



GRADING BASIS SUMMARY

SBCTC is asking CBS to give us the “green light” to institute the new BEdA Grading Basis (BGB) beginning with the 2021 Academic Year. The BGB will allow BEdA programs to grade students and for those grades to show up in ctcLink, on transcripts, and in student views.

The grading basis meets the following important requirements for BEdA programs:

- Allows grade displays on the student transcript without impacting GPA totals
- Generates FTES
- Suppresses grades from impacting Financial Aid SAP
- Suppresses BEdA courses from counting toward Financial Aid Pace Calculations

Some additional comments to note:

- Course credits will not show up on the transcript; however, we can generate a report that would show this information. The report can be attached to the transcript as a supplemental document providing the additional information for the student and any prospective transcript reviewers.
- Currently this grading basis does not perform prerequisite checking. We know that some programs have worked hard on local articulation agreements to get BEdA courses to count as pre-reqs for college courses. BEdA supports and affirms this work! Having HS+ graduates prepared for college-level courses without having to take developmental education is a core component of our equity work in guided pathways. SBCTC is committed to analyzing and finding a solution to this issue. We propose that the BGB be instituted and that we then devote resources to solving the prerequisite checking issue.
- Currently this grading basis does not check for the “three-peat” rule whereby students cannot be reported for courses funded with state dollars if enrolled more than three times for the same course. As this is SBCTC policy we are committed to providing tools to assist in the monitoring of this policy and will prioritize this issue as well as soon as we are able.

It is our hope that the membership will:

- Review this proposal in advance of the April 9 meeting
- Have any needed discussion of the proposal during the April 9 meeting
- Take a vote or offer some official form of approval to SBCTC to move forward with the grading basis.

Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out with any questions, thoughts, or concerns.