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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-051

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

**FROM:** Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** April 24, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Hathaway Scholarship Grade-Weighting Policy

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## CALL FOR DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS: 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 between 10 and 20 districts to pilot a grade-weighting system during the 2017-2018 school year to determine how the grade-weighting policy will affect students' high school GPAs. **Students' Hathaway awards will not be affected during this pilot.** Districts can sign-up for [here](#) to be a pilot district by **Friday, May 5, 2017.**

The WDE will use the following parameters for the Hathaway grade-weighting policy for the 2017-18 pilot:

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>POINT VALUE FOR A 4.0 SCALE</b>	<b>POINT VALUE FOR A 5.0 SCALE*</b>
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 grade-weighting pilot during the 2017-18 school year will be contacted by the Hathaway Team to set up a call and establish additional parameters for this pilot. Volunteer districts will be required to participate in five to eight calls with the Hathaway Team beginning this spring and throughout the 2017-18 school year.

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