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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 November 22, 2002 AT 4:45 p.m.. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

William J. Luff, Jr.

Deputy State Superintendent of Schools

West Virginia Department of Education

Capitol Building 6, Room 360

1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East

Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0330

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



David Stewart

State Superintendent of Schools

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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.

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 school systems for those courses for which high school credit is to be awarded. The uniform grading system is intended to eliminate real or perceived inequities in determining student eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.

§126-37-3. Grading Scale.

3.1. This grading scale must be used by every county school system for those courses for which high school credit is to be awarded regardless of the grade level of the student at the time the course was taken.

3.2. 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 may, but are not required to, adopt a weighted grading scale for certain courses for which high school credit is to be awarded.

4.2. If a county board of education chooses to adopt a weighted grading scale, weighting can only be accomplished by adding quality points or fractions thereof after grades are given to students.

4.3. For purposes of determining eligibility for the Promise Scholarship, all weighted grades received after July 1, 2003 will be converted to the 4.0 scale set forth in Section 3.2. Weighted grades received prior to July 1, 2003 will not be converted to the 4.0 scale set forth in Section 3.2.

4.4. The conversion required in section 4.3 will be accomplished using the West Virginia Education Information System (WVEIS).

4.5. Weighted grades that may have been received by a student in another state who transfers into West Virginia prior to the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year will be included in computing the student's grade point average for purposes of determining eligibility for the Promise Scholarship. Weighted grades that may have been received by a student in another state who transfers into West Virginia after the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year will be converted to the 4.0 scale set forth in Section 3.2 for purposes of determining eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.

§126-37-5. Implementation.

5.1. This policy is effective July 1, 2003.

5.2. Weighted grades received by students prior to July 1, 2003 will not be converted to the grading scale in this policy. Those weighted grades will be included, along with all of the other grades of the student, in computing the student's grade point average. Those weighted grades received prior to July 1, 2003 will continue to be included in calculating the student's grade point average for eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.

5.3. Student grades received after July 1, 2003 will be included, along with student grades received prior to July 1, 2003, if any, in calculating the student's grade point average. Section 4.3 requires that any weighted grades received after July 1, 2003 be converted to the 4.0 scale set forth in Section 3.2 for purposes of determining eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.

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§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):

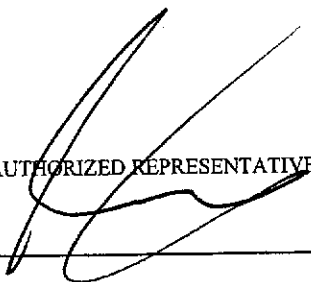
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October 10, 2002

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

Comment Period Ends: November 22, 2002

Directions: Please use this form to comment on proposed Policy 2510: Uniform Grading System

Individual/Organization: _____

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Comments on Policy 2515: Uniform Grading System

§126-37-1. General.

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RETURN TO:

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

POLICY 2515 – Uniform Grading System

This policy establishes a uniform grading scale that must be used for all high school courses offered for credit regardless of the grade level of the student taking the course.

County boards of education may, but are not required to, weight certain courses. The only permissible method for weighting is to add quality points after the student receives his/her grade.

For purposes of the Promise Scholarship, all weighted grades received after July 1, 2003 will be converted to the 4.0 scale contained in this policy. Weighted student grades received prior to July 1, 2003 will not be converted to a 4.0 scale.

The policy will take effect July 1, 2003.