2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates for PowerSchool

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UPDATE 12/8/15 – Important Class Rank and GPA calculation instructions added to the FAQ section of this document (page 17). Please review if transcript GPAs and Class Ranks do not match PowerSchool GPAs and Class Ranks.

2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates for PowerSchool

The Office of Research and Data Analysis delivers the SC Standard Transcript Templates for PowerSchool to SC districts and schools. These templates provide standard reports for students when applying for SC scholarships (through the SC Commission on Higher Education) and when fulfilling requests for applications to colleges and universities. Registrars at these institutions rely on the format and accuracy of transcript information for scholarship eligibility determination and to meet admissions or application requirements. These templates also provide a standard report for student data transfer between schools or districts, and help meet the internal reporting needs for school administrators, students, parents, and teachers tracking changes in students' coursework.

The "Work In Progress" template is constructed to show current, mid-year unfinished coursework. The "Final" template is constructed for completed, end-of-the-year coursework. The transcript templates are provided to district PowerSchool administrators via a secure link. Please do not share these transcripts publically.

There are several changes to the SC Standard Transcript Templates for the 2015-16 school year. Failure to use the current templates may exclude students from scholarship eligibility. This document highlights these changes and provides instructions for importing the transcript templates into PowerSchool and making necessary adjustments. The final section includes several Appendices, including a FAQ section and an important memo about student transcripts.

For information concerning earlier transcript templates, refer to the 2014-15 documentation by clicking the "SC Transcripts 2015" link on the following webpage: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ie/rda/Power-School-Administration/eTranscriptInitiative.cfm.

A Note Concerning Alumni Student Transcripts and Scholarship Eligibility

PowerSchool student transcripts should be archived each year between the date of high school graduation and June 15th, the SC Commission on Higher Education's (CHE) cutoff date for state scholarship purposes. Alumni students requesting transcripts in subsequent years should be provided exact copies of these archived transcripts rather than printing their records using current PowerSchool transcript templates.

Occasionally there are adjustments to the CHE's transcript requirements for state scholarship eligibility. Alumni transcripts should not be altered after archival to meet new requirements. With respect to current requirements of a valid principal's signature and the word "Final" included in the transcript title, pre-2014-15 alumni transcripts are not expected to contain these elements. Lack of these two elements on the alumni transcript will not exclude a student from any applicable state scholarship eligibility.

Changes included in the 2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates for PowerSchool

- School Name/Address field updated to reflect actual High School Name rather than "District Office." Previous templates limited the high school name to "District Office."
- 2. **Designee removed from Official Signature line.** The SC Commission on Higher Education requires the current principal's signature on all student transcripts for scholarship eligibility determination. The Office of Federal and State Accountability also requires the principal's signature on all transcripts provided to colleges, universities or other entities requesting transcripts. The principal's signature is also required on all final graduation lists submitted to the SCDE each year. Previous requirements allowed the principal's designee to sign each transcript. This change removes the words "or Designee" from the Official Signature line.
- 3. **GPA calculation methods renamed.** The object report labels for SC 4.0 GPA and SC UGP GPA were reversed in previous iterations of the transcript templates. This has been corrected for 2015-16, and requires new GPA calculation methods written into PowerSchool. Details can be found in the next section.

Instructions for Importing and Editing the 2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates for PowerSchool

Below are the steps to import the "SC Standard Transcript – Final (2015-16)" and "SC Standard Transcript – WIP (2015-16)" into PowerSchool. It is important to retain the SCDE naming convention of these reports for troubleshooting, clarity, and archival purposes.

Several modifications must be made to the templates after their import: district name and address should be updated, two GPA calculations must be added to PowerSchool, and templates for each high school must be customized with the principal's signature and saved. **These three changes must be made for both templates - Final and Work In Progress.**

- 1. **Export current PowerSchool transcript templates** (see Appendix B for export instructions). Archive in a secure location for future reference. This is necessary to prevent clutter in the available template list, as selection of the wrong PowerSchool transcript template may exclude students from state scholarship eligibility. School counselors should have access to only current year templates.
- 2. Download the 2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates (Final and Work In Progress) onto your server and import into PowerSchool:
 - a. On the PowerSchool Start Page, click System (under Setup on the left-hand side)> Import Report Template (under Reports).
 - b. Choose "Windows ANSI" from the Character Set Dropdown menu.
 - c. Click "Choose File" and navigate to the location of the downloaded 2015-16 templates (not the archived templates), select the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template and click "Open."

- d. Click the "Import" button to complete.
- e. Repeat steps a d for the "SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16)" template.

