# SCHOOL GRADING AMENDMENTS 

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STATE OF UTAH
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## LONG TITLE

## General Description:

This bill modifies the School Grading Act.

## Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- specifies that the school grading system shall be known and referred to as "school grading";
- modifies the criteria and procedures for determining school grades, including:
- the calculation of learning growth; $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ and
[—— the eateutation of a high sehool's graduation rate; and ] $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$
- the measurement of high school students' college and career readiness; and
- requires the State Board of Education to annually develop a personal student achievement report for each public school student to be delivered to the student's parent or guardian.


## Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

## Other Special Clauses:

This bill coordinates with S.B. 175, Assessment of College Readiness, by providing substantive and technical amendments.

## Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:
53A-1-1102, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
53A-1-1103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
53A-1-1105, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
$\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ 53A-1-1106, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter $417 \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$
53A-1-1108, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
53A-1-1110, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
53A-1-1112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
REPEALS AND REENACTS:
53A-1-1107, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417

## Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:

53A-1-1103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
53A-1-1105, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
53A-1-1108, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417

## Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 53A-1-1102 is amended to read:
53A-1-1102. Definitions.
As used in this part:
(1) "High school" means a school that includes grade 12.
(2) "Statewide assessment" means $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [any of the following assessments that are administered statewide under Part $\mathbf{6}$, Achievement Tests] $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ :
(a) a criterion-referenced test of student achievement in language arts, mathematics, or science, including a test administered in a computer adaptive format; $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ [or] and $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$
(b) $\hat{\mathrm{S}} \rightarrow$ [am online writing assessment] which is administered statewide under Part 6,

## Achievement Tests $\leftarrow \mathbf{S}$.

(3) "Student growth percentile" means the result of a statistical model that calculates each student's change in achievement between two or more points in time on a statewide assessment and compares each student's performance to that of similarly achieving students.
(4) "Sufficient growth" means $\hat{S} \rightarrow$ a measurement of $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ growth greater than or equal to growth at $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [the 60 th] a specific $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$
percentile in the $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [prior year] 2011-12 school year $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}} \hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ adopted by the State Board of Education in rule $-\hat{S}$.

Section 2. Section 53A-1-1103 is amended to read:

## Report to Education Interim Committee.

(1) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a school grading system in accordance with this part in which a school annually is designated a grade of $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$, or F based on the performance of the school's students on statewide assessments, and for a high school, the graduation rate and, except for the 2012-13 school year, measures that indicate college and career readiness.
(b) The school grading system established in this part shall be known and referred to as "school grading."
(2) The State Board of Education shall:
(a) model the school grading system described in this part using school performance data for the 2010-11 school year;
(b) study modifications to the school grading system; and
(c) make recommendations for proposed legislation to the Education Interim Committee on modifications to the school grading system by the committee's September 2012 meeting.
(3) The school grading system shall take effect for the 2012-13 school year and shall replace the U-PASS accountability system developed and implemented by the State Board of Education.

Section 3. Section 53A-1-1105 is amended to read:
53A-1-1105. Criteria for determining school grades.
A school's grade shall be based on:
(1) the proficiency of a school's students in language arts, mathematics, $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ and $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ science $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow[$, and
writing] $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ as measured by statewide assessments;
(2) learning gains of a school's students on statewide assessments of language arts, mathematics, and science achievement; and
(3) for a high school:
(a) the graduation rate; and
(b) [measures] except for the 2012-13 school year, a measure indicating college and career readiness.
$\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ Section 4. Section 53A-1-1106 is amended to read:
53A-1-1106. Calculation of points earned for students' proficiency in language arts, mathematics, and science $\quad \mathrm{f}$,and writing $]$.
(1) A school shall receive points for the proficiency of a school's students in $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$
$\hat{S} \rightarrow$ language arts, mathematics, and science[, and writing ] as follows:
(a) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a statewide assessment of language arts achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
(b) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a statewide assessment of mathematics achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
(c) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a statewide assessment of science achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
[ (d) A sehool shall receive 0.5 points for each percent of the sehool's students who take a statewide assessment of writing achievement and seore at or above the proficient fevel.
(2) [ (a)] A school may earn a maximum of 100 points for each of the criteria listed in Subsections (1)(a), (b), and (c).
[ (b) A sehool may earn a maximum of 50 points for the criteria listed in Subsection(1)(d).] $\leftarrow \hat{S}$

Section 4. Section 53A-1-1107 is repealed and reenacted to read:
53A-1-1107. Calculation of points earned for students demonstrating sufficient
(2) In calculating the [pereent] percentage of students who graduate, the State Board of Education shall use the same graduation rate for a high school that is used [todeterninte whether the high sehool makes Adequate Yearly Progress] under the federal No Child Left Behind accountability system.
(3) (a) $[A]$ Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a school may earn a maximum of [200] $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow[\mathbf{3 5 0}] \underline{\mathbf{3 0 0}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ points for the criteria described in Subsection (1) with $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [two-thirds] one-half $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ of the maximum
number of points allotted to high school graduation and $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ [one-third] one-half $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ allotted to indicators of college and career readiness.
(b) For the 2012-13 school year, a school may earn a maximum of $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow[\underline{\mathbf{2 3}}] \underline{\mathbf{1 5 0}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ points for the percentage of students who graduate from high school.

