

Table 17:

Rising Grades and Falling Test Scores May Signal Grade Inflation

High School GPA	% of College-Bound Seniors		Critical Reading		Mathematics		Writing	
	1996	2006	1996	2006	1996	2006	1996	2006
A+, A, A-	36%	43%	568	557	579	576	-	553
B+, B, B-	49%	46%	486	479	485	489	-	471
C+, C, C-	15%	11%	432	426	426	428	-	414