Grading: Frustrations and Ideas

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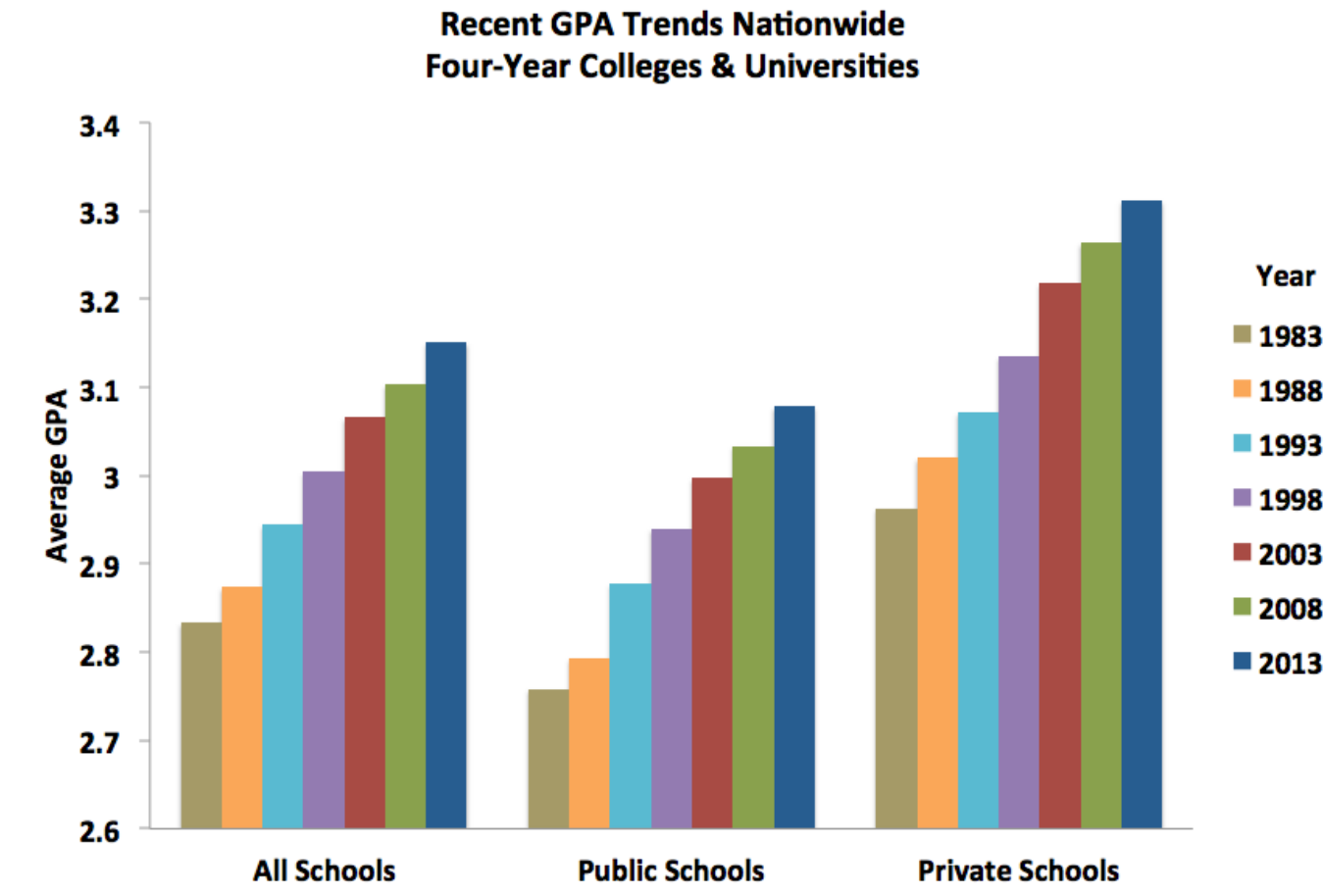- Scott Jaschik, editor, *Inside Higher Ed*