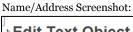
Note: It is important to retain the SCDE naming convention of these templates for troubleshooting, clarity, and archival purposes.

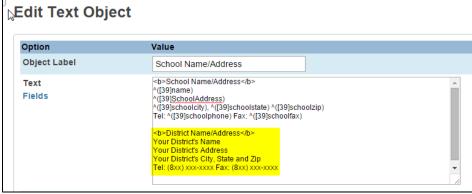
3. Update the District Name/Address fields:

- a. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
- b. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template.
- c. Scroll down to line #47 and click "Text" to the right of School Name/Address.
- d. On the second line, to the right of "Text" and underneath "School Name/Address" change "Your District's Name" to your actual district's name (see

Name/Address Screenshot, below). **Note, do not alter** "District Name/Address"

- e. Complete the remaining district address fields similarly (this text box scrolls down to enter City, State and Zip information).
- f. Click "Submit."





4. Add Calculation Method for SC_4.o_GPA_2016

- a. Navigate to the GPA Calculation Methods Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click District > GPA Calculations (under Grading) > Calculation Methods.
- b. Click the "New" button.
- c. Change the default specifications to the following (see *Calculation Method 1 Screenshot*, below):

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i. Method Name: SC_4.0_GPA_2016

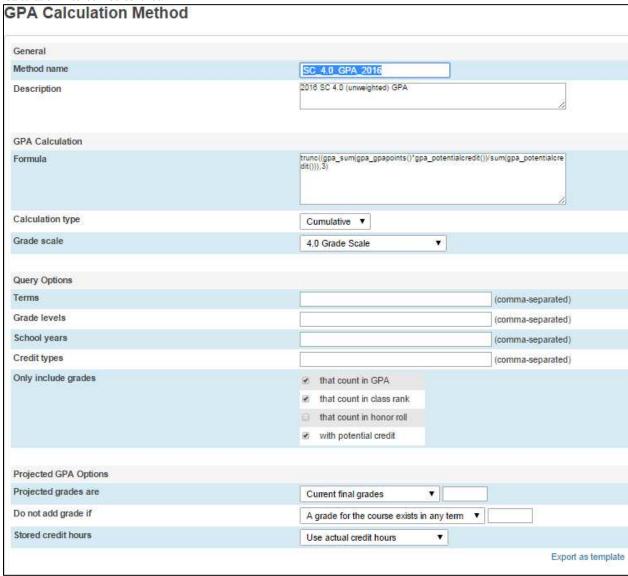
ii. Description: 2016 SC 4.0 (unweighted) GPA

iii. Formula:

trunc((gpa_sum(gpa_gpapoints()*gpa_potentialcredit())/sum(gpa_potentialcredit())),3)

- iv. Calculation type: Cumulative
- v. Grade scale: 4.0 Grade Scale
- vi. Skip Terms, Grade levels, School years, and Credit types.
- vii. Only include grades:
 - 1. check "that count in GPA"
 - 2. check "that count in class rank"
 - 3. check "with potential credit"
 - 4. leave "that count in honor roll" unchecked
- viii. Skip remaining fields.
- d. Click "Submit."

Calculation Method 1 Screenshot:



5. Add Calculation Method for SC_UGP_GPA_2016 Navigate to the GPA Calculation Methods screen (see screenshot below):

- e. Navigate to the GPA Calculation Methods Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click District > GPA Calculations (under Grading) > Calculation Methods.
- f. Click the "New" button.
- g. Change the default specifications to the following (see *Calculation Method 2 Screenshot*, below):

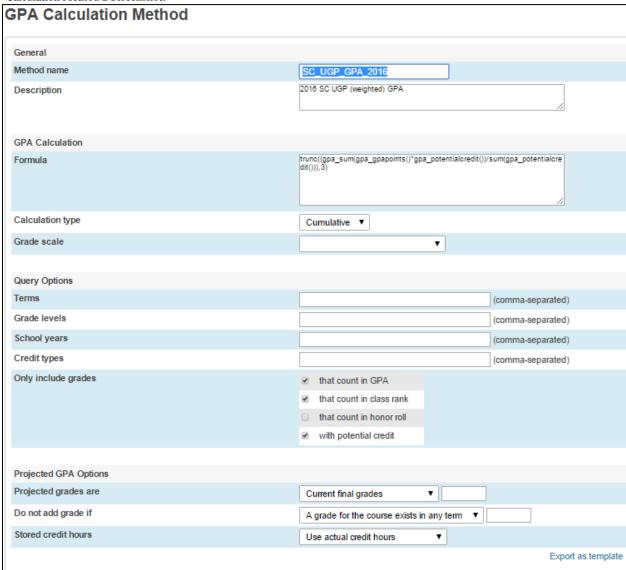
BE SURE NOT TO INCLUDE ANY BLANK SPACES BEFORE OR AFTER THESE SPECIFICATIONS IF COPYING AND PASTING

