should be a ten point grading scale because it would be much more fair and consistent to that of other states. It is not fair to students from West Virginia that a 92 on their resume is worse than a 90 on a students from other states. Also, I know from experience that as a middle school student it is hard to keep track of two different grading scales if you are taking high	A/S	See Comment 1

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		school level classes. Changing the grading scale would make grades more uniform and fair, and it would prepare us better for college since colleges also use 10 point grading scales.		
2017-11-27 12:32:42	Jennifer Lovett Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the seven-point grading scale makes current WV students have more trouble getting into colleges. I believe the ten-point grading scale would be more constant and would make it so WV students would get a more fair chance with colleges and job opportunities. The college credits should be lowered to 21 instead of 24 so that students would not have to stress as much about all the credits they need to have to graduate.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:32:58	Natalya Adams Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The grading scale in West Virginia should be a consistent 10 point scale. Middle school an elementary go off the 10 point scale. West Virginia students will have more of a chance to be accepted to college once the scale is the same. The credits should not be changed from 24 to 21, it should stay the same. It serves as a bare minimum and is there for us to succeed. Lowering it would push a student to succeed nearly as well and effectively as it does now.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:33:16	Jack Pownall Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The seven point grading scale should be changed to a 10 point grading scale. Students in middle school have been blessed to have a ten point grading scale and then in high school things change drastically. This causes stress and allows student to not perform well in their classes. The ten point grading scale also makes it harder for students to apply to colleges. If schools would change the seven point grading scale, you would see grades going up and better performances from students. I personally	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2

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		like the graduation requirements should stay the same. Students need to be challenged a little bit.		
2017-11-27 12:33:17	Kennedy Young Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be changed to a 10-point grading scale. This would make it easier for residents of West Virginia to make it into college because colleges only see the GPA of high school students. If a student gets a 91%, their GPA will be lowered. They should also keep the number of credits required to graduate because standards should not be lowered. By lowering the number of credits, we allow those who would otherwise not deserve to pass.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:33:44	Lilli Criser Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Yes please! This policy sounds fantastic. Ive been struggling in some of my classes with 91% and 92% and getting Bs when I believe I deserve an A. I work very hard and take challenging classes but I think the grading scale is just plain unfair. I would have to get a very high A to bring my semester average to an appealing number for colleges. I plan on going to a very exclusive college and if I have a B, Im not sure Id be happy with my results. Im so glad that now I have the chance to level my playing field with those of other states. Ill be able to have the same chances they do. I don think I can agree with the lowering of required college credits, though. I don believe that we should be lowering our standards and possibly placing a limit on our knowledge. Some colleges require them anyway. I would take advantage of every learning opportunity possible.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:33:50	Hunter Schaefer Student Morgantown High	The current grading scale makes it harder for students in WV to get into a good college compared to a student in a different state. I agree with hanging the grading scale to a ten point	A/S	See Comment 1

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	School Morgantown WV	system. Changing this scale to a ten point grading system would make it easier to the transition from middle school to high school then to college. Changing the the amount of credits for students might not be the best idea but it could have a giant impact on the students. Some student already have most of their credits in their junior year. With this change students could graduate early.	A/C	See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:33:51	Brooks Pirrong student MHS Morgantown WV	I don think that the 12 point grading scale is a good idea, A 92% in WV is a B in north Carolina its an A this gives WV students a disadvantage when looking at college	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-27 12:33:53	Arjun Vijay Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think we should change the grading scale to a 10-point grading scale. This will grant students more leeway to have an A or B. The three points may not seem like a lot at first but in retrospect to the greater scheme of things it causes students from West Virginia who may have a better grade than a student from for ex: North Carolina, making the student from WV(West Virginia) look worse than the NC(North Carolina) student. These 3 points are also a big stress factor, students who are more stressed tend to be more forgetful, and when the student forgets their homework it will cause a big drop in their grades. I think the credits are fine as 24.	A/S N	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:34:02	Giorgianna Heiko Student Morgantown High school Morgantown West	The grading scale should be a 10-point grading scale. This will help West Virginias students potentially get into better colleges with a better education. This will also help boost West Virginias poor reputation of having a bad education system since all people look at are the letter grades. However, I think the credits needed for graduating high school should stay at 24. West Virginian	A/S N	See Comment 1 See Comment 2

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		students should not have their education hampered in any way, so they should learn as much as possible before stepping into the next stages of their lives.		
2017-11-27 12:34:52	Maggie Goodwin Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	AS a student, I believe that the grading scale should go by 10 points. In middle school I took high school classes and it was a very difficult transition for me to go from a 10 point grading scale to a 7 point grading scale. Having a 7 point grading scale makes it harder for West Virginia students to get scholarships and also to get into college. Other schools in the country have 10 point grading scale and colleges look at the letter grade and they might see the grade as an "A even though the student from a different state has a 92%. While for West Virginia students, they might look at our letter grade and see a "B" although we have a 92% just like the other student from a different state. Although, I do not think that they should change the credits from 24 to 21 because we should not lower our expectations to todays society. Todays society wants things to be easy, but things in the real world are not always easy so, we should not give into that. By leaving the graduation requirements to 24 credits, it pushes students to work harder in all of their classes.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2
2017-11-27 12:34:58	Lexi Guthrie Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The seven-point grading scale is stressful for students. At the end of each semester a lot of pressure is on students because theyâ€™re trying to raise their 84.4% C up one percent all though the teachers already put in all grades, although in other states, elementary schools, and middle schools participate in the ten-point grading scale. For eighth graders going into high school, or while they	A/S	See Comment 1

