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BOARD OF EDUCATION COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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GRADING

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for providing a system of grading student achievement that can help the student, teachers, and parents judge properly how well the student is achieving the goals of the District's program.

The Board believes that the District's grading system should be one that ensures each student's grades identify accurately the degree of accomplishment of learning outcomes which are stated for each program at every grade level.

The District shall not discriminate in the methods, practices and materials used for evaluating students on the practices and materials used for evaluating students on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop procedures for grading which:

- A. develop clear, consistent criteria and standards particularly when grades are based on subjective assessment.
- B. help each student understand in each course or program what behavior and/or achievement is needed to earn each grade as well as what will produce a failing grade.
- C. provide frequent opportunities for each student to obtain information as to his/her progress toward the learning goals of his/her courses or programs;
- D. provide for a pass/fail grade in programs where appropriate;
- E. provide students the opportunity to assess both their own achievements and their areas of difficulty.

The grading system should not inhibit the professional staff member from learning each student's individual strengths and weaknesses.

High school students' cumulative grade point average will be determined by adding the grade points earned and divided by the credits taken. Pass/Fail classes will not be part of the grade point average.

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The grading system should be subject to continual review by staff, students, and parents. Revisions shall be made only when changes will assure a more valid or reliable or clearer system of grading. The Board will be notified prior to the revisions.

The teacher responsible for a student's instruction in a particular course or program shall determine the student's grade. That grade may not be changed without the teacher's consent unless overruled by the Superintendent.

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