- i. Method Name: SC_UGP_GPA_2016
- ii. Description: 2016 SC UGP (weighted) GPA
- iii. Formula:

trunc((gpa_sum(gpa_gpapoints()*gpa_potentialcredit())/sum(gpa_potentialcredit())),3)

- iv. Calculation type: Cumulative
- v. Grade scale: leave blank. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!
- vi. Skip Terms, Grade levels, School years, and Credit types.
- vii. Only include grades:
 - 1. check "that count in GPA"
 - 2. check "that count in class rank"
 - 3. check "with potential credit"
 - 4. leave "that count in honor roll" unchecked
- viii. Skip remaining fields.
- ix. Click "Submit."

Calculation Method 2 Screenshot:



Note: The primary difference between these two GPA calculation methods is grade scale. The SC UGP GPA calculates GPA on a 5 point weighted scale, and the SC 4.0 GPA method uses a 4 point unweighted scale. All SC State scholarship programs are based on the SC Uniform Grading Policy (UGP). Therefore, all transcripts must specifically provide the "SC UGP GPA." Any transcript that labels SC UGP GPA as "Weighted and Unweighted GPA," "Total GPA," "GPA," or anything else will not be accepted for the purposes of awarding State scholarships.

- **6. Insert the principal's signature for each high school** (see Appendix A for suggestions on capturing a signature file and instructions for uploading the signature to PowerSchool):
 - a. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
 - b. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template.

- c. On line #2, click "Picture" to the right of "Principal Signature."
- d. Select the appropriate signature from the drop-down list. If the file is not available in the dropdown list, check Appendix A and import a new signature file.
- e. Enter the following specifications (see *Principal Signature Screenshot*, below):
 - i. Coordinates:

Left: 2.98635 Top: 9.19518 Right: 5.56295 Bottom: 9.48687

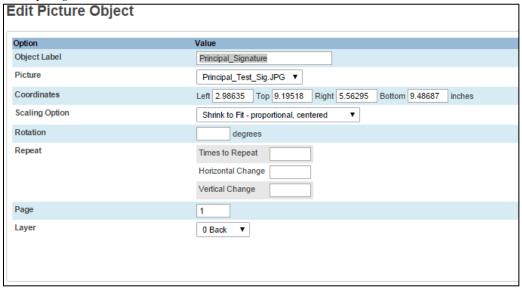
Scaling Option: Shrink to Fit – proportional, centered

Skip Rotation Skip Repeat Page: 1

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f. Click "Submit."

Principal Signature Screenshot:



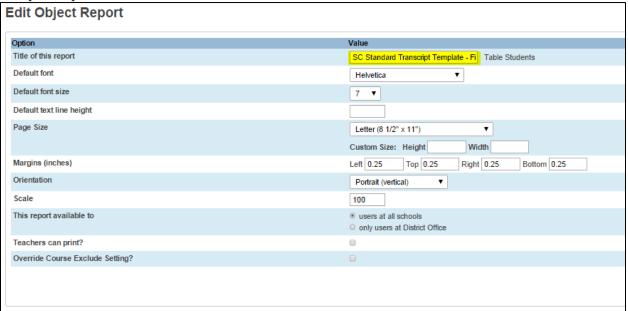
7. Export a customized template for each high school:

- a. Navigate to the SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16) Page if necessary: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports > scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template.
- b. On the bottom of the page, click "Edit the main report parameters."
- c. In the "Title of this report" field add the abbreviated name of the principal's high school name to the end of "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" (highlighted in *Template Export Screenshot*, below).

Note: When customizing these templates for each high school, add only the abbreviated name of the high school to the template title (e.g. "SC Standard Transcript – Final (2015-16)" becomes "SC Standard Transcript – Final (2015-16)"

- RNHS." As discussed earlier, this is important to ensure high school counselors select the appropriate template for students, and the students remain eligible for state scholarships.
- d. Click "Submit."