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		take a creditable class in middle school is not consistent. The ten-point scale would be helpful to all West Virginian students attending a high school. The state of West Virginia should not lower the credits to graduate high school, that would be lowering our expectations. College courses still require four years of Social Studies. Therefore, student would be missing a credit.	A/C	See Comment 2
2017-11-27 12:35:31	Cody Hawkins Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the grading scale should be a 10 point grading scale, because it could bring up grades so that some students don't have to do that grade again. It could benefit the students and the staff. I think that the graduation qualifications should stay the same as they are now, I mean you might change the grading scale so that should be enough for them, students should not be able to get out that early, and some colleges want 4 years of social studies, do what are they going to do when you take out social studies and other credits they need.	A/S	See Comment 1 and 3
2017-11-27 12:39:22	Gabrielle Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I feel like the grading scale change would be an improvement for all students. Students go from a 10 point scale in middle school to a 7 point scale in high school and back to a 10 point scale for college. Changing the scale gives students a better opportunity at getting into a good college and give students a higher chance of getting a scholarship to help earn money for college. The graduation requirement should not change to 21 credits from the 24 credits because if you do that high school is going to be technically easier for future students. Even though World History could still be a class it would take up your Study Hall class instead of letting that class be for other classes that are not required. Some professions that students	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2

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		<p>will be going into need to have the history from your world history class. Also most if not all of the colleges in the country require that you have four years of history class and certain colleges require that you had a certain amount of elective classes. Most students will not check to see what colleges require until the end of junior year or at the beginning of the senior year so the students will not have enough classes to get into the colleges that they want to apply for.</p> <p>The grading scale change is a good idea for students in high school so they can have a consistent scale all throughout their education and the graduation requirement is not a good idea and they need to keep the 24 credits because if you change that you are just letting the students know that you don believe that they can get the 24 credits for themselves so you changed it to 21.</p>		
2017-11-27 16:02:19	Jonathan Pollock Principal, MTEC Mon County Schools Morgantown WV	<p>I am in favor of the proposed changes to policy 2510. I do not believe it drops the rigor in WV's graduation requirements. In fact, two of the credits that are being proposed to be dropped are electives. This allows students the freedom to choose other courses of interest, and in many cases afford the student a chance to engage in more, higher-level CTE courses. This would be great for Career preparation and WV.</p>	A/S	See Comment 2
2017-11-27 18:58:12	Reisan Swanger Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	<p>Changing the grading scale to a ten point grading system will cause less stress and give students more opportunities to get into better colleges and earn more scholarships. Stress is one of the main causes of early teen suicide and lower the grading scale will help relieve some stress. Also, students getting into bigger colleges from West Virginia will</p>	A/S	See Comment 1

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		give them bragging rights on how good our educators and schools are. There is no point in having a different grading scale for high school, when it goes back to the ten point scale, students used in middle school, in college. It is not preparing students for college any better, but causing more stress than is needed.		
2017-11-28 10:05:46	Tom Bayless CTE Director/Principal Nicholas County Career and Technical Center Craigsville WV	Please adopt Policy 2510 as presented. The proposed changes will increase student awareness of the 16 career clusters, provide greater opportunities for students to attend and complete Career-Technical Programs of Study leading to a nationally recognized industry credential, and help eliminate the stigma following career-technical education. Listed in Program Definition and Design (126-42-5) are the specific policy changes that I'm referring to.	A/S	
2017-11-28 10:21:59	Audra Hurley Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The grading scale should be a 10 point scale because it would put us on level with other states. The 7 point scale also decreases scholarship opportunities to student who are having to use the 7 point scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:21:59	Jenna Walsh student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think the grading scale should be a 10-point grading scale because it would give us, as students a higher chance of getting better college applications. It would also be at level with the middle school grading scale and it would leave students less stressed out about reaching college expectations.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:22:01	Patrick Koon Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I agree with the decision to change the grading scale to a 10 point scale because it will put us on an even playing field for scholarships with out of state competition.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 10:22:03	Kylie Deavers student Morgantown High School morgantown west	I think we should have a 10 pt grading skill because we are equal with other schools when competing for scholarships. I think the graduation requirements should be left the same.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-28 10:22:16	Ian wimmer Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	It should change because it needs to be the same as all schools on the state	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:23:04	Olivia Atkins Student Morgantown High School Morgantown Wv	I think the grading scale should be a 10 point scale because if someone has a 92 percent compared to people from another state with a 90 percent their A compared to our B will give them an advantage with a scholarship, but in reality the 92 percent is higher than the 90 percent.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:23:51	Natalie Barry- Cervantes Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Being a student I find this current grading scale unfair. Not only am I at an immediate disadvantage to all students outside of West Virginia but it presents a new amount of stress on every student because its harder to achieve an B or even a A.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:23:54	Payton Haas Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	We should definitely have a ten point grading scale. Other schools in other states have the ten point grading scale and they have an advantage when applying to colleges. Also this could affect students applying for scholarships.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:23:57	Ethan Rhodes Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe we should switch to a 10 point grading scale because we are behind into getting into college compared to other states. An example would be a student getting a 92 in West Virginia and it being a B. Compared to a student in North Carolina who gets a 91 but has an A. This holds West Virginia students behind.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 10:23:57	Dylan Howard Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The Grading scale should be changed to the ten point grading scale. The middle schools are at a ten point grading and then they stress about the different grading scale when they get to high school. The colleges also use the ten point grading scale and the middle school so yes the high schools should use it as well.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:23:59	Grace Student Morgantown high school Morgantown WV	I think the grading scale should be a 10 point grading scale because we should be equal to the rest of the country.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:24:09	Joseph Thompson Student Morgantown High school Morgantown wv	I believe the grading scale needs to be a 10 point grade scale, because of scholarships. All the people that give the scholarships all they see is if its an a or b or c or d or whatever else you would get. So if it is easier to get an A it will put us on an equal playing field. And uniformity throughout the school system with grade school to high school to have the same grading school.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:24:21	Hayley student Morgantown Highschool Morgantown wv	I feel that changing the grading scale to the ten-point grading scale should happen. Doing this would get rid of the disadvantage of students applying to colleges using this the 1 point grading scale. It would also made it so that the grading scale would be the same from elementary school to college.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:24:28	Azain Uqaily Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	1) The 10 point grading scale is the optimum grading scale to be used. This is because if everyone else is using it then why aren we? Also, the students can lay off a little as As will be more achievable. 2) Graduation requirements should remain the	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2

