

Students

SUBJECT: REVISION OF GRADES

The Board of Education recognizes that the evaluation and grading of students is an important component of the instructional program and rests primarily with the classroom teacher. In determining a student's grades, the teacher may take into account, but not be limited to, the following: test scores; performance on projects, reports, homework and the like; classroom participation; and student improvement in an academic area. Grades may not be reduced for disciplinary purposes, unless the student's misconduct is directly related to his/her academic performance.

However, a student's final course grade may be revised based upon the review and recommendation of the building principal/designee. This revision will take into account the particular circumstances of the case, including a review of the grade and work in question, as well as all other factors which determined the student's grade. There must be sufficient basis for the grade modification so that the determination is not arbitrary, capricious or otherwise unreasonable.

Whether or not the building principal/designee revises a student's final course grade, the building principal/designee will so notify the Superintendent of any decision rendered; the building principal/designee will also notify the teacher, the student and the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of his/her decision. The building principal/designee's decision may be appealed by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and/or the student to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will then notify the building principal/designee, teacher, student, and student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the decision on appeal. If not satisfied with the Superintendent's decision, the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and/or student may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the Board of Education. The Board of Education's decision may be ultimately appealed to the Commissioner of Education.

In all determinations concerning grade revisions, the Superintendent will notify the Board of Education regarding the outcome of the decision and/or appeal.

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