

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1112**

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the Statewide
- 2 Standardized Grading System Act; to provide an operative date; and
- 3 to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be  
2 cited as the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act.

3           **Sec. 2.** (1) The Legislature finds that:

4           (a) Nebraska's school districts use varying grading scales and  
5 definitions of academic proficiency, resulting in inconsistent measures  
6 of student performance;

7           (b) Such inconsistency in measures of student performance creates  
8 inequities for students transferring between school districts, enrolling  
9 in option school districts, applying for scholarships, and meeting  
10 graduation requirements; and

11           (c) A uniform statewide grading system promotes fairness,  
12 transparency, and comparability of academic outcomes across the state.

13           (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a statewide  
14 grading system and for such statewide grading system to be applied  
15 uniformly in all public, private, parochial, and denominational schools.

16           **Sec. 3.** (1) On or before December 31, 2026, the State Department of  
17 Education shall establish a statewide grading system. The statewide  
18 grading system shall:

19           (a) Apply to all credit-bearing coursework in grades three through  
20 twelve;

21           (b) Apply the same grading standards to resident students and  
22 enrollment option students;

23           (c) Use a standard statewide grading scale;

24           (d) Align state academic content standards proficiency levels with  
25 the standard statewide grading scale;

26           (e) Use consistent rules for the calculation of grades, numerical  
27 rounding in the calculation of grades, treatment of late assignments, and  
28 treatment of assessment results;

29           (f) Establish uniform weighting for courses designed for  
30 exceptionally motivated and high-achieving students to provide more  
31 academically or technically advanced learning than regular courses in the

1 same subject area and for courses designed to provide students with an  
2 opportunity to earn postsecondary education credit or technical skill  
3 credentials upon successful completion of such course; and

4 (g) Clear guidance for reporting grades on transcripts.

5 (2) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each public, private,  
6 parochial, and denominational school shall implement the statewide  
7 grading system.

8 **Sec. 4.** Each school district shall measure the academic performance  
9 of each student in the same manner whether the student is enrolled as a  
10 resident student or as an enrollment option student.

11 **Sec. 5.** (1) Each school district shall publish the statewide  
12 grading scale in all student handbooks, course catalogs, and on the  
13 school district website.

14 (2) Each school district shall report student grades to the State  
15 Department of Education in a standardized format to support statewide  
16 comparability and public reporting.

17 (3) The department shall annually report to the Education Committee  
18 of the Legislature on the implementation of and compliance with the  
19 Statewide Standardized Grading System Act and on any recommended  
20 adjustments. The report shall be submitted electronically.

21 **Sec. 6.** The State Department of Education shall provide training  
22 and technical assistance to school districts, teachers, and  
23 administrators for implementation of the statewide grading system,  
24 including evidence-based grading practices and equity-focused assessment  
25 strategies.

26 **Sec. 7.** The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules  
27 and regulations to carry out the Statewide Standardized Grading System  
28 Act.

29 **Sec. 8.** This act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

30 **Sec. 9.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
31 passed and approved according to law.