



**AMPHITHEATER**

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# Study of Governing Board Policies

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# IKA (Grading/Assessment Systems)

## Discussion points:

- Currently there is no provision to replace a grade with a new grade when a student re-takes a course.
- Currently all grades earned are averaged into the overall grade point average (GPA).
- Example: A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student earns a “D” in their 1<sup>st</sup> semester English class. The student re-takes the same class their Sophomore year and earns a “B”. Currently the GPA for these two classes is averaged to a 2.0 GPA.
- If the “D” is replaced by the “B”, then the GPA for this class will be a 3.0 GPA.



# IKC (Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages)

## Discussion points

- This policy currently contradicts our practice found in IKF-RB that a student's grade point average (GPA) will start during high school.
- IKF-RB allows for a student's GPA to start in middle school when a student takes a high school course.
- Current middle school students' GPA's are not impacted by this practice as their courses will not be factored into their high school GPA.
- Only current high school students are impacted by IKF-RB



# IKEA and IKEA-R (Make Up Opportunities)

## Discussion Points:

- These policy documents currently do not provide make up opportunities for long-term suspensions (LTS) or expulsions.
- We have an alternative opportunity for students that are long-term suspended, however the success rate for these students is low.
- Often LTS students do not take advantage of the opportunity or stay in the program long enough to complete courses.



# IKF-RA (Graduation Requirements: Determining Competency for Graduation Credit)

## Discussion points:

- Currently students have the opportunity to take an exam for course credit however, the student does not receive a grade and it does not reflect in their grade point average (GPA).
- Anytime students receive credit for a course without a grade (A-F), their GPA is calculated using fewer non-weighted credits. This results in a higher GPA for students who take weighted courses.



# Example

Student A	Student B
Algebra - PASS	Algebra - A
Pre-AP English - A	Pre-AP English - A
Biology - A	Biology - A
GPA = $(0+5+4) / (0+1+1) = 4.5$	GPA = $(4+5+4) / (1+1+1) = 4.33$



# IKF-RB (Graduation Requirements (High School Courses Taken During Middle School))

## Discussion points:

- Amphitheater students who take a high school course in middle school receive credit and a grade on their transcripts, which reflects in their GPA. Students who take a high school course in middle school outside of Amphitheater School District receive credit for the course and the grade does not reflect in their GPA on their transcript.
- Currently this regulation only impacts our current high school students.



Questions?

