

GRADING AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

The Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) finds that the application used by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in computing secondary school final grades at the end of each two-quarter period (semester) results in compression of grades under its current application.

WHEREAS MCPS currently applies the grading methodology detailed in the Grade Configuration Table for Semester Grades (GCTSG method) when computing final grades in secondary schools; and

WHEREAS MCPS' use of the GCTSG method may result in grade compression when a final exam is given or in grade trending when no final exam is given, based on the 0-100 percent grade conversions to a letter grade; and

WHEREAS MCPS Policy IKA, Grading and Reporting, states that "[f]air representation of a student's performance on a variety of measures over time" and "[a]ccurate and precise records that support reported achievement" shall occur; and

WHEREAS the MCCPTA believes that in the interest of fairness to students and accuracy in the reporting of grades, MCPS should revise its Grading Procedures in Grades 6-12 to incorporate a procedure in which each semester/final grade is determined by weighting the grades on a 0-100 % scale (percentage scale), now be it, therefore,

RESOLVED that the MCCPTA requests that Montgomery County Public Schools discontinue use of the Grade Configuration Table for Semester Grades when calculating a semester or final grade; and be it, further,

RESOLVED that the MCCPTA requests that Montgomery County Public Schools revise the Grading Procedures in Grades 6-12 to require that final grades for all secondary courses be determined by weighting the final grade on percentage scale for each of the two quarters and for the final exam grade, if one is given; and be it, further,

RESOLVED that MCCPTA requests that MCPS retain the percentage grade earned, when reporting a letter grade on the report card in order to later demonstrate the most precise measure of each student's letter grade earned.