Pima County Community College District

Standard Practice Guide - Administrative Procedure

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PURPOSE

Past academic performance may not, for a variety of reasons, be reflective of a student's subsequent demonstrated ability. Academic renewal permits the alleviation of substandard academic performance in cases where the past work may impair the student's progress toward a legitimate educational or career goal. Grades approved for renewal will remain on the student's transcript; however, the grades will no longer be included in the computation of the student's GPA. The Academic Fresh Start program allows grade forgiveness for up to 30 credit course hours, from no more than 4 semesters, where a grade of “D” or “F” was earned.
SECTION 1: ACADEMIC FRESH START

Academic Renewal is granted on a semester basis, not on a per course selection basis. The student may have a maximum of three consecutive terms (enrollment in any summer session is considered enrollment for one term) of course work disregarded in calculations regarding academic standing, grade-point average, and eligibility for degree or certificate completion.

A request for renewal must meet the following guidelines:

1.1 The student must have earned a minimum of 12 credits with satisfactory grades (minimum 2.5 GPA) after the grades to be alleviated. Grades approved for renewal will remain on the student’s transcript; however, the grades will no longer be included in the computation of the student’s GPA.

1.2 Courses eligible for Academic Fresh Start must have been completed at least A minimum of three years must have elapsed since the substandard grades were earned. Prior to the submission of the request.

1.3 The If a student may not have has already completed requirements for a certificate or degree, Academic Fresh Start will not change the status of a previously earned degree or certificate.

Academic renewal may be effected only once during a student's academic career at Pima Community College. Since the student's complete record (before and after Academic Renewal) remains on the transcript, other institutions may consider all course work when a student transfers or applies to professional or graduate-level programs.