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		same because I think it is perfect just the way that it is.		
2017-11-28 10:24:33	John McCoy Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the grading scale should be changed to a 10 point grading scale because colleges just look at the letter grade. So when they review my grades for a scholarship my grades could be seen as worse even when they are better. For example if I have a 92 in a class, which is now a B, someone for another state could have a 90 but be seen as an A, which would be seen as better when it is not.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:24:41	leslie Gansore student Morgantown high school morgantown west	The grading scale should be changes to the 10 points scale because we would have an equal playing field to get scholarships and it would also decrease the number of students failing to graduate.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:24:45	Olivia Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The 10 point grading skill should be implemented into WV schools. By providing a 7 point grading skill, students strive and do their absolute best yet are left with an impaired GPA from an 92% (a current B in West Virginia) yet, another student from a different state has an improved GPA from a 90% A, a lower grade.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:25:05	Amy Deasy Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The seven point grading scale is unfair. As a student at Morgantown High School I want to have the same chance of getting into collage as anyone else. Its also very stressful having to adjust from middle school then adjust again for collage.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 10:25:54	Aaron Thomas Mathew Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	To be honest I think that we should have a 10 point grading scale because we will have the same advantages the students in North Carolina per say, and we won have any disadvantages with scholarship applications.	A/S	See Comment 1

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<p>2017-11-28 10:26:23</p>	<p>Jackson Snyder Student Morgantown High School Morgantown, WV West</p>	<p>I like and would appreciate the ten point grading scale if we were to switch to it. With the seven point grading scale if someone was to get a 92.4 they would end up with a B, when a student in a state where they use a ten point grading scale would have an A. Also if a college was to look at the grades when picking kids that can go to their school, if a student from West Virginia was to have got multiple 92.4s or almost As on a seven point grading scale and they were being compared to a student from a state with a ten point grading scale that got the same grades, the college would be more likely to pick the student from the state that used the ten point grading scale.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See Comment 1</p>
<p>2017-11-28 10:26:29</p>	<p>Jack Prokopchuk Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>Why is that the state has placed a disadvantage on their own students in West Virginia? The grading scale should definitely be changed to the 10-point scale. My GPA is currently being affected by the seven point scale. My grade in an AP course was a 92, though would've been an A, making my GPA 4.2, it was a B, making my GPA stay at a 4.0. Our state's students should have the chance to be equally competitive for colleges as other states in the country. Thank you.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>See Comment 1</p>
<p>2017-11-28 10:38:49</p>	<p>Lundy Bailey Graphic Design Instructor Nicholas County Career and Technical Center Craigsville WV</p>	<p>Please adopt Policy 2510 as presented. The proposed changes will increase student awareness of the 16 career clusters, provide greater opportunities for students to attend and complete Career-Technical Programs of Study leading to a nationally recognized industry credential, and help eliminate the stigma following career-technical education. Listed in Program Definition and Design are the specific policy changes that I'm referring to.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	

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<p>2017-11-28 10:47:06</p>	<p>Miranda Kessler Health Science Education Instructor Nicholas County Career and Technical Center Richwood WV</p>	<p>Ã- Please adopt Policy 2510 as presented. The proposed changes will increase student awareness of the 16 career clusters, provide greater opportunities for students to attend and complete Career-Technical Programs of Study leading to a nationally recognized industry credential, and help eliminate the stigma following career-technical education. Listed in Program Definition and Design are the specific policy changes that I'm referring to.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	
<p>2017-11-28 10:48:42</p>	<p>J Kent Kessler Bus Operator Nicholas County BOE Richwood WV</p>	<p>Ã- Please adopt Policy 2510 as presented. The proposed changes will increase student awareness of the 16 career clusters, provide greater opportunities for students to attend and complete Career-Technical Programs of Study leading to a nationally recognized industry credential, and help eliminate the stigma following career-technical education. Listed in Program Definition and Design are the specific policy changes that I'm referring to.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	
<p>2017-11-28 10:54:40</p>	<p>Ceresa Pettit Instructor Fayette Institute of Technology Oak Hill WV</p>	<p>Policy 2510 proposed changes will greatly benefit students to allow them to better manage their schedules to provide for an improved plan of action to meet their career goals. The vast majority of my students further their education in the healthcare field, with the change in the number of required graduation credits more students that are planning to become healthcare providers will be able to take the health science courses in the CTE setting. This will better prepare students to transition into higher education.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	<p>Comment 2</p>
<p>2017-11-28 11:34:13</p>	<p>Brian Sp. Ed. Teacher</p>	<p>I am glad to see the changes in policy 2510. I am especially glad to see the middle school students must now focus career exploration.</p>	<p>A/S</p>	

