

FROM PTA LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Proposed Uniform Grade-Point Average Calculation Affects Middle School Students

HB 3851 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to create a standard method to of determining high school student grade point averages (GPA) for admission to a Texas public university.

Among other proposed changes, Texas high school students would no longer receive extra credit for Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) and Pre-International Baccalaureate (Pre-IB) course work or for Career and Technical Education (CATE) classes.

In addition, the proposed implementation begins with this year's 8th graders (who may have already taken some high school courses).

There is an article on this topic on the SBISD website www.springbranchisd.com entitled "Rethinking GPA Rules" with a link to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's website <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/os/uniformgpa/>. This document provides the information in an outline form <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/PDF/1617.PDF>

If you would like to express your opinion on the topic, comments on the proposal may be submitted to Natalie Coffey, Senior Program Director, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, P.O. Box 12788, Austin, Texas 78711, or natalie.coffey@thecb.state.tx.us.

The commissioner will bring his recommendation to the full board on October 23rd.

Note: The original deadline for comment was October 4th but it is my understanding that this deadline has been extended until October 19th.

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