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Q: What is Bethel's new grading scale for 2017-2018?

A: Recently, Bethel Local School Board voted to change the district's grading scale to align itself with the ten-point scale that many schools across the state use. This change allows our students to compete for scholarship opportunities as well as admission placements on a more level playing field. With our previous grading scale, a Bethel student received a "B" for a numeric grade of "91"; however, a student from another school would receive an "A" for the same numeric grade. As a result, the student coming from the other school would end up having a greater competitive edge in future admission and scholarship processes. Knowing how college costs have increased and scholarships are more difficult to acquire, the board made a decision that they believed would be best for students as they face the financial challenges of training to succeed in their global economy.

A lower grading scale does not mean that students will be able to "float through their classes". The academic rigor and demand in the Bethel classrooms will not change; teachers will still have high expectations and demand excellence from their students. This grading scale will enable more students to compete for scholarships and receive academic recognition for their persistence in mastering Bethel's challenging curriculum. Please note that the GPA values for numerical grades within a grading category have differing calculation values.

GRADING SCALE for 2017-2018

- **A 90 – 100 3.67 – 4.00 GPA RANGE**
93-100 = 4.00 GPA
90-92 = 3.67 GPA
- **B = 80 - 89 3.33 – 2.67 GPA RANGE**
87-89 = 3.33 GPA
83-86 = 3.00 GPA
80-82 = 2.67 GPA
- **C = 70 – 79 1.67 – 2.33 GPA RANGE**
77-79 = 2.33 GPA
73-76 = 2.00 GPA
70-72 = 1.67 GPA
- **D = 60 – 69 1.33 – 0.67 GPA RANGE**
67-69 = 1.33 GPA
63-66 = 1.00 GPA
60-62 = 0.67 GPA
- **F = 59 or Below 0.00 GPA**