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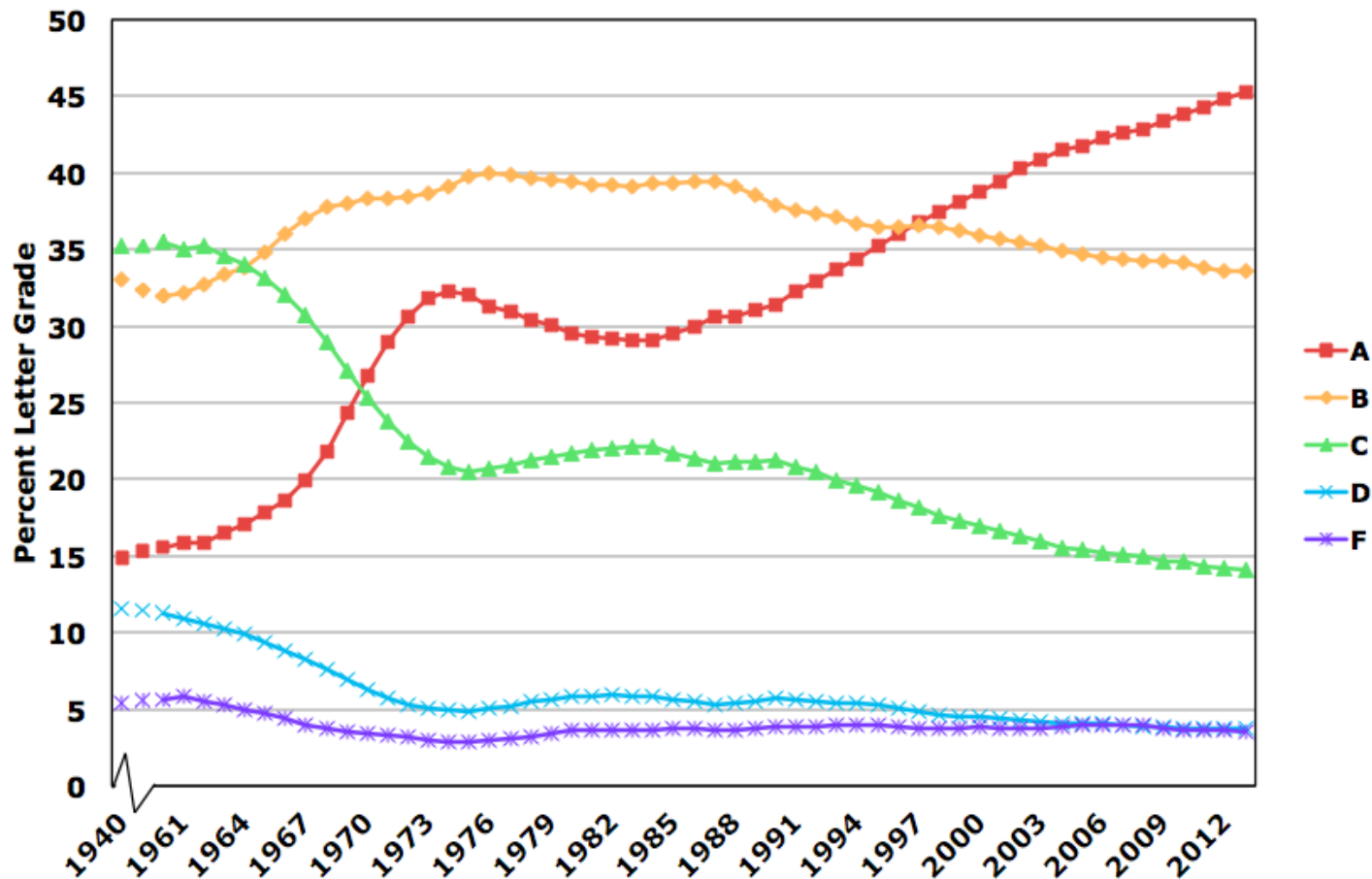 doug.lederman@insidehighered.com

