
Uniform Grading Policy 3.301

The Background:

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, this proposal on first and final reading is to waive the requirement that students taking certain early post-secondary courses, such as AP, IB, Cambridge, and dual credit, must participate in the associated assessment for that course in order to obtain additional GPA weighting, if the assessment was to occur in Spring 2020. This change is on page two (2) under section two (2).

Public Chapter 414 of 2019 prohibits the State Board from changing the state uniform grading system more often than once every two school years. However, this change is specifically to address unique challenges due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and not to the Uniform Grading System overall. Therefore, this proposal will not count toward the State Board's ability to modify the uniform grading system in the next two years if needed.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the preparation of a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

Policy Justification:

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends approval of this item on first and final reading.