



Board Policy
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

BP 4250 PROBATION, DISMISSAL, READMISSION AND PROGRESS RENEWAL

Probation

A student shall be placed on academic probation if they have attempted a minimum of 12 semester units of work and has a grade point average of less than a "C" (2.0).

A student shall be placed on progress probation if they have enrolled in a total of at least 12 semester units and the percentage of all units in which the student has enrolled, for which entries of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" were recorded reaches or exceeds 50 percent.

A student who is placed on probation may submit an appeal in accordance with administrative regulations to be established by the Superintendent/President in instances when the student wishes to enroll in additional units beyond those previously authorized.

A student on academic probation shall be removed from probation when the student's accumulated grade point average is 2.0 or higher. A student on progress probation shall be removed from probation when the percentage of units in the categories of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" drops below the threshold specified in the administrative regulation.

Dismissal

A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student has earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.0 in all units attempted in each of three consecutive semesters.

A student who is on progress probation shall be subject to dismissal if the cumulative percentage of units for entries of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" is 50% or greater of all units in at least three consecutive semesters.

A student who is subject to dismissal may submit a written appeal in compliance with administrative procedures. Dismissal may be postponed and the student continued on probation if the student's appeal is granted.

Readmission

A student who has been dismissed may request reinstatement once the period of dismissal has lapsed.

Readmission may be granted, denied, or postponed according to criteria contained in administrative regulations.

Progress Renewal

The Santa Monica Community College District has a Progress Renewal policy to alleviate past excessive withdrawals/progress probation from a student's record when such work is not reflective of their current demonstrated achievement. It is based on the recognition that, due to unusual circumstances, the change of major, or circumstances beyond the control of a student, the past withdrawal work will negatively affect an individual's progress standing and unnecessarily prolong the rate at which they may complete his/her current objectives.

The Superintendent/President shall develop administrative regulations for the implementation of this board policy that comply with the Title 5 requirements.

References:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(3);

Title 5 Sections 55030-55034

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