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	Richmond OAK HILL WV			
2017-11-28 11:38:52	Dennis McGraw Parent Mt. hope WV	I am very supportive of the changes to policy 2510. I support the reduction of required graduation credit and increased flexibility that will help students attend and succeed at CTE centers throughout the state.	A/S	See Comment 2
2017-11-28 11:41:00	Gary Chapman Parent WV	I am supportive of the changes to policy 2510. I support the reduction of required graduation credit and increased flexibility that will help students succeed and attend at CTE centers throughout the state.	A/S	See Comment 2
2017-11-28 12:18:57	jaheim student morgantown high school morgantown WV	I think that the grading scale should be a 10 point because yall make things to hard and to dumb to be honest	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:19:31	madelyn student Morgantown Highschool Morgantown West	The grading scale should be changed to the ten-point grading scale because it would put less stress on students and would be fair for students who want to attend collage.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:19:32	Sophia Brown Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the grading scale should be changed to 10 points because it would give students an equal opportunity to get into colleges based on their grades.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:19:44	Emma Kupec Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be a 10 point grading scale because it allows for equal competition between students of other states when applying to colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 12:20:02	Miles Case Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think the grading scale should be reverted back to a ten point because it is unfair when applying to college, because a student with a 92 would have a B and a student with a 90 would have an A.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:27	Madeline Roman Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be a 10-point scale because it would allow for an even playing field for students when they are applying to colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:34	Mikayla Oldham Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the grading scale should be a 10 point because it is more fair when applying to college and it is consistent with middle schools and colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:37	Chloe Thorne Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The grading scale should be changed to a ten point scale because it is more fair when applying for colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:40	Chloe Powers Student Morgan town High School Morgan town WV	I believe that we should have a 10 point grading scale. I think this because this would make it easier when applying to colleges. Also this would make it easier for students that have trouble in class to get better grades.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:45	Anushka Pathak Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think the grading scale should be changed to 10 point scale because it stresses a lot of the students out.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:20:48	Joshua Salisbury student Morgantown High	I think the ten-point grading scale is a great idea. This will result in less stress on the students.	A/S	See Comment 1

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	School Morgantown WV			
2017-11-28 12:20:58	Sojung Park Student Morgantown Highschool Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be changed to a 10 point system. Grades have obviously dropped while using the 7 point system.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:00	Noah Pocius Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	We should change the seven point grading scale to a ten point grading scale because colleges use the ten point grading scale and would put us on a even playing field.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:07	Quincy Thornton Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	You should change it because it would make it more beneficial to students trying to get into college. It would make it easier to graduate	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:08	Olivia McGee Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grade point scale should be a 10 point scale because then the transition from middle school to high school a lot easier because you would not have to worry about the change in the grading scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:14	Sachin Thaker Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be switched to one of ten-points because it allows West Virginia students to be at par with those from other states when applying to colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:17	Savannah Williams student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think the 10 point grading scale is the best grading scale to use for the students of WV. The 10 point grading scale would help not stress the students as much.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 12:21:19	Emma Reeder Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe the grading scale should be moved to a 10 point because it allows consistency between high school and college.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:25	Emily McCutcheon Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I think a ten point grading scale is a great idea because students will work harder and be more successful.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:53	Joshua Page Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I believe that the grading scale should be altered from a seven-point scale to a ten-point scale. The ten-point scale will help when it comes to applying to colleges. In North Carolina, a ninety two percent is an A, but in West Virginia, it is counted as a B. Colleges can not see the grade percentage, they can only see the letter grade. This puts students in West Virginia at a disadvantage when it comes to being accepted in to colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:21:56	Michael Townsend Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	The grading scale should be change to a 10-point grading scale because it does not make sense that Elementary School, middle school, and college all use a 10-point grading scale, yet high school is different. Not to mention that the tougher grading scale would also make it less fair when being compared to other states that use 10-point scales, as an A for them would be a B for us.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:02	Carson Poffenberger Student Morgantown High School	I think that the grading scale should be 10 points because when you go from middle school to high school, it is extremely stressful to go from the 10 point one to the 7 point one. On top of that, the transition is absolutely worthless and benefits the students in no way.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 12:22:03	Berit J Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The 10 point grading scale is a must for West Virginia. Without it, students are not in the same "playing field" for college scholarships and academic awards as students in other states.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:18	Angela Liu Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I firmly believe that the grading scale should be changed to a ten-point grading scale. The entire purpose of high school is to prepare a individual for higher education and most students choose to go to college; in colleges, the ten-point scale is in use. The ten point grading scale should also be used in high schools to prepare for college. The transition to high school is already difficult, and forcing adolescents to move to a 7 point scale is unfair and too much of a burden.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:32	Hailey McClain Student MHS Morgantown Wv	The ten-point grading scale would make it equal for students who are applying to national scholarships. Currently they are competing with students who are already on this scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:49	Otto Klinke Student Morgantown high school Morgantown WV	I think that we should lower the grading scale because it will even out the grading scale between middle school and high school.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:51	Jackson Dobbs Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I believe the grading scale should be a 10 point scale because, students are expected to be successful and the best of the best but this is nearly impossible for some individuals because they feel that there isn a chance for them to make a good grade. This is because of the putrid 7 point scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:22:58	Matthew Barricelli Student Morgantown	I believe the grading scale should be brought down to the 10 point scale not because it makes it easier for students but because it will improve our life as students. Changing the grading scale will not	A/S	See Comment 1

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	Highschool Morgantown West	change the work teachers give so students will still be doing the same work but will receive a slightly different grade. Changing the grading scale to 10 point will majorly reduce the stress students face with the current scale. Making the change will also help us have an equal opportunity to get into in state and out of state colleges.		
2017-11-28 12:23:03	Amanda Wang Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The 10 point grading scale would be extremely beneficial to the students in West Virginia. College admission officers do not look at percentages, instead, they look at the letter grade. Having a higher percentage but still having the same letter grade would not affect how colleges view the prospective student. Yet, Monongalia County still follows the 7 point grading scale which makes it more difficult for students to be admitted into colleges. In order to improve admission rates to a students dream school, it would be beneficial to change to the 10 point grading scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 12:24:20	Brandon Lohmann Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe that the grading scale should be a 10-point grading scale. If a student from North Carolina and a student from West Virginia take the same exact class in their senior year. The student from North Carolina gets a 90% in the class while the student in West Virginia gets a 92% in the same class. The student in North Carolina will receive an A in the class while the student from West Virginia will get a B. The seven-point grading scale is unfair to students in West Virginia and is setting them up to fail. We need to come to our sense and change the grading scale to a 10-point grading scale. However, I do believe that the credits should stay at 24. If the credits go to 21, this takes out a much needed world history class. The other 3 required classes are	A/S	See Comment 1 and 2

