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MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-085

TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Coordinators
High School Principals
High School Counselors
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High School Registrars

FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: August 14, 2017

SUBJECT: Hathaway Scholarship Grade-Weighting Policy Pilot Project

LAST CALL FOR DISTRICT PARTICIPATION: GRADE-WEIGHTING PILOT IN 2017-18

During the 2017 Wyoming Legislative session, changes were implemented that affect the calculation of the high school GPA for Hathaway Scholarship awarding purposes. [Senate Enrolled Act 0056](#) directs the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to establish a grade-weighting policy to account for the academic rigor of high school courses beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

The WDE is seeking 10 to 20 districts to pilot a grade-weighting system during the 2017-2018 school year to determine how the policy will affect students' high school GPAs. **Students' Hathaway awards will not be affected during this pilot.** Interested districts should contact the [Hathaway Team](#) by **August 30, 2017** to participate. All districts will be required to implement the new grade-weighting policy during the 2018-2019 school year, regardless of whether they participate in the pilot program.

The WDE will use the following parameters for the 2017-18 pilot:

GRADE	POINT VALUE FOR A 4.0 SCALE	POINT VALUE FOR A 5.0 SCALE*
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	2
F	0	0

**This policy only applies to the GPA used for awarding the various levels of the Hathaway Scholarship; districts may continue to maintain their local policies for grade-weighting for other purposes. The 5.0 scale will apply only to Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Dual/Concurrent courses for the 2017-18 pilot.*

Districts that volunteer to be part of the pilot will be contacted by the Hathaway Team to set up a call and establish additional parameters. Pilot districts will be required to participate in five to eight calls with the Hathaway Team throughout the 2017-18 school year.

For more information, contact Bradley Barker or Jennifer LaHiff at hathawayscholarship@wyo.gov.