1	SCHOOL GRADING AMENDMENTS
2	2013 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams
5	House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes
7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill modifies the School Grading Act.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	defines terms;
13	 specifies that the school grading system shall be known and referred to as "school
14	grading";
15	modifies the criteria and procedures for determining school grades, including:
16	• the calculation of learning growth; Ŝ→ <u>and</u>
17	• the calculation of a high school's graduation rate; and] (-\$
18	 the measurement of high school students' college and career readiness; and
19	 requires the State Board of Education to annually develop a personal student
20	achievement report for each public school student to be delivered to the student's
21	parent or guardian.
22	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
23	None
24	Other Special Clauses:
25	This bill coordinates with S.B. 175, Assessment of College Readiness, by providing
26	substantive and technical amendments.



Utah Code Sections Affected:

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28	AMENDS:
29	53A-1-1102 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
30	53A-1-1103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
31	53A-1-1105 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
31a	\$→ 53A-1-1106, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417 ←\$
32	53A-1-1108, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
33	53A-1-1110 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
34	53A-1-1112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
35	REPEALS AND REENACTS:
36	53A-1-1107 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
37	Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:
38	53A-1-1103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 100
39	53A-1-1105 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
40	53A-1-1108 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 417
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42	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
43	Section 1. Section 53A-1-1102 is amended to read:
44	53A-1-1102. Definitions.
45	As used in this part:
46	(1) "High school" means a school that includes grade 12.
47	(2) "Statewide assessment" means Ŝ→ [any of the following assessments that are
48	administered statewide under Part 6, Achievement Tests] ←Ŝ :
49	(a) a criterion-referenced test of student achievement in language arts, mathematics, or
50	science, including a test administered in a computer adaptive format; $\$ \rightarrow [or]$ and $\leftarrow \$$
51	(b) $\hat{S} \rightarrow [an online writing assessment]$ which is administered statewide under Part 6,
51a	<u>Achievement Tests</u> ←Ŝ .
52	(3) "Student growth percentile" means the result of a statistical model that calculates
53	each student's change in achievement between two or more points in time on a statewide
54	assessment and compares each student's performance to that of similarly achieving students.
55	(4) "Sufficient growth" means \$→ a measurement of ←\$ growth greater than or equal to
55a	growth at \$→ [the 60th] a specific ←\$
56	percentile in the \$\(\frac{1}{2}\) [prior year] 2011-12 school year \(\frac{1}{2}\)\$ \$\(\frac{1}{2}\) adopted by the State Board of
56a	Education in rule ←Ŝ .
57	Section 2. Section 53A-1-1103 is amended to read:

59	Report to Education Interim Committee.
60	(1) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a school grading system in
61	accordance with this part in which a school annually is designated a grade of A, B, C, D, or F
62	based on the performance of the school's students on statewide assessments, and for a high
63	school, the graduation rate and, except for the 2012-13 school year, measures that indicate
64	college and career readiness.
65	(b) The school grading system established in this part shall be known and referred to as
66	"school grading."
67	(2) The State Board of Education shall:
68	(a) model the school grading system described in this part using school performance
69	data for the 2010-11 school year;
70	(b) study modifications to the school grading system; and
71	(c) make recommendations for proposed legislation to the Education Interim
72	Committee on modifications to the school grading system by the committee's September 2012
73	meeting.
74	(3) The school grading system shall take effect for the 2012-13 school year and shall
75	replace the U-PASS accountability system developed and implemented by the State Board of
76	Education.
77	Section 3. Section 53A-1-1105 is amended to read:
78	53A-1-1105. Criteria for determining school grades.
79	A school's grade shall be based on:
80	(1) the proficiency of a school's students in language arts, mathematics, $\hat{S} \rightarrow \underline{\text{and}} \leftarrow \hat{S}$ science
80a	Ŝ→ [, and
81	writing ←\$ as measured by statewide assessments;
82	(2) learning gains of a school's students on statewide assessments of language arts,
83	mathematics, and science achievement; and
84	(3) for a high school:
85	(a) the graduation rate; and
86	(b) [measures] except for the 2012-13 school year, a measure indicating college and
87	career readiness.
87a	Ŝ → <u>Section 4. Section 53A-1-1106 is amended to read:</u>
87b	53A-1-1106. Calculation of points earned for students' proficiency in language arts,
87c	mathematics, and science [, and writing].
87d	(1) A school shall receive points for the proficiency of a school's students in←Ŝ

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8/e	S→language arts, mathematics, <u>and</u> science[, and writing] as follows:
87f	(a) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a
87g	statewide assessment of language arts achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
87h	(b) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a
87i	statewide assessment of mathematics achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
87j	(c) A school shall receive one point for each percent of the school's students who take a
87k	statewide assessment of science achievement and score at or above the proficient level.
871	[(d) A school shall receive 0.5 points for each percent of the school's students
87m	who take a statewide assessment of writing achievement and score at or above the proficient
87n	level.]
87o	(2) [(a)] A school may earn a maximum of 100 points for each of the criteria listed
87p	in Subsections (1)(a), (b), and (c).
87q	[(b) A school may earn a maximum of 50 points for the criteria listed in
87r	Subsection (1)(d).]←Ŝ
88	Section 4. Section 53A-1-1107 is repealed and reenacted to read:
89	53A-1-1107. Calculation of points earned for students demonstrating sufficient

