

# NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 3000: INSTRUCTION

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## UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGING OF STUDENT GRADES

The North Branford Board of Education shall require the administration at each school to develop, implement, and enforce a uniform grading system that accurately and meaningfully assesses the academic performance of each student. The grading system shall recognize and support teachers as having primary responsibility for the assignment of grades, based upon the teacher's consistent and objective evaluation of each student's mastery of the subject area.

Teachers shall be allowed to reasonably exercise their professional judgment and discretion in determining whether a student requires additional coursework and/or alternative assignments for the purpose of determining the student's mastery of the subject area. Upon request, a teacher must explain to the student, parents, and administration the criteria used to determine a particular grade, whether given as a final course grade or for an individual class assignment.

The building principal shall have the authority to review the teacher's assignment of grades, and to recommend that the teacher provide additional coursework and/or alternative assignments when necessary or to allow the student to demonstrate achievement of academic standards.

The building principal may change an assigned grade only to accurately reflect a student's academic performance, as measured by a uniformly applied evaluation of the student's demonstrated mastery of the subject area. Prior to the changing of any assigned grade, the principal shall consult with the teacher and obtain and thoroughly consider the teacher's written explanation of why the grade accurately reflects the student's demonstrated, measurable academic performance. Any and all changes to a student's assigned grade, whether said change is rendered by a teacher or an administrator, shall be documented in writing and maintained as part of the student's education records, along with a detailed description of the reasons in support of the change, with a copy to the teacher and the parent or guardian.

Legal Reference: C.G.S. § 10-221

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