Agenda

- Why grading matters
- Why frustration over grading matters
- Grade inflation
- Ideas about grading

Grade Inflation: Average GPA at Four-Year Institutions

Recent GPA Trends Nationwide
Four-Year Colleges & Universities

Year
- 1983
- 1988
- 1993
- 1998
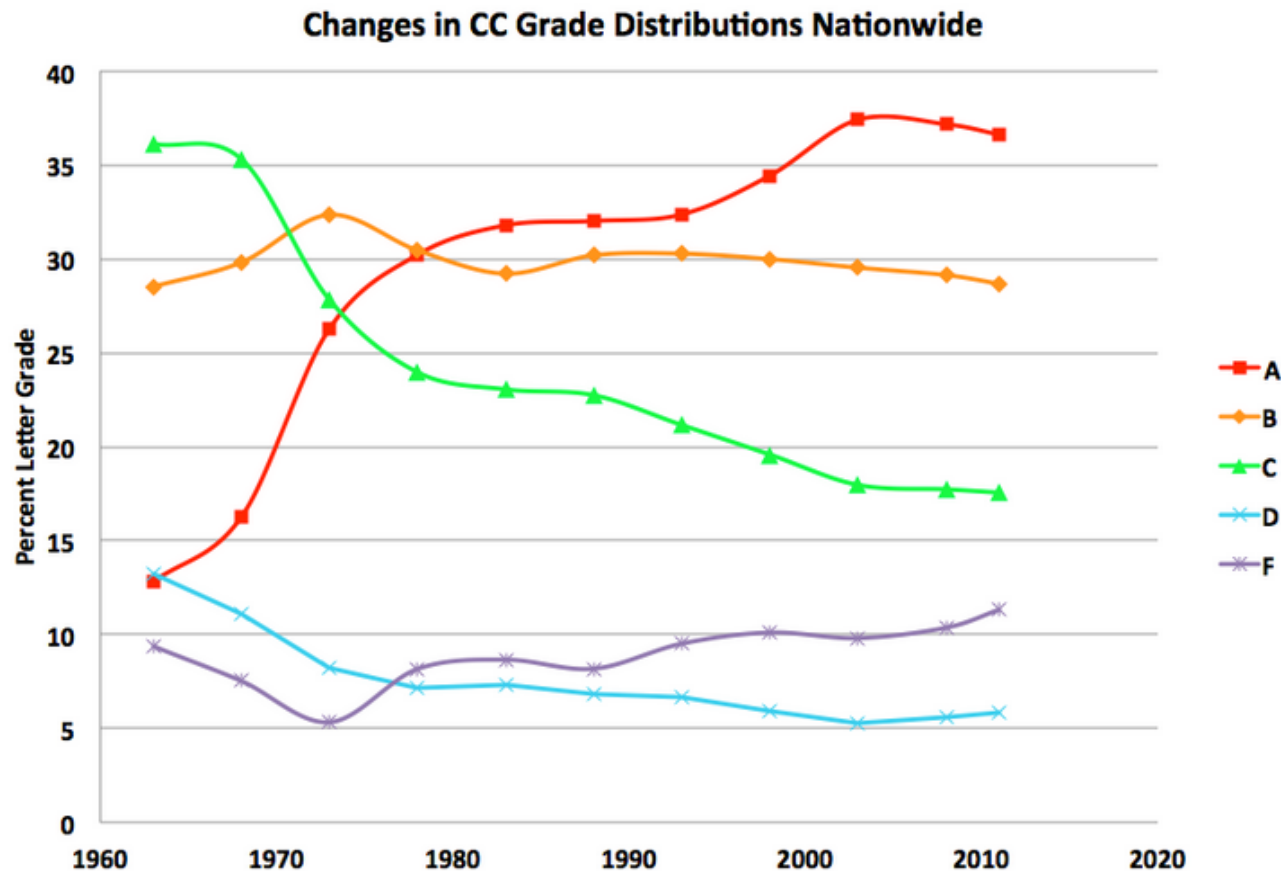- 2003
- 2008
- 2013

--GradeInflation.com

Grade Inflation: Grade Distributions at Four-Year Colleges

Changes in 4-Year College Grade Distributions Nationwide

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(No) Grade Inflation at Community Colleges

Changes in CC Grade Distributions Nationwide

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Combating Grade Inflation

- Publicizing averages by department
- Including average courses on transcripts
- Targets for professors or department
- Reconsidering role of student evaluations of faculty members

High School Grade Inflation

From 2017 study:

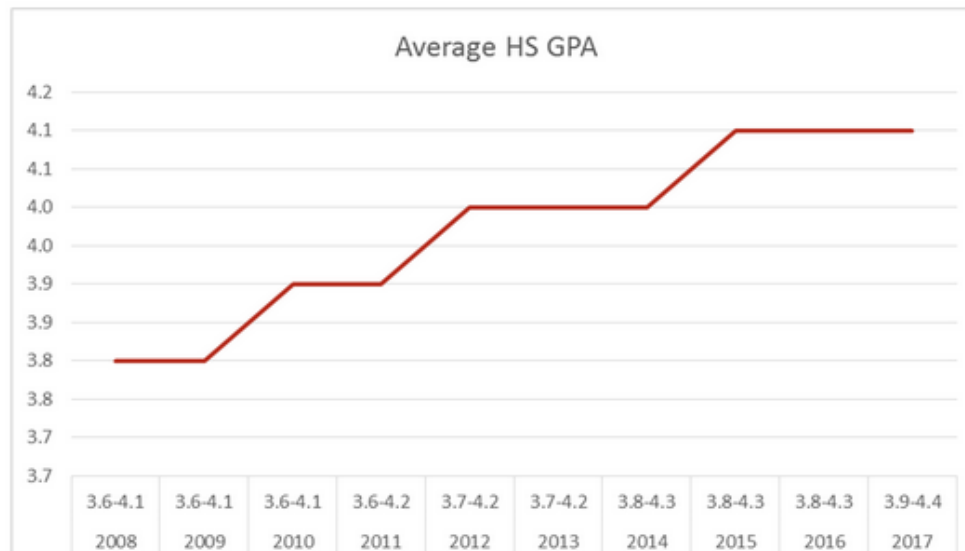--Average high school GPA (not weighted) went up from 3.27 to 3.38 from 1998 to 2016.

