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MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-019

TO: District Superintendents
High School Principals
Curriculum Directors
Scholarship Coordinators
High School Counselors

FROM: Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: February 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Hathaway Scholarship Program Grade-Weighting Policy

HATHAWAY GRADE WEIGHTING

Changes have been made to the way high school GPAs are calculated for the Hathaway Scholarship. In accordance with 2017 [Senate Enrolled Act 0056](#), the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) established a [grade-weighting policy](#) that accounts for the increased academic rigor of certain high school courses.

The WDE has been working throughout the 2017-18 school year with several pilot districts to use the weighting system seen here:

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

The 5.0 scale is used only to determine the level of the Hathaway Scholarship awarded. Districts may continue to use their existing grade-weighting policies for other purposes. The 5.0 scale will apply only to Hathaway-approved Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and +1000 level and above dual/concurrent courses; all other courses will retain the 4.0 scale value. As this is used only in pilot districts at this time, the weighted GPA will not be used to award students during the 2017-18 school year.

The WDE will hold several online sessions to address the policy in detail, and to answer any questions that district personnel may have. The meetings will be held during the following dates/times:

- March 6, 9 a.m.
- March 8; 3:30 p.m.
- March 13, 9 a.m.
- March 15, 3:30 p.m.
- March 19, 3:30 p.m.
- March 20, 9 a.m.
- March 28, 9 a.m.
- March 29, 3:30 p.m.

Email the Hathaway Team at hathawayscholarship@wyo.gov to sign up for a session.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, all districts will be required to use the weighted Hathaway GPA for all Hathaway approved AP, IB, and +1000 level and above dual/concurrent courses for all students. Districts also will be required to display the weighted Hathaway GPA on all student transcripts for Hathaway Scholarship awarding purposes. All district personnel are encouraged to attend one of the above sessions.

For questions about the Hathaway grade-weighting policy, contact Jennifer LaHiff or Bradley Barker at hathawayscholarship@wyo.gov for further information.