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BHCS STUDENT HANDBOOK ADDENDUM

WHAT: Change grading distribution scale (pg. 42) and Final Grade Weight for Milestones (pg. 65).

REASON: The state Board of Education voted to change the minimum weight for Georgia Milestones from 20% to 10% of a student's final grade.

CURRENT GRADE DISTRIBUTION: 50% Major, 30% Minor, 20% GMAS/FINAL

CHANGE TO: 50% Major, 30% Minor, 10% Work Ethic, 10% GMAS/FINAL

RATIONALE:

There are multiple justifications for incorporating a Work Ethic component into the grading distribution scale for FHSCCA. Firstly, it aligns with our strategic plan, which involves the implementation of district-wide employability expectations and establishing standard guidelines. By integrating this component into our grading distribution scale, we effectively fulfill these strategic objectives for FHSCCA.

Secondly, there has been a consistent request from the College and Career Academy Board to include this component over the past few years. Responding to this request demonstrates our commitment to meeting the expectations and aspirations of the Board and the academy stakeholders.

Lastly, as a College and Career Academy, we maintain a dynamic approach to cater to the evolving needs of our students, community, and industry. In our interactions with industry leaders, we have discovered that acquiring strong work ethic skills is among their primary concerns. Therefore, introducing a Work Ethic component in our grading distribution scale addresses industry demands and ensures that our students are equipped with crucial skills vital for their future careers.

