

Meigs County Board of Education

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1 The director of schools shall develop an administrative procedure to establish a system of grading and
2 assessment for evaluating and recording student progress and to measure student performance in
3 conjunction with board-adopted content standards for grades K-8.¹ The grading/assessment system shall
4 follow all applicable statutes and rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. The
5 grading/assessment system shall be uniform district-wide at comparable grade levels, except that the
6 director of schools shall have the authority to establish and operate ungraded and/or unstructured classes
7 in grades K-3 according to state rules and regulations.²

8 The director of schools shall submit a copy of the grading, reporting and assessment systems to the board
9 before the system is implemented.³ These guidelines shall be communicated annually to students and
10 parents/guardians.¹

11 Conduct grades are based on behavior and shall not be deducted from scholastic grades.

12 **GRADING SYSTEM: GRADES NINE - TWELVE (9-12)¹**

13 Schools teaching grades nine through twelve shall use the uniform grading system established by the
14 State Board of Education. Using the uniform grading system, students' grades shall be reported for the
15 purposes of application for post-secondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student
16 Assistance Corporation.

17 Subject-area grades shall be expressed by the following letters with their corresponding percentage
18 range:

- 19 • A (93-100)
- 20 • B (85-92)
- 21 • C (75-84)
- 22 • D (70-74)
- 23 • F (0-69)

24 This grading system shall be uniform throughout the school system for each grade.

25 Grades will be recorded on permanent records as required by the State Minimum Rules and Regulations
26 regarding credit earned. A passing grade in a course for one semester shall not be lowered because of a
27 failing grade in the same course in another semester.

28 Advanced coursework grades will be weighted with additional percentage points to calculate the
29 semester average. Depending on the course taken, the following percentage points will be assigned:

- 1 • Honors Courses – three (3) percentage points;
- 2 • Local and Statewide Dual Credit, Capstone Industry Certification Aligned, and Dual Enrollment
- 3 Courses – four (4) percentage points; and
- 4 • Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and
- 5 International Baccalaureate Courses – five (5) percentage points.

6 **Note:**

- 7 1. Anytime a student has served a suspension, they will not be eligible for exemption.
- 8 2. A student must maintain a satisfactory grade in citizenship for exemption.
- 9 3. Any student that qualified for exemption may elect to take any or all of their tests.
- 10 4. Any student enrolled in courses requiring end of course exams will not be exempt from those
- 11 tests. The exams will count as their semester test grade.

12 **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS⁴**

13 Each school counselor shall provide incoming freshman with information on college core courses
 14 required for lottery scholarships as well as necessary criteria (grade point average, ACT, and SAT score,
 15 etc.) that must be met in order to receive a scholarship.

16 Seniors may apply for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship by completing the Free Application for Federal
 17 Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available at the guidance office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 18 Students shall be made aware of all applicable FAFSA deadlines and encouraged to submit applications
 19 in a timely manner.

20 Elementary and middle school counselors should explain the HOPE Scholarship and its requirements to
 21 their students and impress upon them the benefits of making good grades.

22 **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP DAY**

23 Each school year, prior to scheduling courses for the following school year, schools teaching students in
 24 grades 8-11 shall conduct a lottery scholarship day for students and their parents.⁵

Legal References

1. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.05(3), SBOE Policy 3.301
2. TCA 49-1-302(g)
3. TCA 49-2-203(b)(7)
4. TCA 49-4-904, 907
5. TCA 49-4-932(f)

Cross References

Credit Recovery 4.210
 Reporting Student Progress 4.601
 Honor Roll, Awards, & Class Ranking 4.602
 Promotion and Retention 4.603