



Common Grading

The Grand Forks Senior High Schools have decided to use a common grading system starting with the 2006-07 school year. The decision was made to provide more consistency between teachers and departments. When parents review grades on Powerschool they will see a consistent grading scale. The grading scale that has been adopted is as follows.

A = 100-92%

B = 91-84%

C = 83-74%

D = 73-64%

Why isn't there a consistent 8 points difference between all of the grades?

Grading scales had ranged from a high of an A of 94% to a low of 87%. About half of the teachers used a 90-80-70-60 scale. When adjusting the scale to the 92% for an "A" and changing from 10 percentage points different to an 8 points difference, it meant that to move from an "A" meant moving from a 90 to a 92 or an increase of 2 points. At the same time, the students at the lower end of passing moved from a 60 to a 68. The recommendation was made to lessen the significance of the change and to modify the grading scale so that there is an 8 points difference between the A and B, and B and C, but 10 points difference between the C and D, and the D and F.

How will this effect the Advanced Placement and Enriched courses?

In the past AP and enriched courses were given a lower grading scale from the regular courses. Now all courses will use the same grading scale, but AP and enriched courses will use a weighted GPA, providing one extra grade point for each grade. Therefore, a student with a "B" will have the same GPA under the weighted GPA as an "A" under the regular GPA.

When will this go into effect?

The common grading scale will go into effect beginning with the 2006-07 school year.