

# Somers Central School District SHS Grade Reporting

## Frequently Asked Questions for Families

### Missing Work & Zeros

**Under this new system, will students really not get zeros?**

An F is still a zero, but on a 4.0 scale it represents a more mathematical proportional penalty while maintaining accountability.

### College Admissions

**Won't moving to letter grades make our students less competitive?**

Admissions offices explicitly state there would be no negative impact with this change. See below for direct quotes from university admissions departments.

### AP / IB / Honors Weighting

**Will students lose the advantage of the weighted GPA?**

Weighting of cumulative GPAs will continue. Since different high schools implement different weighting values, most colleges and universities will apply their own weighting calculation.

### Grade Precision & Accuracy

**Don't letter grades lack precision compared to a 100-point scale?**

Letter grades emphasize mastery of skills and content over point accumulation, helping reduce grade anxiety and keep the focus on learning.

### The Class of 2027 (Seniors)

**Will transcripts be changed while seniors are applying to colleges?**

For rising seniors, the current transcript with numerical grades will be sent to colleges, and the A-F scale will only apply to grades earned in the '26-27 school year.

### System Unification

**Isn't this an unproven, confusing new grading system?**

The letter scale is a well-established, traditional system that serves to unify multiple grading systems at SHS.

### College Feedback

"An A-F grading scale on a 4.0 system will not affect our ability to review transcripts, nor will it impact their competitiveness in our admissions pool."

— Auburn University Admissions

"We are looking at the courses taken, their rigor, and the grades earned in them. These sort of changes would not affect your students' reviews in our process."

— Cornell University Admissions

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