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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 March 28, 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

West Virginia Department of Education

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1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East

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**

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. County boards of education that issue weighted grades for courses must use a standardized weighted course grading scale.

Effective the first day of school in 2006, county boards of education shall only issue weighted grades for College Board Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate courses using a standardized weighted grading scale.

Policy 2515 will take effect July 1, 2003.

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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 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.**

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 (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, or other courses for which 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 may issue weighted grades for courses and, if they choose to do so, must use the grading scale provided in Section 4.2 for courses completed by June 30, 2006.

4.2. 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

4.3. On the first day of school in 2006, county boards of education shall only issue weighted grades for AP and IB courses, using the scale provided in Section 4.2, provided that:

4.3.1. The State Superintendent of Schools shall restrict the weighting of grades for AP and IB courses until such time that it is determined that the courses are universally available to all students without cost. Should such a determination be made, the following shall apply:

a. In order to receive a weighted grade for an AP course, a student must score a "3" or better. This score shall validate the grade received in the course.

b. In order to receive a weighted grade for an IB course, a student must score in the range of "3-7." This score shall validate the grade received in the course.

**§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: March 28, 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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**§126-37-2. Purpose.**

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**§126-37-5. Severability.**

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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

February 25, 2003

West Virginia Department of Education

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

