

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: II A **DATE:** October 9, 2023

TOPIC/TITLE: Emergency Approval of 08.221 "Grading"

PRESENTER: Ryan Asher

ORIGIN:

- TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY
 - STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
 - BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
 - OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
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 - DATE: September 25, 2023
 - ACTION: Tabled for draft policy to be completed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Policy 01.5 the Board may give emergency approval in one reading for a policy change.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

Requesting approval of policy 08.221 "Grading" for Standards Based Grading in 4th and 5th Grades for 2023-2024 school year.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES: none.

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Recommended Not Recommended



Grading

ACHIEVEMENT

Teachers shall maintain detailed, systematic records of the achievement of each student.

High school teachers shall clearly inform students of the evaluation procedures used in the determination of grades.

GRADE REPORTS

Grade reports shall be issued every nine (9) weeks for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

When parents wish to have a conference with the teacher(s), they should contact the Principal's office for appointments.

GRADING

The grading and reporting standards for primary, intermediate, middle and high school students shall be specified in the appropriate student handbook(s).

A standards-based grading system that evaluates students' progress toward mastering specific learning targets derived from state standards shall be utilized at the elementary level in kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5).

The following grading standards shall be adhered to for students in grades six through twelve (612):

A	90100	Excellent
B	80-89	Good
C	70-79	Fair
D	60-69	Poor
F	59 and below	Failing
I		Incomplete (grades 912)

An "I" (incomplete) grade shall be issued to high school students when part of the work in a course has not been completed at the time grades are issued because of illness or other circumstances beyond the pupil's control.

Makeup work must be completed by the tenth day following the end of the term or as directed by the Principal. It is the student's responsibility to contact his/her respective teachers concerning makeup. If the makeup work is not completed by the 10th day or as directed by the Principal, the incomplete grade shall automatically become an "F." An "I" for the final term must be approved by the Principal, and the makeup procedure to remove the "I" from the student's permanent record must also be approved by the Principal

A student's grade shall not be lowered as a disciplinary action.

Grading

WEIGHTED COURSES

Advanced courses shall be weighted courses and shall have a higher quality point value than the normal curricular offerings. Advanced Placement and Dual Credit courses shall be weighted according to the following scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Normal Unit</u>	<u>Weighted Unit</u>
A	4.0	5.0
B	3.0	4.0
C	2.0	3.0
D	1.0	2.0
F	.0	.0

The addition and/or deletion from the curriculum of weighted courses shall be recommended by the respective academic department and chairperson council and approved by the Board.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

High school students who transfer into the district and whose transcripts show Advanced Placement courses for ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade work shall receive weighted credit if a corresponding course is offered as a weighted unit by this district.

All other academic credit earned from accredited high schools shall be transferable if the credit is equal to credit earned at this high school.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Final grade point averages for high school students shall be calculated upon completion of the final semester of a student's senior year and shall be used to determine class rank. If a course is taken for a second time, the higher grade shall be utilized in the calculation of the student's grade point average.

REFERENCES:

- [KRS 158.140](#); [KRS 158.645](#); [KRS 158.6451](#); [KRS 158.860](#)
- [KRS 160.345](#); [KRS 161.200](#)

RELATED POLICIES:

- 02.441, 08.113, 08.22, 08.222, 08.5, 09.123

Adopted/Amended: 7/15/2019
Order #: IV A

School Board Policies**TOPICS**

The Board shall file in the Board's office its policies including, but not limited to, the following matters:

1. Transportation of pupils;
2. Discipline and conduct of pupils;
3. Limitations or restrictions on use of school facilities;
4. Conduct of meeting of the Board; including policies on the calling of executive sessions;
5. Personnel policies that apply to certified employees including duties, fringe benefits, salary schedules, non-classroom duties, professional development, teacher-student ratio, hiring, assignment, transfer, dismissal, suspension, reinstatement, promotion and demotion;
6. Employment and evaluation of the Superintendent of schools;
7. Identification and statement of District goals and objectives and establishment of criteria to determine District progress;
8. Evaluation of certified employees;
9. Selection of textbooks and instructional materials;
10. Expenditure and accounting for school funds, including all special funds; and
11. Policies dealing with school-based decision making.¹

INTENTION

It is intended that these policies shall cover matters within the authority and discretion of the Board and not matters otherwise required by law or regulation.¹

UPDATING

Such policies shall be kept up-to-date by filing annual amendments thereto by August 15 and shall be public records.¹

ENACTMENT OF POLICY

Except when indicated by an emergency situation, the Board will not enact or revise policy in the same meeting that it is initially introduced. Additional readings shall not be required if the Board amends the policy proposal under consideration at either the first or second reading.

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

The Superintendent shall develop and implement a system whereby each employee or student shall have access to Board policies. In addition, each new Board member shall be provided with a copy of the Board policy manual and/or access to the District's online manual.

All Board policies shall be reasonably accessible to all District personnel and to the public at large.

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MAINTENANCE OF POLICY MANUALS

All copies of the official policy manual shall be numbered, housed in specified locations, and kept current through a system developed and implemented by the Superintendent.

POLICIES ARE BINDING

All policies of the Board are binding on employees of the District, schools, students, and on the Board itself.² Employees and students who fail to comply with Board policies may be subject to disciplinary action.

Exception: Policy exemptions may apply to a participating school of innovation as specified in the District's application for district of innovation status as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.³

Exception: In the areas specified by KRS 160.345, councils may adopt school policies that differ from Board policy.

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 160.340

²KRS 160.290

³KRS 156.108

KRS 160.107

KRS 160.345

RELATED POLICIES:

01.0

01.11

01.6

01.61

Adopted/Amended: 8/27/2012

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