Template Export Screenshot:



8. Perform steps #9 & #10 (below) for the Work In Progress (WIP) Template.

9. Insert the principal's signature for each high school:

- a. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
- b. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16)" template.
- c. On line #1, click "Picture" to the right of "Principal Signature."
- d. Select the appropriate signature from the drop-down list.
- e. Enter the following specifications:
 - i. Coordinates:

Left: 2.98635 Top: 9.19518 Right: 5.56295 Bottom: 9.48687

Scaling Option: Shrink to Fit – proportional, centered

Skip Rotation and Repeat

Page: 1

Layer: o Back

f. Click "Submit."

10. Export the customized template for each high school:

- a. Navigate to the SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16) Page if necessary: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports > scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16)" template.
- b. On the bottom of the page, click "Edit the main report parameters."
- c. In the "Title of this report" field add the abbreviated name of the principal's high school name to the end of "SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16)"
- d. Click "Submit."
- e. Repeat steps 10.a 10.d for each high school.
- 11. Repeat for any remaining high schools, if necessary, using steps 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Steps 1, 4 and 5 will not require repeating.

View of the 2015-16 SC Standard Transcript Templates

The changes to district address and the official signature line are highlighted. The changes to GPA should are not visible.

"SC Standard Transcript – Final (2015-16)" (identifying information removed)

Parent or Guardian					State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - FINAL Graduation Date: Class Of: 2016 Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma				
						District Names/Address Your District's Name Your District's Address Your District's Address Your District's City, State and Zip Telt. (Box) 2004-2000 Fax: (Box) 2004-2000			
Crs ID Course Title	Tem	n Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID Course Title	e Term Grd Mark Credit			
10-11 Chapin Middle School	100	1023	200	4.00					
4111HNHW ALG 1 • H 5100GLCH Keyboarding	YR S1	7	97	0.50					
11-12 Chapin Middle School	1000								
3011HNHW ENG 1 HN	YR	8	93	1.00					
3651GLCW SPAN I 4121HNHW GEOM HN	YR YR	8	100	1.00					
12-13 Chapin High School	5.78			1000					
3012ALHW English 2 H ALA		9	98	1.00					
3211A1HH PRECHEM HN 3211A2HH PREPHYS HN /		9	93	0.50					
3221ALHW BIO 1 HN ALA	YR	9	92	1.00					
3379ALAW HUM GEO AP A		9	92	1.00					
3441D0CW PE 1 F&M D 359901CH DESIGN FOUN	YR D1 S1	9	100	0.50					
359903CH PHOTO 1	S2	9	98	0.50					
3652ALCW SPAN 2 ALA	YR	9	100	1.00					
4112ALHW ALG 2 HN ALA	YR	9	97	1.00					
13-14 Chapin High School 3013ALHW English 3 H ALA	YR	10	86	1.00					
3273APAW CHEM AP	YR	10	94	1.00					
3273LBAW CHEM AP LAB	YR	10	94	1.00					
3377ALAW WLD HIS AP AL 3399ALCW LEADERSHIP A	200	10	96 99	1.00					
3653ALCW SPANISH 3 AL		10	100	1.00					
4131HNHW PRECALC HN	YR	10	97	1.00					
8051PLEW INTRO ENGIDE	S DC YR	10	97	1.00					
14-15 Chapin High School 3071APAW AP Lang and Co	omp YR	11	95	1.00					
3272APAW BIO 2 AP	YR	11	94	1.00					
3272LBAW BIO 2 AP LAB 3299LBCH SCI LAB TECH	YR S2	11	100	0.50					
3299S1HW RESEARCH 1 F		11	97	1.00					
332000HW US HIST/CONS		11	97	1.00					
4170BCAW CALC AB/BC A		11	96	1.00					
4172BCAW CALC BC AP +	S S2	11	94	1.00					
						SC UGP GPA 4.0 GPA			
					GPA Summary Class Rank Date Calculated	4.937 3.892 9 of 279 September 11, 2015			
					Credit Summary Total Credit Attempted: 2 Total Credits Earned: 28.				

