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**Uniform Grading Policy 3.301**

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**The Background:**

T.C.A. § 49-6-407 authorizes the State Board of Education to develop a uniform grading system for students in grades 9-12 to establish consistent grade reporting for the purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee student assistance corporation. Uniform Grading Policy 3.301 represents the grading system currently in use by all LEAs serving students in grades 9-12.

Changes on first reading included the addition of other state approved early postsecondary opportunities, including dual enrollment, local dual credit, and Cambridge International courses. There were also modifications to the section of the policy regarding credit recovery grading.

Since first reading, changes were made to clarify the timeline for implementation and how LEAs shall assign quality point outside of the Uniform Grading System. All changes shall be effective for students in the 2018 graduation cohort.

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department of Education prepare 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.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.