

# DeKalb County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in December</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Grading System</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>4.600</b>	Issued Date: <b>08/10/17</b>
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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> These guidelines shall be communicated annually to students and  
10 parents/guardians.<sup>1</sup>

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

## 12 **GRADING SYSTEM: GRADES NINE - TWELVE (9-12)<sup>1</sup>**

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

- 27 • Honors Courses – three (3) percentage points;
- 28 • Local and Statewide Dual Credit, Capstone Industry Certification Aligned, and Dual Enrollment  
29 Courses – four (4) percentage points; and

- 1       • Advanced Placement, Cambridge International, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), and  
2       International Baccalaureate Courses – five (5) percentage points.

### 3   **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS<sup>4</sup>**

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

7   Seniors may apply for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship by completing the Free Application for Federal  
8   Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available at the guidance office or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).  
9   Students shall be made aware of all applicable FAFSA deadlines and encouraged to submit applications  
10   in a timely manner.

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

### 13   **LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP DAY**

14   Each school year, prior to scheduling courses for the following school year, schools teaching students in  
15   grades 8-11 shall conduct a lottery scholarship day for students and their parents.<sup>5</sup>

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#### Legal References

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