



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committed to Excellence

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Kingsway Regional School District is excited to announce a number of new policies and practices with regard to how we report academic achievement for our students. Encompassed in our plan, [*Improving College Acceptance, Strengthening Academic Culture and Expanding Opportunities for All Students*](#), these new policies and practices reflect a deliberate strategy to better prepare our students for a seamless and successful transition to college.

Summary of Plan

Through inquiry, investigation and deliberation, school officials have concluded that we can position our students to best compete for college acceptance, strengthen academic culture, enhance student scholarship opportunities, and streamline high school-to-college transitions by changing how we report and publish student academic achievement. Specifically, Kingsway will implement the following changes for all incoming 7 – 12 grade students beginning on September 1, 2020.

1. Shift away from our 8-point grading scale in favor of a [10-point scale](#);
2. Eliminate the [publishing of class rank](#);
3. Realign grade point average (GPA) calculations from our 100-point scale to the [4.00 GPA Scale](#);
4. Increase weighting in honors and advanced placement (AP) courses; and,
5. Expand the recognition of [academic excellence](#) through implementation of a Latin Honors Program used by many colleges and universities.

More information can be found on our website at www.krsd.org/ImprovingCollegeAcceptance. For those who prefer to review an abbreviated version of our plan, please click the link to our [Summary Document](#) or [Quick Facts Flyer](#). Frequently Asked Questions ([FAQ](#)) have been posted on our website and are constantly updated. Lastly, a parent information session has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 in the Eitel Theater and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Please, let me know if you need further clarification regarding this announcement.

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

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