"SC Standard Transcript – WIP (2015-16)" (identifying information removed)



State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript **Work in Progress**

Graduation Date: Class Of: 2016 Diploma Type:State of SC Diploma School Name/Address District Office 1400 Old Tamah Road

Tel: (803) 476-3300 Fax: (803) 476-3320

District Name/Address

Your District's Name Your District's Address

Your District's City, State and Zip Tel: (8xx) xxx-xxx Fax: (8xx) xxx-xxxx

Crs ID	Course Title	Term	Grd	Mark	Credit	Crs ID	Course Title	Term Grd	Mark	Credit
12-13 Georgi	a Cyber Academy, GA ENGLISH 1 HN	2023	62	523	2755					
		YR	9	88	1.00					
3221HNHW	BIO 1 HN	YR	9	88	1.00					
3441A0CW	PE 1 F&M A	YR	9	92	1.00					
411400CW	ALGEBRA 1 CP	YR	9	96	1.00					
5031WPCW	WEB PAGE DES	YR	9	88	1.00					
5497BECW	BUSINESS ELECTIVE	YR	9	81	1.00					
13-14 Georgi	a Cyber Academy, GA ENGLISH 2 HN	YR	10	88	1.00					
3231HNHW	CHEM 1 HN	YR	10	88	1.00					
3231HNHVV 3345OOCH	SOCIOLOGY	YR	10	88	0.50					
336000HW	The state of the s	YR	10	88	1.00					
	World History (GS)	YR	10	96	1.00					
365100CW	SPANISH 1	200	100	7 - 27	100000000000000000000000000000000000000					
412200CW	GEOMETRY CP	YR	10	88	1.00					
5497BECW	BUSINESS ELECTIVE	YR	10	96	1.00					
14-15 Center 531000CW	for Advanced Technical S NETWORK 1	tudies S1	11	96	1.00					
531100CW	NETWORK 2	S2	11	93	1.00					
	Fork High School				/cz==//					
302600CW	ENGLISH 3 CP	YR	11	96	1.00					
3241HNHW	PHYSICS 1 HN	YR	11	86	1.00					
3320ADCW	US HIST/CONS CP	YR	11	87	1.00					
3442FLCH	PE 2-F	St	11	97	0.50					
365200CW	SPANISH 2	YR	11	94	1.00	Work in Progre	ess			
4112STHW	ALG 2 HN STEM	YR	11	72	1.00			†		
452100CH	THEATRE 1 SEM	S2	11	96	0.50	District Office 537200CW	ADVANCED CYBER			
						337200UV	SECURITY			
						537000CW	CYBER SECURITY			
						337000014	FUND			
						District Office				
						District Office 4171APAW	AP STATS			
						505000CW	COMP PROG 1			
						3350ADCH	ECON CP			
					302700HW	ENGLISH 4 HONORS				
						605100CW	INTRO ENGIDES			
						0899F200	SR STUDY HALL-F			
						0899S200	SR STUDY HALL-S			
						0896ST00	STEM			
						3330ADCH	US GOVT CP			
								SC UGP GP	4.0	GPA .
						GPA SI	ummary	3.774	3.24	2
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						Date Ca	nculatou .	September 2	5, 2015	
						Credit 8	Summary			
						Total Cr	redit Attempted: 20.50			
		1				T-1-1 C	redits Earned: 20.50	1		

If graduation date is a future date, ourrent year reflects Work in Progress.

Official Signature ____ __ Date: September 25, 2015 Dr. Gregory Owings, Principal

An official signature and/or seal is required for manually printed transcripts (PDF format).

An official signature (.JPEG format) is required for electronic transcripts sent via secure transmission.

Information about the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy can be found at: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/131/

Appendix A: Creating and Inserting the JPEG Picture (Principal's Signature)

- 1. Ask the principal to sign a blank piece of white paper.
- 2. Scan the piece of paper with the signature.
- 3. Open the scanned file on your computer.
- 4. Use the Windows Snipping Tool to capture the signature:
 - a. Click on the Windows Start Button.
 - b. Type Snip in the Search box.
 - c. Click on Snipping Tool under Programs.
 - d. Click "New" and drag the cursor to select only the principal's signature.
 - e. Click File.
 - f. Click Save as.
 - g. Type the desired File Name recommend *principal's last name_transcript* (e.g., Smith_transcript).
 - h. Make sure JPEG is selected beside Save as type.
 - i. Click Save.
- 5. Upload signature .JPEG file into PowerSchool.
 - a. Start Page \rightarrow System Reports.
 - b. Click the Setup Tab.
 - c. Click "Pictures".
 - d. Click "Choose File" (see below).
 - e. Select the file you saved in step #4, and double click on it or select Open.
 - f. Click "Submit".



Appendix B: Exporting Current PowerSchool Transcript Templates

These steps provide instructions for exporting from PowerSchool all transcript templates from previous years, and then deleting these templates from PowerSchool. Please export these templates to a place easily accessed and remembered, and back up in another location.

Alternatively, it is possible to rename earlier templates with the prefix "DO NOT USE" (or something similar) by clicking "Edit the main report parameters" at the bottom of each template, and adding this prefix to the "Title of this report."

