

GRADING/ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for grading and assessment of student academic progress.

The superintendent shall establish a report card system that provides parents/legal guardians and students a meaningful process of continuous evaluation for the student's achievement, including information regarding the requirements for promotion and graduation. The superintendent may not permit grading which does not comply with the state uniform grading scale.

Regularly issued report cards, combined with scheduled parent-teacher conferences, serve to promote a process of continuous evaluation of student performance. This process informs students and their parents/legal guardians and provides a basis for bringing about improvements in student performance.

Kindergarten through grade two

Student progress in kindergarten is reported on a checklist of kindergarten readiness skills, including mathematics and language development. Student progress in grades one and two is reported on a checklist including South Carolina curriculum standards in core curricular areas, related arts and work habits/social development. Report card formats in kindergarten, grade one and grade two must be approved by the Board.

Statewide uniform grading scale

~~This uniform grading scale and the system for calculating grade point averages (GPAs) and class rank will apply to all students in grades 3-12, courses carrying Carnegie units, including units earned at the middle/junior high school level.~~

The South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale, based on a 10 point scale, is applied to all student work assessed in third through twelfth grade. The SC Uniform Grading Policy was modified in 2016 to reflect the adoption of the 10 point scale. The system for calculating grade point averages (GPAs) and class rank is outlined in the SC Uniform Grading policy and is applicable to all courses carrying Carnegie units, including units earned at the middle/ junior high school levels.

The uniform grading scale is as follows.

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| <u>A</u> | <u>90 – 100</u> |
| <u>B</u> | <u>80 – 89</u> |
| <u>C</u> | <u>70 – 79</u> |
| <u>D</u> | <u>60 – 69</u> |
| <u>F</u> | <u>59 and below</u> |

All report cards and transcripts will use numerical grades for courses carrying Carnegie units.

See administrative regulations for additional implementation information.

Adopted 5/10/99; Revised 4/26/04, 9/12/05, 7/17/17

Legal references:

Charleston County School District

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-18-310(B) - Development or adoption of statewide assessment program to measure student performance.
2. Section 59-18-320(C) - Review of field test; general administration of test; accommodations for students with disabilities; adoption of new standards.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-262 - Assessment programs.
2. R43-262.4 - End of course tests.
3. R43-274 - Student attendance.