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		all about American history and not world. It is very important to change the scale to a 10 point grading scale and keep the graduation credits at 24.		
2017-11-28 12:26:09	Kyle Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The seven point grading scale is extremely detrimental to the state of West Virginia whose graduation rates and college entrance levels are quite low. Lowering the scale along with graduation requirements would allow more students to enter higher education and with time, take jobs and bring back needed revenue to the state of West Virginia. With already present education disadvantages, a 10 point grading school would allow more kids to get college educations and higher paying jobs in the future.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:05:19	Eric Tennant Educator Vienna WV	In regard to Policy 2510. This is assanine! We, in our state ans country are in an epidemic situation of overweight, obesity Type II diabetes and many other anommilies brought in by inactivity and poor nutrition! Walking is the same as running! It does nothing for stride length, stride frequency or explosive strength. Walking does not even adequately put one through the three energy systems of the body. Previous decisions like, such as removing daily Physical Education class, has exasperated the poor health of our students and increased the cost of good health. Another by-product of not having healthy students is poor test grades and diminished ability to learn! Movement is the Foundation of Memory and Learning!!! Why should we continue to have Language Arts classes? If a student has conversations during the school day, wouldn't that count for that class? This policy has and will hurt our students. If you are genually interested in our students, you would strengthen	N	See Comment 4

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		<p>this policy, not diminish/weaken it. I am also a BOE member of Wood Co. Please reconsider this terrible assumption that this change in the policy is beneficial to students. IT IS NOT!!!! If you want any further information on this topic, please contact me.</p>		
<p>2017-11-28 13:19:36</p>	<p>Nicole Nastasi Health Education Teacher Monongalia County Schools Morgantown WV</p>	<p>Ive read over policy 2510 and it seems to show some drastic changes in Middle School for Physical Education and Health. The way the policy reads, Middle School Health education will be phased out completely. This would be a huge mistake for the students in the state of West Virginia. Health Education should have a large emphasis in schools. We have a state with major health concerns. The drug epidemic, the obesity epidemic, and the mental/emotional health concerns are just a few. By eliminating Health education we will put our students at a great disadvantage. The need for health related careers will suffer as well in West Virginia as this is where students get a base knowledge of the different professions they can pursue. Also, health teachers like myself will be forced out of the profession. Health Education and Physical Education are extremely important among all ages in education especially in the state of West Virginia where national trends show that our overall health performance is low compared to other states.</p>	N	See Comment 4
<p>2017-11-28 13:20:06</p>	<p>David Chamberlin Instructor Fayette Institute of Technology Oak Hill WV</p>	<p>No comment</p>	N	

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<p>2017-11-28 13:25:10</p>	<p>Keith Riggle Social Studies Department Chairperson Magnolia High School New Martinsville WV</p>	<p>In reference to the proposed policy changes, the reduction of social studies required credits from 4-3 would have a negative effect on the student body as a whole. The current 4 credit requirement allows for students to receive a credit for Civics during their senior year. In order to be informed, educated citizens on public issues and basic rules and functions of government students must have a requirement for a civics course. While, I do think the reduction of the credit totals for graduation allows for increased opportunity for students to explore additional courses, sacrificing social studies will have a negative effect. Social studies requirements have been reduced too much already. As a social studies teacher who sees the lack of student knowledge and understanding of government and civics, I ask that the requirements be left at 4. Thank you for your time in reading my comments.</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See Comment 3</p>
<p>2017-11-28 13:33:39</p>	<p>Richard Tench Counselor St. Albans High School St. Albans WV</p>	<p>I do not wish to comment to the proposed policy at the moment; rather, wish to inquire why school counselors seem virtually eliminated from this process (we are not even allotted a box to identify our roles). Having a comprehensive school counseling program and having full-time school counselors are critical to the implementation of policy 2510 and our knowledge of this document is vital to success of all students; yet, it appears that school counselors are not even included in stakeholder conversations. As the president of the West Virginia School Counselor Association I feel it right to voice my concern that school counselors are not always provided a seat at the table or a voice in the conversation. Making changes to Policy</p>	<p>N</p>	

