

SCHOOL GRADING MODIFICATIONS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to assigning a letter grade to a school based on the proficiency, learning gains, or college and career readiness of the school's students.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends provisions related to the letter grade that is assigned to the percentage of points earned under school grading.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-1-1110, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 403

REPEALS:

53A-1-1114, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 452

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

Section 1. 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 Subsections (2) and (3), a~~] A school shall receive a letter grade based on the percentage of the maximum number of points the school may earn as

30 calculated under Section [53A-1-1109](#) as follows:

31 ~~[(a) A, 100% - 80%;]~~

32 ~~[(b) B, 79% - 70%;]~~

33 ~~[(c) C, 69% - 60%;]~~

34 ~~[(d) D, 59% - 50%; and]~~

35 ~~[(e) F, 49% or less.]~~

36 (a) for a school that is not a high school:

37 (i) A, 100%-64%;

38 (ii) B, 63%-51%;

39 (iii) C, 50%-39%;

40 (iv) D, 38%-30%; and

41 (v) F, 29% or less; and

42 (b) for a high school:

43 (i) A, 100%-64%;

44 (ii) B, 63%-51%;

45 (iii) C, 50%-43%;

46 (iv) D, 42%-40%; and

47 (v) F, 39% or less.

48 ~~[(2) When 85% of schools receive an A or B, the State Board of Education shall~~
49 ~~increase the endpoints of the ranges listed in Subsections (1)(a) through (1)(e) by five~~
50 ~~percentage points, except the lower endpoint of the A range may not be greater than 90%.]~~

51 (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), and subject to Subsection (3), for a school year in
52 which at least 65% of schools described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b) receive an A or a B, the
53 board shall increase an endpoint of a range described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b) by five
54 percentage points over the previous school year.

55 (3) (a) Subsection (2) applies until the:

56 (i) lower endpoint of the:

57 (A) A range equals 90%;

58 (B) B range equals 80%;
59 (C) C range equals 70%;
60 (D) D range equals 60%; and
61 (ii) upper endpoint of the F range equals 59%.
62 (b) The board may increase an endpoint of a range described in Subsection (1)(a) or (b)
63 by less than five percentage points over the previous school year if increasing the endpoint by
64 five percentage points would increase the endpoint above the applicable percentage described
65 in Subsection (3)(a).
66 (c) If the board increases an endpoint of a range as described in this section, the board
67 shall publish, on the board's website, each letter grade that is assigned to the percentage of
68 points earned.
69 ~~[(3) The]~~ (4) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), the board shall lower a school's grade by
70 one letter grade if:
71 (a) student participation in a statewide assessment is fewer than 95%; or
72 (b) the participation of nonproficient students as determined by prior year test scores is
73 fewer than 95%.
74 Section 2. **Repealer.**
75 This bill repeals:
76 Section **53A-1-1114**, **Exceptions applicable to determining school grades for the**
77 **2014-15 school year.**