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TO: Principals and Headmasters, Private South Carolina High Schools, and Presidents, South Carolina Home-School Associations

FROM: Student Services Division

RE: Uniform Grading Scale Policy for State Scholarship Eligibility

In December 1999, the State Board of Education adopted the Uniform Grading Scale (UGS) Policy as prescribed by the General Assembly. The purpose of the UGS is to promote consistency among grading scales used by the State for scholarship eligibility.

Attached is a copy of the UGS Policy that went into effect in 2004. State Scholarship eligibility will be determined by the students' achievement on the UGS **only**. No other grading system or policy will allow the student the opportunity to qualify for a state scholarship.

Thank you for your assistance in implementing the Uniform Grading Scale. If you should have any questions about the UGS, please contact the State Department of Education at (803) 734-8500. For any questions regarding state scholarship eligibility, please contact the Commission on Higher Education at (803) 737-2260.

cc: Guidance Counselors, Private S.C. High Schools, and Governor's Schools

Enclosure