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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 January 17, 2003 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

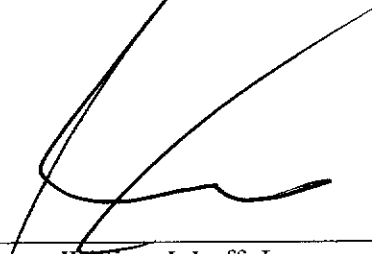
West Virginia Department of Education

Capitol Building 6, Room 360

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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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ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

POLICY 2515 – Uniform Grading System

Substantial changes have been made to this policy since it was placed on public comment in October 2002.

All references to the PROMISE scholarship have been removed from the policy.

The policy now contains two grading scales: one for Non-Weighted Courses and one for Weighted Courses. The numerical part of the scales is identical; the quality points awarded for the courses are different.

Effective July 1, 2003, **all** county boards of education must weight College Board Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses (whether or not the county board had weighted such courses previously).

Effective July 1, 2003, county boards of education **may** choose to weight other courses and, if they choose to do so, **must** use the grading scale for Weighted Courses for those courses.

**LEGISLATIVE RULE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**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.

§126-37-3. Grading Scale.

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 was taken, other than College Board Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, or other courses for which county boards of education choose, pursuant to section 4.3, to issue weighted grades.

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

3.3 County school systems may, but are not required to, adopt this grading scale

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for use in courses or grade levels for which high school credit is not involved.

3.4. This section is effective July 1, 2003.

§126-37-4. Weighted Grades.

4.1. County boards of education must issue weighted grades, using the scale provided in section 4.4, for any of the College Board's Advanced Placement Courses that are offered and for courses offered that are part of the International Baccalaureate Program.

4.2. Section 4.1 of this policy must be implemented effective July 1, 2003 for all College Board Advanced Placement courses and all International Baccalaureate courses even if the county board of education has previously not issued weighted grades.

4.3 County boards of education may issue weighted grades for other courses, and if they choose to do so, must use the grading scale provided in section 4.4 for those courses completed after July 1, 2003.

4.4. Weighted course grading scale:

<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

§126-37-5. Severability.

5.1. 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.

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

Comment Period Ends: January 17, 2002

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

Individual/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Comments on Policy 2515: Uniform Grading System

§126-37-1. General.

§126-37-2. Purpose.

§126-37-3. Grading Scale.

§126-37-4. Weighted Grades.

§126-37-5. Severability.

RETURN TO:

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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

December 4, 2002

West Virginia Department of Education

