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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126

RULE TYPE: Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: W.Va. Const., Article XII, §2 and W.Va. Code §18-2-5

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 37

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Uniform Grading System (2515)

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON April 18, 2003 AT 4:45 p.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Steven L. Paine

Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

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Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0330

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD WILL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.



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Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

POLICY 2515 – Uniform Grading System

Policy 2515 establishes a uniform grading scale that must be used by all schools in WV for any course for which high school credit is to be awarded.

County boards of education must use a standardized non-weighted course grading scale effective July 1, 2003.

For students entering 9th grade in or before school year 2002-2003, county boards of education may choose to issue weighted grades and quality points pursuant to local policy.

For students entering 9th grade in or after school year 2003-2004, county boards of education shall issue weighted grades and quality points only for AP and IB courses. Provisions are made for the State Superintendent to restrict the granting of weighted grades and quality points under certain conditions.

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LEGISLATIVE RULE
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SERIES 37
Uniform Grading System (2515)

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§126-37-1. General.

1.1. Scope. - This legislative rule establishes a uniform grading system 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. -

1.4. Effective Date. - July 1, 2003 unless otherwise specified.

1.5. Repeal of Former Rule. - None. This is a new rule.

§126-37-2. Purpose.

2.1. The West Virginia Board of Education establishes a uniform grading system 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 College Board Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, or other 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 and Quality Points for Students Entering 9th Grade in or before the School Year 2002-2003.

4.1. For students entering 9th grade in or before school year 2002-2003, county boards may continue to issue weighted grades and quality points pursuant to local policy.

§126-37-5. Weighted Grades and Quality Points for Students Entering 9th Grade in or after the School Year 2003-2004.

5.1. The provisions of this section apply only to courses taken by students entering 9th grade in or after the school year 2003-2004.

5.2. County boards shall issue weighted grades and quality points only for AP and IB courses.

5.3. The scale to be used for weighted courses and quality points shall be:

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

5.4. The State Superintendent may restrict the granting of a weighted grade and quality points to those students who successfully complete the national test administered at the conclusion of AP and IB courses under the following conditions:

5.4.1. The State Superintendent makes a determination that the national test is available at no cost to every student taking the course in the State of West Virginia.

5.4.2. The State Superintendent establishes the performance level at which the weighted grade and quality points should be granted.

§126-37-6. Severability.

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

FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET
(Submit 4 Copies)

HD NO _____ DRAFT NO _____ BILL NO _____ RESOLUTION NO _____

SUBJECT Policy 2515: Uniform Grading System FUND General

SOURCE OF REVENUE: GENERAL FUND SPECIAL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

COST OF ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON: AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE BUDGET BILL OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 & GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
PERSONAL SERVICES CURRENT EXPENSES REPAIRS/ALTERATIONS EQUIPMENT OTHER	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

DATE

AGENCY

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

March 19, 2003

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**POLICY 2515
SERIES 37
UNIFORM GRADING SYSTEM
COMMENT RESPONSE FORM**

Comment Period Ends: April 18, 2003

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 2515: Uniform Grading System

Individual/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Comments on Policy 2515: Uniform Grading System

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RETURN TO:

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