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GRADING SYSTEMS

The Jefferson Davis Parish School Board directs that evaluation of student progress be based on various aspects of performance as measured against standards for the respective grade or subject. The requirements for evaluation shall take into consideration the ability, aptitude, cultural background, and other characteristics of the student. Grading shall be based on achievement as it reflects a reasonable and conscientious effort on the part of the student to fulfill in the requirements of the course, and the ability of the student as it relates to the student's demonstrated effort.

Grades shall be determined and reported in accordance with procedures outlined in the *Pupil Progression Plan*, as approved by the School Board. Grading and reporting shall serve to show those concerned how a student is doing in his/her work. Grades shall not be used with the intent of rewarding or punishing a student.

GRADE ALTERATION

No School Board member, Superintendent, or school employee, including administrative and supervisory personnel, shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence, alter, or otherwise affect the grade received by a student from his/her teacher. However, a teacher's determination of a student's grade may be changed or altered when the Superintendent or designee has determined that the grade is in error, or that the grade is demonstrably inconsistent with the teacher's grading policy. Grade changes involving an error will be handled administratively at the school level, with appropriate documentation and the signatures of the principal and teacher in agreement on the change kept on file.

A grade change request by a principal, involving a grade demonstrably inconsistent with the teacher's grading policy, shall be submitted to the Superintendent in writing, along with all appropriate documentation of the reason for the grade by the teacher and evidence warranting the change by the principal. The Superintendent shall appoint a committee of central office staff to examine all materials submitted and recommend whether or not a change is warranted. The Superintendent shall notify the principal and the teacher in writing of his/her decision, based on the committee's recommendation.

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