Section 6. Section 53A-1-1110 is amended to read:
53A-1-1110. Letter grade based on percentage of maximum points earned.
(1) Except as provided in $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [Subsection] Subsections $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ (2) $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ and (3) $\leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$, a school shall receive a letter grade based on
the [pereent] percentage of the maximum number of points the school may earn as calculated under Section 53A-1-1109 as follows:
(a) $\mathrm{A}, 100 \%-\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow[90 \%] \underline{\mathbf{8 0 \%}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$;
(b) $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{S} \rightarrow[89 \%-\mathbf{8 0 \%}] \underline{\mathbf{7 9 \%}-\mathbf{7 0 \%}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathrm{S}}$;
(c) $\mathrm{C}, \hat{\mathrm{S}} \rightarrow[79 \%-\mathbf{7 0 \%}] \underline{\mathbf{6 9 \%}-\mathbf{6 0 \%}}-\hat{\mathbf{S}}$;
(d) $\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{S} \rightarrow[\mathbf{6 9 \%}-\mathbf{5 0 \%}] \underline{\mathbf{5 9 \%}-\mathbf{5 0 \%}} \leftarrow \hat{S}$; and
(e) F, $49 \%$ or less.
$\hat{S} \rightarrow(2)$ When $\mathbf{8 5 \%}$ of schools receive an $A$ or $B$, the State Board of Education shall increase the endpoints of the ranges listed in Subsections (1)(a) through (1)(e) by five percentage points, except the lower endpoint of the A range may not be greater than $90 \%$. $\leftarrow \hat{S}$
$\hat{S} \rightarrow[(2)](3) \leftarrow \hat{S}[$ If student participation in a statewide assessment is fewer than $95 \%$, the] $\underline{A}$ school
shall receive an F if:
(a) student participation in a statewide assessment is fewer than $95 \%$; or
(b) the participation of students in the lowest quartile as determined by prior year test scores is fewer than $95 \%$.

Section 7. Section 53A-1-1112 is amended to read:
(2) The school report card shall include:
(a) the school's grade;
(b) the percentage of the maximum number of points that may be earned; and
(c) information indicating the school's performance on the various criteria upon which the grade is based.
(3) The personal student achievement report shall include:
(a) information on a student's level of proficiency as measured by a statewide assessment; and
(b) a comparison of a student's expected learning growth and actual learning growth in a subject as measured by a statewide assessment.
(4) A school report card and personal student achievement report shall be delivered to the parent or guardian of each student either electronically or by mail.
[(3)] (5) On or before $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [August 15] September $\mathbf{1} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$, the State Board of Education shall annually publish, on the State Board of Education's website, a report card for each school with the information required in Subsection (2).
[(4)] (6) On or before $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [August 15] September $\mathbf{1} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$, a school district shall annually publish on the school district's website, and a school's website, a school report card with the grade for the prior school year, together with the current school improvement plan established in accordance with Section 53A-1a-108.5.
$[(5)]$ (7) On or before $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [August 15] September $\mathbf{1} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$, a charter school shall annually publish on the charter
school's website a school report card with the grade for the prior school year.
Section 8. Coordinating S.B. 271 with S.B. 175 -- Substantive and technical amendments.

If this S.B. 271 and S.B. 175, Assessment of College Readiness, both pass and become law, the Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in preparing the Utah Code database for publication, make the following changes:
(1) modify Subsection 53A-1-1103(1)(a) to read:
"(1) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a school grading system in accordance with this part in which a school annually is designated a grade of $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{D}$, or F based on the performance of the school's students on statewide assessments, and for a high school, the graduation rate and [measures that indieate college andeareer readiness], except for
the 2012-13 school year, student performance on a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611.";
(2) modify Subsection 53A-1-1105(3)(b) to read:
"(b) [measures indieating eollege and eareer readiness] except for the 2012-13 school year, student performance on a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611.";
(3) modify Subsection 53A-1-1108(1)(b) to read:
"(b) [indieators of college and eareer readiness] except for the 2012-13 school year, the percentage of students who are considered college ready as measured by a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611."; and
(4) modify Subsection 53A-1-1108(3)(a) to read:
"(3) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a school may earn a maximum of [200] $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow[\underline{\mathbf{3 5 0}}] \underline{\mathbf{3 0 0}} \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ points for the criteria described in Subsection (1) with $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \rightarrow$ [two-thirds] one-half $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ of the maximum number of points allotted to high school graduation and $\hat{\mathbf{S}} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow}$ [one-third] one-half $\boldsymbol{\leftarrow} \hat{\mathbf{S}}$ allotted to [indieators of eollege and eareer readiness] the percentage of students who are considered college ready as measured by a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611."

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