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SUBJECT: Hathaway Scholarship Program – Calculation of High School GPA

Hathaway Scholarship Program – Recommended Standard 4.0 Scale

Wyoming Statute 21-16-1301 (a)(xii) states that “grade point average” or “GPA” means the numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale. The Hathaway Rules and Regulations state that “grade point average (GPA), when used in the context of high school grades, means the numbered grade average calculated using a 4.0 scale. In high school, it must include all credit courses taken by the student at all eligible high schools, but does not include courses taken by the student from an eligible postsecondary institution while still enrolled in high school unless that class counts toward high school graduation.”

School districts may use any appropriate board of trustees approved grading scale such as a 5 point with a weighted class for AP and IB. However, for the Hathaway Scholarship, if anything other than a 4 point scale is used by the district, the GPA needs to be converted to a 4 point scale to determine the GPA for Hathaway Scholarship eligibility and clearly indicated on the student’s transcript.

It has come to the attention of the Department that some schools may not be calculating the high school GPA on a 4.0 scale for students applying for the Hathaway Scholarship and that different calculations are being used. The Department recommends that school districts use the following standard 4.0 scale:

- A = 4.0
- B = 3.0
- C = 2.0
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0

The Department will be recommending a revision to the Hathaway Rules and Regulations to require school districts to use the standard 4.0 scale listed above for calculating a GPA for Hathaway Scholarship eligibility.