

10-point Grading Scale

The School Board has approved a new, 10-point grading scale, to take effect during the 2013-14 school year.

The change was approved to give Newport News Public Schools students equal footing with students from other school districts that have adopted the 10-point grading scale. NNPS students compete with students for college admissions, merit-based scholarships and placement in college honors programs.

In the Hampton Roads area, neighboring school systems in Poquoson, Hampton, York County and Isle of Wight County have versions of a 10-point grading scale, as do school districts in Northern Virginia.

The current NNPS system of weighted quality points for Honors (.5) and Advanced Placement/ International Bacalaureate courses (1.0) for semester grades will be retained.

The proposed scale will start with the 2013-2014 school year; the new scale will not be retroactive for past report card grades or the recalculation of GPAs.

The Student Records office already provides a Transcript Supplement with information about the district, its schools and the grading and class ranking systems. According to Claudia Hines, director of School Counseling and Youth Development, school counselors do the same for current students.

Students in kindergarten through the second grade do not receive letter grades. That policy will stay the same. The old and new grading scales for grades 3-12:

Grading Scale

CURRENT		NEW <i>(Effective September 3, 2013)</i>	
A	92-100%	A	90-100%
B	83-91%	B	80-89%
C	74-82%	C	70-79%
D	65-73%	D	60-69%
F	Below 65%	F	Below 60%