



# Pima County Community College District Administrative Procedure

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## **PURPOSE**

Past academic performance may not reflect a student's subsequent demonstrated ability. The Academic Fresh Start program allows for a one-time grade forgiveness of up to 30 credit course hours, from no more than four academic semesters, where a grade of “D” or “F” was earned.

## **SECTION 1: Academic Fresh Start**

- 1.1 Students must meet with a Pima Community College (“College”) Academic Success Counselor to apply for the Academic Fresh Start program.
- 1.2 Courses eligible for Academic Fresh Start must have been completed at least three years prior to the submission of the request.

- 1.3 Grades approved for renewal through Academic Fresh Start will remain on the student's transcript; however, the grades will no longer be included in the College's calculation of the student's grade point average (GPA).
- 1.4 If a student has already completed requirements for a certificate or degree, Academic Fresh Start will not change the status of a previously earned degree or certificate.
- 1.5 Other institutions may still consider all classes taken and grades received by a student at the College, even if those grades have subsequently been approved for renewal through Academic Fresh Start, when a student transfers to or applies to a professional or graduate-level program at another institution.
- 1.6 Grades approved for renewal under the Academic Fresh Start program will be included in the grade point average (GPA) component of the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculation for students receiving Federal Student Aid.
- 1.7 For Veteran Benefit Recipients (VBR) the grade-renewal process may result in the repayment of VA Education Benefits. Veteran Benefit Recipient's must consult with their veteran advisor prior to applying for Fresh Start.
- 1.8 The results of an Academic Fresh Start submission are final and cannot be appealed.