1) First export transcript templates from previous years:

- a) Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
- b) Click on the first transcript template to be exported.
- c) On the bottom of the page, click "Export this report as a template."
- d) Hit Ctrl + S or Right-click the mouse and click "Save-as."
- e) Navigate to the location in which you would like to save transcript templates from previous years
- f) Click "Save."

2) Next, delete this template from PowerSchool:

- a) Click the back arrow on your browser or navigate back to the object report just exported in the step above.
- b) On the bottom of the page, click "Edit the main report parameters."
- c) Click "Delete" in the bottom right corner of the screen.
- d) Click "Confirm Delete" in the bottom right corner of the screen.

3) Repeat steps 1 and 2 for all remaining transcript templates from previous years.

Appendix C: FAQ

1. Where can I locate documentation addressing transcript information and setup in PowerSchool?

Download the guide and all relevant transcript information, including webinars and important memos, on the following webpage: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ie/rda/Power-School-Administration/eTranscriptInitiative.cfm, or search the SCDE website for transcripts. For transcript templates, email Wyatt Cothran (wcothran@ed.sc.gov) or Louise Amos (lamos@ed.sc.gov).

2. What are the specific elements of the SC Standard Transcript sent to colleges/universities for SC scholarship determination?

The official SC transcript is that presented in this document. It will be titled "State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript – Final." It will be dated between the high school graduation date and June 15th at the latest (see below on Final Transcripts and Date Calculated). It will provide all completed coursework by term. It will be signed by the principal. It will have both 4.0 GPA and SC UGP GPA (weighted) listed. Class rank will be calculated between the last day of school and June 15th.

3. When should Final transcripts be run each year, and what is Date Calculated?

Run the entire set of transcript reports for each class every year and archive them. This should be done between high school graduation and June 15th. The "drop-dead" deadline for transcripts to have been processed for state scholarship eligibility determination is June 15th. There are no exceptions to this date. So be sure to run the entire set of transcript reports sometime between the high school graduation date and June 15th each year.

After archiving these transcripts, DO NOT RERUN transcripts using PowerSchool. Any grade data changes after this "final" run can present GPA and class rank errors that will potentially disqualify your students from scholarship eligibility. Only these archived reports should be sent to colleges, universities, and the SC Commission on Higher Education.

"Date Calculated" is the date on which these reports are run. It is required on all transcripts used for state scholarship purposes. This date is the actual system date on which the final transcript was processed in PowerSchool, not the date archived transcripts were printed.

4. What about summer graduates?

The final grades/ranking cannot include grades earned after the official graduation date. Grades earned after high school graduation (e.g. Summer School grades) cannot be used in these calculations. Contact the SC Commission on Higher Education about students graduating a year (or two) early during the summer. These students may be able to earn scholarship eligibility based on the SC UGP. Class rank would not be used as an eligibility factor.

5. What are eTranscripts?

All schools are strongly encouraged to provide their students the opportunity to submit transcripts using Parchment, Inc. These electronic delivery services are paid for by SCDE and free to current SC students. Contact Wyatt Cothran (wcothran@ed.sc.gov) or Louise Amos (lamos@ed.sc.gov) for additional information.

6. How do I continue to print hard copies of my transcripts?

For details concerning transcripts printed directly from PowerSchool (without using eTranscripts), please refer to Appendix C in the 2014-15 transcript manual, which can be found here: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ie/rda/Power-School-Administration/PowerSchoolManualsforS.C.Pages.cfm.

7. Who can I contact about additional questions?

You may contact Dr. Karen Woodfaulk at the SC Commission on Higher Education (<u>KWoodfaulk@che.sc.gov</u> or 803-737-2244) with any questions about state scholarship requirements. For technical questions involving PowerSchool setup or the transcript templates, contact Wyatt Cothran at SCDE (<u>wcothran@ed.sc.gov</u>).

8. Why the new WIP Template?

The original WIP template omitted an object that reports students' current courseload on the WIP transcript. The new template has been adjusted to include these courses. The transcript documentation (PowerSchool_Student_Transcripts_2015-16_Documentation.doc) provides instructions for implementing this template.

9. Errors in GPA Calculation or Class Rank Calculation.

If these types of errors are found in the transcripts(shown in screenshot below), please follow steps #4 and #5 of the transcript documentation, which add the new GPA calculation methods to PowerSchool.

