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Frequently Asked Questions – Ten Point Grading Scale

1. **When will the change to a ten point grading scale officially take place?** *The change to a ten point grading scale will take place with the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.*
2. **Will the change to a ten point grading scale affect all students beginning with the 2015-16 school year?** *The change to a ten point grading scale will apply to all students in grades 9-12 by State Board policy beginning in the 2015-16 school year.*
3. **What about middle school students?** *The Alamance-Burlington School System will also apply the ten point grading scale for grades 6-8. This is not a local policy issue, but a procedural choice that aligns with SBE policy. It will also prepare students for the same grading scale that will be used in high school.*
4. **Will upper classmen have their current GPA and grades converted to the new scale?** *The change to the ten point grading scale is not retroactive. Therefore, previously earned grades will stand as earned and recorded. Thus, current GPA will not be impacted by the change.*
5. **Isn't it unfair for students to have earned a letter grade required by a higher numerical average in a course this year, while students next year can earn the same letter grade with a lower numerical average?** *The State Board of Education chose to implement the new ten point grading scale for all students next year to eliminate inequity amongst student grades within the same course, for different grade levels, within the same year. Once the policy is in place, there will be some differences in letter grades earned for the same numerical average in years to come compared to previous years.*
6. **Will we need to alter local board of education policy?** *The numerical grading scale is in State Board Policy and not local policy. Our local policy designates the method by which quality points are awarded, which is a standard four point scale.*



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- 7. Will we convert grades from out of state or other situations where students come to ABSS and are not on a ten point scale?** *We will not change our procedures for receiving grades on a transcript from outside the district – that is, the student receives the alpha grade they earned and as recorded on the transcript. The principal makes final decisions about any credits awarded from home school or non-public schools based on our current local policy.*
- 8. Will the change affect the way we report grades on transcripts?** *At this time, ABSS will continue to report numerical grades on both transcripts and report cards. Students who are currently in high school and are not graduating this year will see some differences in quality points awarded for the same numerical grade in year 2015-16 and beyond on their transcripts.*
- 9. What about the awarding of quality points for advanced courses?** *At this time, we are unaware of any changes in the SBE decision as announced previously regarding this issue. Therefore, the changes in quality points for advanced coursework will apply only to students entering high school in 15-16. The other three classes of students would remain on the current process. However, if changes are forthcoming, we will notify all stakeholders.*
- 10. With high school students earning dual credit for college level coursework, will grading scales be more consistent?** *Alamance Community College uses a ten point grading scale. Other Institutions of Higher Education use some variation of the ten point scale depending upon the university.*