

ASSIGNING HIGH SCHOOL GRADES FOR THE TRANSCRIPT

It is important for parents to understand that it is not fair to their child or the rest of the students in GCSHEA to reward 100's for "above average" work.

If you use a traditional grading system with a curriculum that provides tests, it should accurately measure the mastery of a subject.

If you use unit studies, non-traditional learning approaches or electives that are hour and participation based, the grading scale should be different. GCSHEA suggests that you consider awarding an A,B,C, or D and use the number value as set by the Uniform Grading Scale that says an A=95, B=85, C=75 and D=65.

If in the evaluation of the student's performance you think that it is different from those standards, then award accordingly. For example, if you think that they did less than a 95 but more than an 85, you will need to choose the number grade that you feel is deserved.

A parent may desire to award 100's for effort, however, they need to be fair to their child and other students who will be ranked among the class. If you feel your child deserves an A, then assign a 95. Reserve 100's for effort way above the usual or for extra work accomplished. Please remember that 100 is perfect. Were they perfect? If they earned the 100, please feel free to award the grade.

Some parents consult their children's tutors or co-op teachers to help with evaluations, to obtain a more objective grade.

Finally, have your student sign the bottom of the course description forms. When they sign it, they are acknowledging the grade you awarded.

ENROLLMENT POLICY

If your child is enrolled in GCSHEA high school, we require that he or she is not enrolled in any other accountability group for the purpose of class ranking. We are required by the SC Commission of Higher Education to submit the names of the sophomore, junior or senior class students with their GPA ranking if one of our students qualifies for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

I have read and understand the policies listed above. I am currently enrolled only in GCSHEA for my legal accountability group.

Parent Signature

Date