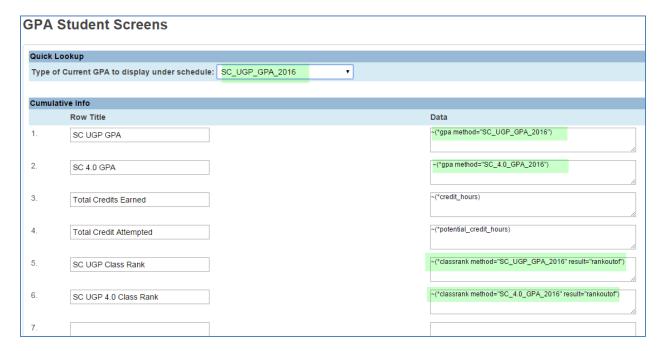
Another possibility is an extra space was accidentally added to the GPA calculation method name on steps #4 or #5. This could happen if the calculation method name was copied and pasted from the documentation.

	SC UGP GPA 4.0 GPA
GPA Summary Class Rank Date Calculated	Error: Unknown caldatatioblenkethed: SC_UGP_GPA_20talculation method: 21 of 266 SC_4.0_GPA_2016
Credit Summary Total Credit Attempted: 28.00 Total Credits Earned: 28.00	September 23, 2015

10. Class rank in PowerSchool Cumulative Student Information not identical to Class rank on student transcript.

Students' class rank on the new transcripts are not identical to that found on the cumulative information page. Please make the following adjustments to the GPA Student Screens Page for each high school. Make sure you click SUBMIT when finished.

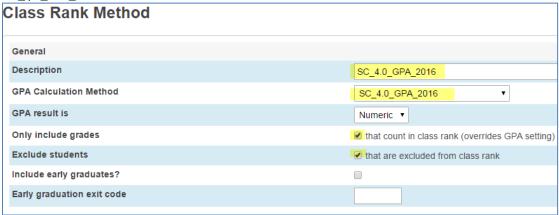
To reach this page, select a high school, then click: School > GPA Student Screens (under Grading)



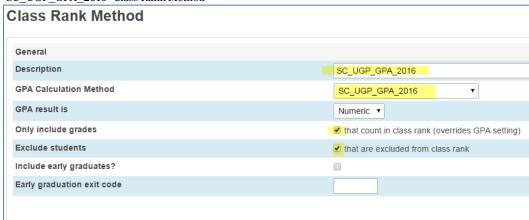
You will also have to add the SC_UGP_GPA_2016 and SC_4.0_GPA_2016 Class Rank Methods to PowerSchool for each high school.

- 1. Navigate to the Class Rank Method Page (School > Class Rank > Class Rank Methods) and click the "New" button.
- 2. Type "SC_4.0_GPA_2016" into the Description field (screenshot below)
- 3. On the GPA Calculation Method dropdown, select "SC_4.0_GPA_2016"
- 4. Click the checkbox for "that count in class rank (overrides GPA setting)" and "that are excluded from class rank"
- 5. Click submit.
- 6. Repeat for SC_UGP_GPA_2016 (screenshot below)
- RECALCULATE CLASS RANK: (School > Class Rank > Recalculation Frequency >
 Click "Recalculate Now"). Wait until you get Changes Recorded green light (see
 screenshot below), rather than clicking "submit."
- 2. Repeat for each high school.

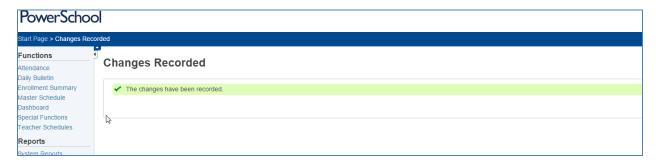
"SC 4.0 GPA 2016" Class Rank Method



"SC_UGP_GPA_2016" Class Rank Method



Recalculate Class Rank "Changes Recorded" screen



- 11. There are several objects in the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" that can be deleted. These objects may be causing formatting issues in your template.
 - a. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.

- b. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template. Note that you may have already added the abbreviated name for your high school(s) to the template name.
- c. Delete Object #1 Logo (Student Pictures)
- d. Delete Object #3 Uniform Grading Scale Chart

12. Class Rank Method on the transcripts not calculating correctly.

The "class_rank_out_of" PowerSchool DAT tag is outdated. An updated DAT tag is "rankoutof". If your transcripts are not calculating class rank correctly, or if you receive an "Unknown Calculation Method" error, change the class rank method on both transcript templates by following the instructions below.

Final Template:

- a. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
- b. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript Final (2015-16)" template.
- c. Scroll down to line #45 and click "Text" to the right of "SC UGP GPA."
- d. On the second line, to the right of "Text" and underneath "Object Label" change "^(*class_rank_out_of; "SC_UGP_GPA_2016") to ~(*classrank method="SC_UGP_GPA_2016" result="rankoutof")

Note, do not alter the other lines of code.

e. Click "Submit."