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121 (2) In calculating the [percent] percentage of students who graduate, the State Board of 122 Education shall use the same graduation rate for a high school that is used [to determine 123 whether the high school makes Adequate Yearly Progress under the federal No Child Left 124 Behind accountability system. (3) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a school may earn a maximum of 125 [200] $\$ \rightarrow [350]$ 300 $\leftarrow \$$ points for the criteria described in Subsection (1) with $\$ \rightarrow [two-thirds]$ 126 **one-half** ←**\$** of the maximum 126a 127 number of points allotted to high school graduation and \$→ [one-third] one-half ←\$ allotted to 127a indicators of 128 college and career readiness. 129 (b) For the 2012-13 school year, a school may earn a maximum of \$→ [233] 150 ←\$ points for the 129a 130 percentage of students who graduate from high school. 131 Section 6. Section **53A-1-1110** is amended to read: 132 53A-1-1110. Letter grade based on percentage of maximum points earned. (1) Except as provided in $\hat{S} \rightarrow [Subsection]$ Subsections $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ (2) $\hat{S} \rightarrow \text{ and } (3) \leftarrow \hat{S}$, a school 133 133a shall receive a letter grade based on 134 the [percent] percentage of the maximum number of points the school may earn as calculated 135 under Section 53A-1-1109 as follows: 136 (a) A, $100\% - \$ + [90\%] 80\% \leftarrow \$$; (b) B, $\$ \rightarrow [89\% - 80\%] 79\% - 70\% \leftarrow \$$; 137 (c) C, $\hat{S} \rightarrow [\frac{79\% - 70\%}{69\% - 60\%}]$ 69% - 60% $\leftarrow \hat{S}$: 138 139 (d) D, $\hat{S} \rightarrow [69\% - 50\%] 59\% - 50\% \leftarrow \hat{S}$; and 140 (e) F, 49% or less. \$→ (2) When 85% of schools receive an A or B, the State Board of Education shall 140a increase the endpoints of the ranges listed in Subsections (1)(a) through (1)(e) by five 140b percentage points, except the lower endpoint of the A range may not be greater than 90%. \leftarrow \$ 140c $\hat{S} \rightarrow [(2)]$ (3) $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ [If student participation in a statewide assessment is fewer than 95%, the] \underline{A} 141 141a school shall receive an F if: 142 143 (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 144 145 scores is fewer than 95%. 146 Section 7. Section **53A-1-1112** is amended to read:

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152	(2) The <u>school</u> report card shall include:
153	(a) the school's grade;
154	(b) the percentage of the maximum number of points that may be earned; and
155	(c) information indicating the school's performance on the various criteria upon which
156	the grade is based.
157	(3) The personal student achievement report shall include:
158	(a) information on a student's level of proficiency as measured by a statewide
159	assessment; and
160	(b) a comparison of a student's expected learning growth and actual learning growth in
161	a subject as measured by a statewide assessment.
162	(4) A school report card and personal student achievement report shall be delivered to
163	the parent or guardian of each student either electronically or by mail.
164	$[3)$ On or before $\$ \rightarrow [August 15]$ September 1 $\leftarrow \$$, the State Board of Education
164a	shall annually publish,
165	on the State Board of Education's website, a report card for each school with the information
166	required in Subsection (2).
167	$[4]$ On or before $\$ \rightarrow [August 15]$ September 1 $\leftarrow \$$, a school district shall annually
167a	publish on the school
168	district's website, and a school's website, a school report card with the grade for the prior
169	school year, together with the current school improvement plan established in accordance with
170	Section 53A-1a-108.5.
171	$[5]$ On or before $\$ \rightarrow [August 15]$ September 1 $\leftarrow \$$, a charter school shall annually
171a	publish on the charter
172	school's website a school report card with the grade for the prior school year.
173	Section 8. Coordinating S.B. 271 with S.B. 175 Substantive and technical
174	amendments.
175	If this S.B. 271 and S.B. 175, Assessment of College Readiness, both pass and become
176	law, the Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in
177	preparing the Utah Code database for publication, make the following changes:
178	(1) modify Subsection 53A-1-1103(1)(a) to read:
179	"(1) (a) The State Board of Education shall establish a school grading system in
180	accordance with this part in which a school annually is designated a grade of A, B, C, D, or F
181	based on the performance of the school's students on statewide assessments, and for a high
182	school, the graduation rate and [measures that indicate college and career readiness], except for

183	the 2012-13 school year, student performance on a college admissions test administered
184	pursuant to Section 53A-1-611.";
185	(2) modify Subsection 53A-1-1105(3)(b) to read:
186	"(b) [measures indicating college and career readiness] except for the 2012-13 school
187	year, student performance on a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section
188	<u>53A-1-611</u> .";
189	(3) modify Subsection 53A-1-1108(1)(b) to read:
190	"(b) [indicators of college and career readiness] except for the 2012-13 school year, the
191	percentage of students who are considered college ready as measured by a college admissions
192	test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611."; and
193	(4) modify Subsection 53A-1-1108(3)(a) to read:
194	"(3) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a school may earn a maximum of
195	[200] $\hat{S} \rightarrow [350] 300 \leftarrow \hat{S}$ points for the criteria described in Subsection (1) with $\hat{S} \rightarrow [two-thirds]$
195a	<u>one-half</u> ←\$ of the maximum
196	number of points allotted to high school graduation and $\hat{S} \rightarrow [one-third]$ one-half $\leftarrow \hat{S}$ allotted to
196a	[indicators of
197	college and career readiness] the percentage of students who are considered college ready as
198	measured by a college admissions test administered pursuant to Section 53A-1-611."

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