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MEMORANDUM

TO: Principals and Headmasters, S.C. Private High Schools
Presidents, S.C. Third Option Home-School Associations

FROM: Karen Woodfaulk,
Director, Student Services Division

RE: Uniform Grading Policy Revised January 9, 2007

In 1999, the State Board of Education adopted the first uniform grading policy as directed by the General Assembly to promote consistency among the grading scales used in South Carolina. The 1999 grading policy applied to all ninth grade students in the 2000-2001 school year and remained effective until the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

In January 2007, the State Department of Education approved revisions to the 1999 uniform grading policy based on recommendations from the Report of the South Carolina High School Redesign (March 2006) and the Education and Economic Development Act (2005). The 2007 Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) was effective for all students beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and thereafter. The 2007 Uniform Grading Policy can be found at the State Department of Education's Web-site at http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Instructional-Promising-Practices/old/hsr/documents/INEZ2006UGP_1ApprovedbySBE1-9-07.pdf

Also, you may find it beneficial to review the side-by-side comparison between the 1999 and the 2007 Uniform Grading Policies, which is also available on the State Department's Web-site at <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Standards-and-Learning/Instructional-Promising-Practices/old/hsr/documents/UGPsidebyside.pdf>

Because no other grading scale can be used in determining whether students qualify for State scholarships, please review the revised policy and note what changes were made. If your high school has not already implemented these changes, it is essential that your high school implement the revised policy immediately (2008-2009 school year) to ensure your students remain eligible for the State scholarships.

Thank you for your assistance in implementing the 2007 UGP.

cc: Guidance Counselors, S.C. Private High Schools