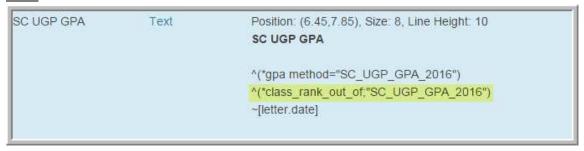
WIP Template:

- f. Navigate to the Object Reports Page: on the PowerSchool Start Page, click System Reports > Setup Tab > Object Reports.
- g. Scroll down and click the "SC Standard Transcript WIP (2015-16)" template.
- h. Scroll down to line #43 and click "Text" to the right of "SC UGP GPA."
- i. On the second line, to the right of "Text" and underneath "Object Label" change"^(*class_rank_out_of; "SC_UGP_GPA_2016") to ~(*classrank method="SC_UGP_GPA_2016" result="rankoutof")

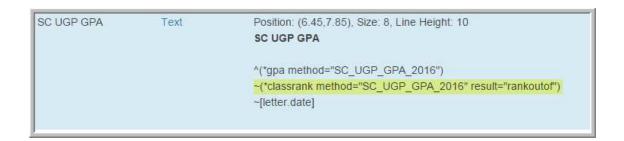
Note, do not alter the other lines of code.

i. Click "Submit."

Old:



New:



Questions from webinar

- 1. Are the only valid transcript signatures the principal's and superintendent's?
 - a. Yes.
- 2. What if we receive transcripts from homeschoolers without a signature?
 - a. Contact the SC Commission on Higher Education.
- 3. How do you handle transcripts from previous years?
 - a. Print from archived copies of previous year transcripts rather than through the current year transcript template.

Appendix D: Important Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

TO: Principals

High School Counselors

District Technology/PowerSchool Coordinators

FROM: Office of Research & Data Analysis (ORDA)

DATE: August 10, 2015

RE: 2014–15 Student Transcripts Requirements for Scholarship Funding

All South Carolina high schools are advised to use the standard PowerSchool template for student transcripts, provided by the SCDE in January 2015. If transcripts printed from PowerSchool are not developed using this template, or if the template is modified, the word "Final" may not appear in the title, and the transcript may lack the principal's signature. If these two elements do not appear in a transcript, a student's scholarship eligibility may be affected.

Please ensure the standard object report transcript template is imported and updated properly in PowerSchool. Check to be sure it prints the correct title (see below) and school counselors are selecting the correct template.

Correctly titled 2014–15 student transcript:

State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript - FINAL

Graduation Date: June 6, 2015 Class Of: 2015 Diploma Type: State of SC Diploma

Template guidance can be found at the "SC Transcripts 2015" link at: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/ie/rda/Power-School-Administration/eTranscriptInitiative.cfm. Please contact Louise Amos (lamos@ed.sc.gov) or Wyatt Cothran (wcothran@ed.sc.gov) to obtain a copy of the standard transcript template.

If you become aware of any 2014–15 transcripts delivered by your school or district that are not consistent with the SCDE standard, or if notified a student has been denied scholarship eligibility due to a transcript issue, please contact Wyatt Cothran or Louise Amos at the SCDE and Elizabeth Caulder (ecaulder@che.sc.gov) with the SC Commission on Higher Education.

ORDA will continue to provide support for transcript-related issues to schools, districts, students, and parents.

Electronic Transcript (eTranscripts) Delivery with Parchment

Even minor changes to the standard PowerSchool transcript template could result in a failure of Parchment's software to provide accurate output. Additionally, Parchment requires a separate high school principal's signature file from all schools using their eTranscripts process.

We strongly suggest the following for all districts using Parchment:

- 1. Review eTranscripts submitted in 2015 for the correct title and signature;
- 2. Refresh each school's principal signature file with Parchment, if missing;
- 3. Ensure the standard 2014–15 PowerSchool transcript template is loaded in PowerSchool;

and

4. Ensure high school counselors are using the correct template.

If notification is received that an eTranscript is rejected for scholarship eligibility, immediately contact Parchment support here or call (888) 662-0874. Parchment will issue an updated eTranscript for the student. Also, please contact Louise Amos (lamos@ed.sc.gov), Wyatt Cothran (wcothran@ed.sc.gov), and Elizabeth Caulder (ecaulder@che.sc.gov) if notified of a problem.