--High schools with many black and Latino students did not experience as much grade inflation.

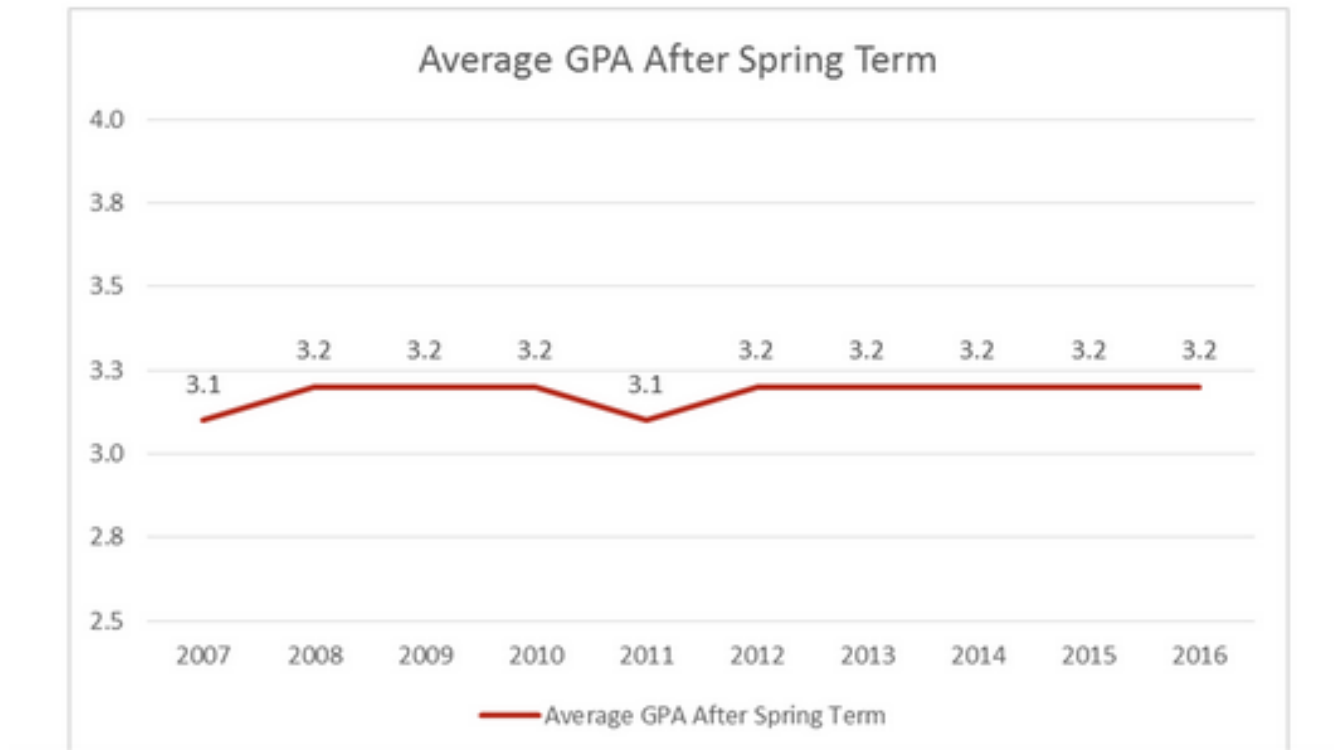--At high schools with the most grade inflation, average GPA has hit 3.56.

High School Grade Inflation: Evidence From Florida State

High school grades of new students …

Average HS GPA

	3.6-4.1	3.6-4.1	3.6-4.1	3.6-4.2	3.7-4.2	3.7-4.2	3.8-4.3	3.8-4.3	3.8-4.3	3.9-4.4
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

High School Grade Inflation: Evidence From Florida State

… and grades in first year of college

Average GPA After Spring Term

High School Grade Inflation: Killing the 4.8 GPA

- The myths of weighting
- One high school's survey results

Punishing Women for Being Smart

Group Work: In Person and Online

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Extra Credit

--iStock

To Negotiate or Not?

New Approach
to Measuring Learning

Radical Ideas

- Get out of grading
- Crowdsource grading
- Focus on the portfolio, not individual pieces
- Self-evaluations
- Evaluation without grades

And why these ideas may not work everywhere...

Q&A

- Your questions
- Ideas for coverage

With Thanks …

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