



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**Policy Number and Title:** Policy 2515: Uniform Grading

**Background:** The amendment of Policy 2515 at section 4. Weighted Grades is proposed to provide weighted grades for Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

**Proposals:** Policy 2515 is being amended to incorporate weighted grades (and an associated grading scale) for AP and IB courses.

**Impact:** The proposed amendment of Policy 2515 will provide an incentive for students to take AP and IB courses.

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**Response to Comments:**

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LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 37  
Uniform Grading (2515)

§126-37-1. General.

1.1. Scope. – This legislative rule establishes a uniform grading policy that must be used by all schools in West Virginia for any course for which high school credit is to be awarded.

1.2. Authority. – W.Va. Constitution, Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-5.

1.3. Filing Date. – ~~May 21, 2003.~~

1.4. Effective Date. – ~~July 1, 2003~~ July 1, 2008.

1.5. Repeal of Former Rule. ~~None. This is a new rule.~~ This legislative rule amends W. Va. 126CSR37, West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2515, Uniform Grading, filed May 21, 2003 and effective July 1, 2003.

§126-37-2. Purpose.

2.1. The West Virginia Board of Education establishes a uniform grading policy that must be used by all county boards of education for those courses for which high school credit is to be awarded.

§126-37-3. Grading Scale and Quality Points.

3.1. Section 3.2 sets forth a grading scale that must be used for any course taken for high school credit, regardless of the grade level of the student at the time the course is taken, other than courses that county boards of education choose pursuant to Section 4.

3.2. Non-weighted course grading scale:

<u>Average</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Quality Points</u>
93-100	A	4.0
85-92	B	3.0
75-84	C	2.0
65-74	D	1.0
0-64	F	0

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3.3. County school systems may, but are not required to, adopt this grading scale for use in courses or grade levels for which high school credit is not involved.

**§126-37-4. Weighted Grades.**

4.1. County boards of education ~~have discretionary authority to~~ shall issue weighted grades for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses for which high school credit is to be awarded ~~in accordance with county policy.~~ Section 4.2 sets forth the grading scale that must be used for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

4.2. Weighted course grading scale.

<u>Average</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Quality Points</u>
<u>93-100</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>5.0</u>
<u>85-92</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>4.0</u>
<u>75-84</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>3.0</u>
<u>65-74</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>2.0</u>
<u>0-64</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>0</u>

**§126-37-5. Severability.**

5.1. If any provision of this rule or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this rule.

**FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES**

Rule Title: **W. Va. 126CSR37, Policy 2515: Uniform Grading**

Type of Rule:     Legislative     Interpretive     Procedural

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**Fiscal Note Summary**

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

No costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 126CSR37, Policy 2515: Uniform Grading.

**Fiscal Note Detail**

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "-" )	Next Increase/Decrease (use "-" )	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
<b>1. Estimated Total Cost</b>	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Current Expenses	0	0	0
Repairs & Alterations	0	0	0
Assets	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
<b>2. Estimated Total Revenues</b>	0	0	0

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- 3. Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect);**  
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

No costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 126CSR37, Policy 2515: Uniform Grading.

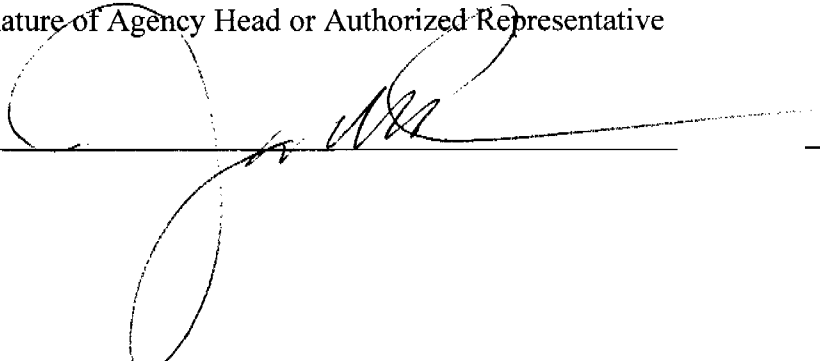
### MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule **would not** have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues **not** captured elsewhere on this form.

No costs or revenues will be impacted by the proposed amendment of W. Va. 126CSR37, Policy 2515: Uniform Grading. The proposed policy amendments direct county boards of education to issue weighted grades for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses and further that said courses be awarded grades as set forth in the proposed weighted course grading scale.

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative

Date

  
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**COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: February 11, 2008**

**COMMENT RESPONSE FORM**

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The following form is provided to assist those who choose to comment on Policy 2515: Uniform Grading at section 1. General and section 4. Weighted Grades. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box below that best describes your role.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School System Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> School System Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher             | <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Support Staff   | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Personnel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member  |

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**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS**

**§126-37-1. General.**

**§126-37-4. Weighted Grades.**

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