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		2510 directly impact how we approach college and career readiness and planning with our high school students and because of the critical role we play (some even playing the role of VP/Counselor) I am asking that we begin to have a seat at the table in the future, especially when it has such great implications for our role in the school and for our students.		
2017-11-28 13:58:37	Catherine Wassick Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Changing to the 10 point grade scale would give us students a fair advantage when applying to college or for a scholarship.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:58:40	Annalisa Echard Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The 7 point grading scale should be changed to 10 point to keep consistency throughout a students educational career. It will also give an equal playing field for students who are applying to colleges against students from other states.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:58:41	Madara Hazen students Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Having a ten point grading scale will level the playing field for WV students in getting in to collages.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:06	Tom student Morgantown High School Morgantown serio	boi the 7 point grade scale is dumb and i want good grades	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:17	Annalise Haines Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the seven point grading scale is not beneficial to students in West Virginia. No other state uses it and when it comes to colleges our grades could look worse from it. West Virginia needs to go back to a ten point grading scale as soon as possible.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 13:59:21	Isaac DeBastiani Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	Growing up in a private school that used the 7 point grading scale, I can safely say that it is was one of the worst thing about school. Now that there a chance to change it I hope we can change it, it makes it easier for people to transition to college	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:29	Griffith Bihun Students Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the 10 point grading scale is a better idea to make WV students more competitive in applying to colleges. This will increase the number of scholars that are from WV ultimately giving the state a better name with resources to back it up.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:54	Alexandra Hagood Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	It does not seem very logical for West Virginia to be on a seven point grading scale. The scale puts our students at a disadvantage when it comes to scholarships and college applications because students in other states have ten point grading scales. Colleges also operate on a ten point scale, which renders a seven point scale in high school almost completely useless.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:56	Carlie Ross Student Morgantown High School Morgantown Wv	My opinion on this 7 point grading scale is I believe if it was changed it would give students a fair chance at getting in to collages. The 7 point grading scale in my opinion does not give us students a fair chance for collages, scholarships, and much more. Middle school, collage,and elementary school uses the 10 point grading scale. I think it would only be fair if the board of education changed the scale from 7 to 10 for the Benefit of all students for a fair chance at education.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 13:59:57	Zocarra Campbell Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I think that the seven point grading scale is unacceptable. We have a ten point grading scale for all our school life until high school then it changes and goes back to ten in collage.	A/S	See Comment 1

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2017-11-28 14:00:07	Kamille McArdle student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	Using the seven-point grading scale put us at a disadvantage for scholarships. We use the ten-point in middle school, then switch to the seven-point grading scale, then return to the ten-point when/if we go to college. All the switching is not needed and pointless, all it does it weigh more stress on students then it needs to.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:07	Brittany McDonald Student Morgantown Highschool Morgantown West	There should be a 10 point grading scale because students souldn go through the stress of using the 10 point scale, then going to a 7 point scale, and going back to the 10 point grading scale.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:08	Joseph Norris Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	As a student in West Virginia I believe we should change the grading scale to 10 points. The 7 point grading scale puts us at a huge disadvantage when it comes to applying for colleges and scholarships. Since students in other states that use a 10 point scale will have an unfair advantage over us.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:09	Isa Student Morgantown High School Morgantown Wv	As a Student who would like to go to schools like NYU and USC I feel pressured to get nothing but A, but that can be very hard with the 7 point grading scale. Many people choose WVU as a safety schools and end up going to it because the grading scale wouldn't allow them to go anywhere else and WVU is already in very bad debt and if more college students had the chance to go else where our state wouldn't be in such bad debt	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:13	Ashlynn Napier Student Morgantown High School Morgantown West	I bleive that is we have a 7 point grading scale it will affect our grades when we graduate and the scholarships we can earn. Other school from other places have the benefits of graduating with a great GPA. Other schools have a 10 point grade school. I think a 10 point would definitely be better. Also with the scholarships other people could get them	A/S	See Comment 1

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		<p>before MHS students just because our grade school. So i see it as a very big disadvantage to us!!!!</p>		
<p>2017-11-28 14:00:16</p>	<p>Branden Education stuff MHS Morgantown WV</p>	<p>I like what you e doing. If you e going to take a credit out, then make it gym.</p>	N	
<p>2017-11-28 14:00:19</p>	<p>Cole Domansky Student Morgantown Highschool Morgantown WV</p>	<p>I believe I am put at a great disadvantage by the 7 point grading scale, because of this grading scale I am not going to be able to receive a scholarship for college and that brings me great angst and sadness.</p>	A/S	See Comment 1
<p>2017-11-28 14:00:27</p>	<p>Noah Marner Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>I certainly think that the state board should change the grading scale to 10 points. If a student from West Virginia had a 92, and a student from another state that currently has the 10 point grading scale in affect has a 91. The student from the other state would have an A and the student from West Virginia would have a B, even though the student from West Virginia had a higher point grade. When applying to college, the student from the other state would look better, even though they have a lower point grade.</p>	A/S	See Comment 1
<p>2017-11-28 14:00:40</p>	<p>Peter Luo Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>I think that the 10-point-scale should be adopted by the WVBOE.</p> <p>-The current 7-point grading scale puts students from West Virginia at a disadvantage when applying for colleges. If a student from West Virginia gets a 92 in a class and a student from another state that uses the 10-point grading scale gets a 91, the student from the other state will be more favored since it displays that he/she received an A in that class, even though he/she did worse in that class than the West Virginian student.</p>	A/S	See Comment 1

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		-The transition from the 10-point scale in middle school to the 7-point scale in high school is rough. Also, colleges use the 10-point grading scale as well, so it would only make sense to keep it consistent.		
2017-11-28 14:00:41	Kaley Student MHS Morgantown WV	I do believe strongly that you should consider changing to a ten point grading scale. Being at a seven point grading scale had left me at a disadvantage from others for applying for college and applying scholarships. So please consider changing the scale :)	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:41	Hannah Calvert Student Morgantown High school Morgantown West	I would like to have the grading scale changed to ten percent. This would help students to have a fair chance when trying to apply for college.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:50	Morgan Walls Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	I believe Highschoolers should be on the 10 point grading scale. I believe this because through elementary and middle school we use the 10 point, then switch to the 7 point grading scale in high school. When applying to colleges, it is also unfair considering many other schools and states use the 10 point.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:00:53	billy Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	seven point grading is stupid	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:01:03	Evelyn student Morgantown High School morgantown wv	Dear Dr. Lou Maynus, The grading scale should be a ten point scale because it makes things simpler. Students are on a ten point grading scale throughout middle school and college. It makes getting a scholarship more	A/S	See Comment 1

