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HATHAWAY WEIGHTED GPA REMINDER

Changes were 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.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, all districts are required to calculate a weighted Hathaway GPA and to display the weighted Hathaway GPA (titled "Hathaway GPA") on all student transcripts for Hathaway Scholarship awarding purposes. The five-point (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 weighted Hathaway GPA affects all Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and +1000 level and above dual/concurrent courses for all students. Every school district will

implement the following five-point (5.0) scale during the 2018-19 school year and beyond:

| 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 |

More information can be found at www.hathawayscholarship.org.

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