

## AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

**Agenda Item:** District Grading Guidelines  
**Meeting Date:** March 25, 2008  
**Department:** Curriculum and Instruction  
**Description:** Guidelines were developed by the district grading committee with feedback from all secondary teachers.

**Action Desired:** \_\_\_\_\_ Approval; \_\_\_\_\_ Discussion;   x   Information Only

### Overview:

Last spring a district grading committee was formed as directed by Dr. Keegan. This team reviewed current research on effective grading practices and developed a philosophy statement. This committee reconvened this January after a review of grades indicated that a high percent of students were failing. Guidelines were developed by the team and shared with all secondary staff members. Staff worked in small groups at each building to identify strengths, suggestions, and professional development needed for each of the six guidelines. The team reviewed this input and made final revisions which are reflected in this report. Three documents are included in this report they include; a) District Grading Guidelines, b) Grading research summary, and c) Staff input summary.

### Future Plans:

- Develop a plan to communicate grading changes to parents.
- Identify and implement an electronic grade book that allows grading guidelines to be implemented efficiently and effectively.
- Conduct training opportunities during the summer and fall on the electronic grade book.
- Develop and communicate a method for reporting behavior grades.
- Develop building procedures for ensuring major course learnings are completed.
- Monitor policy implementation through quarterly meetings of the district committee.
- Continue to work on identifying essential standards for each course so standard based reporting practices can be enhanced.
- Continue to implement the other recommendations from the Drop Out Summit.