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		fair as well, because then students will have a fair chance to get a scholarship for college.		
2017-11-28 14:01:08	Kira Pifer Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The grading scale should be changed to a ten-point grading scale. Students have a disadvantage when applying to colleges when being compared with other students from the school who use a ten-point grading scale. It will also allow for consistency with middle schools and most colleges who use ten-point grading scales.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:01:20	Taylor Bolyard Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The ten point grading scale is a wonderful idea. It would give students a fair chance of getting into certain colleges when applying and being compared to a student from a different state. The ten point grading scale should be considered carefully. The graduation requirements are a great proposition as well. Lowering the graduation requirements would also give students who have possibly failed a previous class a chance to make that up with a possible open spot in their schedule in their senior year.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:01:27	Daniel Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	The change to the 10-point grading scale would benefit all students involved. Not only would it help students get into a good college by being on the same playing field as students from other states, but it would also give more opportunities for students to go to college. Scholarships would be able to award more West Virginians for the same GPA as someone from California or Montana. This would give West Virginians more presence in the academic world, and give students more opportunities.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:01:50	Jazlyn Burke Student Morgantown High	We are at a disadvantage against other school that use the 10 point grading scale. Us students are	A/S	See Comment 1

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	School Morgantown WV	again at a disadvantage at getting scholarships also. I am ready to get this unfair grading scale changed!		
2017-11-28 14:01:51	Matthew Orandle Student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Make us more fit to get accepted into colleges.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-28 14:04:38	Eva V. student Morgantown High School Morgantown WV	Not going by a ten point grading scale puts students of West Virginia at a clear disadvantage against their competitors from out of school states in applying for scholarships. Other students may even have higher letter grades, but lower overall numeral grades, but still get accepted into a better school. Limiting the amount of electives/ studies of the humanities for attending college will result in the overall population of West Virginia having an even worse lacking of knowledge about history and the world around them. They will be unprepared for the real world outside their sheltered little state, and will make them worse-suited to benefiting their community. Knowing about history is important, especially the history of the world, as it makes citizens more sensitive to the issues around them. Do not take away the world history electives, please and thank you.	A/S A/C	See Comment 1 See Comment 2
2017-11-28 14:08:48	Jonah Alvarez Student Morgantown high	The changing of of the seven point grading scale would be unfair to the classes of 2021 and before. This is unfair for the reason that if a classmember	A/C	See Comment 1

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	<p>School Morgantown West</p>	<p>of 2021 and a classmember of 2022 would apply for the same college, obviously their letter grades would be observed. If a classmember from 2021 had a 92 percent and a classmember from 2022 had a 91 percent the classmember from 2022 would most likely be chosen. The grading scale would allow the 92 to be a "B" and the 91 to be an "A." However, they do not look at the exact percent of the grade, but only the letter and/or GPA. This provides an unfair advantage to the class of 2022 and anyone so on.</p>		
<p>2017-11-28 14:48:06</p>	<p>Darlene Koerber Health and Physical Education Teacher Tyler Consolidated Middle School Sistersville West</p>	<p>We should not allow Show Choir to substituted for Physical Education Classes. In our nation we have a problem with obesity there for it is extremely important to make sure all students are physically educated. They will not get the physical education CSOs or the knowledge they will need to make sure they have the tools to live a healthy and active lifestyle. Show Choir would be like if a student played a sport and they substituted that for physical education. They might understand what goes into that sport but they are not educated to be able to live the healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>See Comment 5</p>
<p>2017-11-28 15:14:33</p>	<p>Jeffrey S Kelley Principal - St. Albans High School Kanawha County Schools St. Albans West</p>	<p>The WVDE has released Policy 2510 for comment. Policy changes were proposed after being reviewed and discussed by a 54-member stakeholder group which included county superintendents and assistant superintendents, the WV Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, WVDE staff, Curriculum Specialists, the American Federation of Teachers, the WV Secondary Principals and the WVEA.</p> <p>While it touches upon a myriad of topics, one of</p>	<p>A/S</p>	

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		<p>the main points of contention surrounds the reduction in credit requirements for graduation. Specifically it reduces the number from 24 to 21.</p> <p>Some are suggesting that the WVDE is dumbing down our education system. I want to make a couple of points regarding my support for the reduction.</p> <p>First, I, along with several other principals, advocated for a reduction at a meeting with Dr. Paine this summer. I would support a reduction beyond 21 to possibly as low 18. I prefer the flexibility that would accompany such a reduction.</p> <p>Please understand that 21 would only be the new minimum. The students at St. Albans High School would still receive 30 credit opportunities over four years. A lower minimum would allow us (SAHS) to determine what, if anything, beyond 21 was necessary for the success of our students.</p> <p>Cases in point, we currently run certain classes (math, AP, etc.) all year during our trimester schedule because our teachers feel it benefits our kids. Many of these decisions were made by teachers. This is not a requirement but our schedule allows us to make these types of decisions. We also have our HS 101 and Test Prep programs; again school-based decisions.</p> <p>I assert the reduction would provide additional freedom to be even more creative.</p>		
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		<p>I also foresee the reduction allowing our kids more mobility in scheduling, thus freeing up kids who run into trouble scheduling band, AP, business courses, etc. I also think it will allow us to expand program offerings in areas like Robotics.</p> <p>WV conducted an Education Efficiency Audit in 2012. The following are excerpts: If one looks at the system from the perspective of what and how students need to learn in order to succeed in the 21st Century, one quickly realizes the need to drive more of the educational decision-making down to the level closest to these students... ...Driving more educational decision-making down to the classroom and building level “ allowing principals to lead and teachers to deliver the most effective curriculum for their students... West Virginia has one of the most highly regulated systems in the country “ if not the most “ with many of the details of school operations spelled out in code.</p> <p>The Governor, the Legislature, the State Superintendent and the State Board are making every effort to change and/or eliminate existing code/policy thus creating flexibility and driving decision making down to the lower levels. This is one more needed step in my opinion.</p> <p>I strongly urge the members of the WV State Board to support this reduction in required credits as it will again allow us more flexibility in creating the best academic program for the young men and</p>		
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		women at St. Albans High School. Jeff Kelley		
2017-11-28 20:11:37	Jerry Parsons Mtec Morgantown West	I am vehemently oppose to the proposed changes to policy 2510. Our 21st century next generation standards require ultimate rigor and relevance in the classroom. I believe diminishing the number of credits required for graduation is counterintuitive to our state wide goals. In morning Gillia county high school students have the opportunity to earn between 28 and 32 credits. Online courses and credit recovery opportunities in able students to achieve in Hanst education as well as remediation for unsuccessful lack of achievement in the past. My experience has shown me that many students only wish to obtain the minimum level of achievement in order to graduate. In changing this policy we as educators would be asking students to do less not more. As a learning facilitator in social studies I am demeaned by the proposal I have a laminating one of the social studies credits required for graduation.	N	See Comment 2
2017-11-28 21:04:32	Diana Noone Professor Fairmont State University Fairmont WV	I support changing the high school grading scale. However, there are many courses with different grade levels enrolled. For example, if a freshman and sophomore are enrolled in the same course next year, the freshman who receives 91 points will have an A for the course. The Sophmore who receives 91 points will have a B in the exact course. I recommend that the change be for all grades beginning 2018-2019.	A/C	See Comment 1

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<p>2017-11-29 08:28:44</p>	<p>Amy Arnold Ivydale WV</p>	<p>I would like to make a comment on Policy 2510. I think that it is reprehensible in our increasingly global community to decrease the student requirement for social studies courses. Our students need the broadest understanding of our local, state, national and world systems to help them face the issues in their future. In fact, I think that we should be increasing course requirements. No matter what career path a student chooses to follow after graduation, they can only be better prepared with a sound foundation in math, writing, and reading. These are skills they can obtain in the core classes of science, English, math and social studies. If the concern is in providing students choice in their courses, offer a variety of classes to choose from among these core classes.</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See Comment 3</p>
<p>2017-11-29 10:32:43</p>	<p>Rebecca Berry Teacher Morgantown High School Morgantown WV</p>	<p>"Educational Programs are designed to prepare all students for a global society by improving the quality of teaching and learning.....including rigorous high-quality curriculum"</p> <p>This is a well stated general purpose, however, decreasing the required high school credits to graduate from 24 to 21 does not support the statement.</p>	<p>A/C</p>	<p>See Comment 2</p>
<p>2017-11-29 10:36:44</p>	<p>Kathy Silber Teacher/Director Herbert Hoover Show Choir ELkview WV</p>	<p>Policy 2510 change to allow show choir to be counted as a physical education credit</p>	<p>N</p>	
<p>2017-11-29 10:48:50</p>	<p>Pamela Dudley Member Brooke County Wellsburg West</p>	<p>Decreasing the requirements from 24 credits to 21 credits will allow juniors and seniors to take more STEM classes,Advanced Placement courses, provide</p>	<p>A/S</p>	

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		early college admissions, workplace experiences, and internships.		
2017-11-29 18:08:19	Lee student PE and Health wheeling WV	<p>Dear West Virginia,</p> <p>Obesity had quadrupled in the last 40 years, on top of that this generations life expectancy has dropped than less than ours. I know that this state needs more of physical education, because it changed my life. I was a state championship QB in this state and after high school, I became addicted to pain pills. I felt lost after high school and pills became my escape. I have been to 3 rehabs and have been sober for over two years. What does this have to do with Physical Education classes. EVERYTHING! I have worked in the recovery industry for over a year and have managed a sober house. It is mandatory to work out, get your blood pumping. It doesn't have to be long, but its scientifically proven that just 10 minutes of aerobic exercise increases endorphins and releases dopamine. This combats cravings. We are the #1 state with drug related overdoses. Please read the book, "Spark" by Dr. John Ratey. It is proven that exercise benefits students cognitive behavior. It helps children with ADHD, depression, weight and confidence. We need to instill the building blocks of alternatives to "feel goods" in this state. Physical education and health class is where this NEEDS to be done. I am fighting for this state to implement more PE classes and more drug awareness classes. Its an epidemic. We both know it. Its time to combat it. Physical Education, WILL help do that.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lee Peluchette</p>	N	See Comment 4 and 5

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2017-11-29 20:02:32	Linda Newcome teacher Masontown WV	First of all, social studies replaced American and World History. It also replaced current events and geography.	N	
2017-11-30 07:27:47	Amelia Haddox High school student Morgantown High School	I think we should switch to the 10 point grading scale. With the 10 point grading scale, we will be on an even field with everyone else, including colleges and middle schools, as well as the people we are going against to get into colleges. When colleges see our report cards and they see a B is doesn show the percentage as 92% and nothing is mentioned that we have a 7 point scale which is unfair because we learn the same content as other schools around the country but when colleges see a B on our report cards it could be the same percent as an A on others. Another reason is the transition from middle school to high school would be so much easier for students if they could have the same consistent grading scale. Also, West Virginia doesn have a good reputation as everyone already knows so why would you want to make us look worse when most students get Bs and Cs on the 7 point grading scale when with 10 point those would be As and Bs. And for the 21 credit policy i think we need to keep the 24 credits, we do not need to get rid of a social study,social studies teaches us about how we got to where we are today and can be one of the most important subject to learn, it also lowers everyones expectations which will make people lazier after high school.	A/S	See Comment 1
2017-11-30 08:41:27	Mitch Webster Principal Grant County Schools Petersburg WV	Grading Scale Revision 5.4.d While we pose no objection to the revised grading scale, we see indirect consequences regarding the implementation beginning with a single cohort.	A/S	See Comment 1