

BP 2240 ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55046

Previously recorded substandard academic performance may be disregarded if it is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability. The Chancellor, in consultation with District Academic Senate, shall establish procedures that provide for academic renewal.

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Title 5 Section 55046

Academic Renewal

The Academic Renewal Procedure permits the alleviation of a student's previously recorded substandard academic performance which is not reflective of the student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance. As a consequence, Academic Renewal may gain for students the benefits of their current level of ability and performance and not permanently penalize them for poor performance in the past.

1. Therefore, within the regulations listed, Riverside Community College District may disregard particular previously recorded substandard work from a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). Petitions are available online or in the Admissions offices of each respective college. Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions: twenty-four (24) units may be alleviated from a Riverside Community College District transcript; however, units taken from another college(s) cannot be alleviated.
2. Units alleviated may be requested for one or multiple academic terms in any combination.
3. A minimum of twelve (12) months must have elapsed since the most recent coursework to be alleviated was recorded.
4. A minimum of eighteen (18) units from any accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.0 must have been completed subsequent to the last term to be disregarded in calculating the grade point average obtained at Riverside Community College District. If using coursework from another college or university, official transcripts from other colleges must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office.
5. Courses used in a previously awarded Associate Degree are exempt and cannot be alleviated.
6. Academic renewal may be granted only once and is irreversible once posted to the transcript.
7. Units alleviated will remain on the transcript and will be annotated appropriately but will not be calculated into the overall grade point average.
8. Academic renewal by Riverside Community College District does not guarantee that other institutions outside the District will approve such action. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institutions.
9. All alleviated unit totals will count as attempted units for financial aid purposes.
10. Only substandard grades (D, F, FW, NC and NP) can be alleviated.
11. Academic Renewal may be accomplished by submitting a petition online or to Admissions and Records at the student's home college.

Basic Skills Grade Alleviation

Pursuant to the following, a student may seek grade alleviation without course repetition for courses no longer offered when the substandard work occurred in a Basic Skills English, Mathematics, or ESL course that is part of a basic skills sequence leading to transfer-level English or transfer-level Math once the student has successfully passed the transfer-level course, regardless of the student's overall academic record since the semester in which the D, F, FW, NC and NP was earned.

- Students may immediately seek grade alleviation without course repetition under this scenario for substandard work in pre-transfer English, Math, or ESL courses in a sequence leading to transfer if a student received a grade of "C" or better or "P" in a transfer-level English, Math, or ESL course.
- Only a "C" or better in the transfer-level course in the same sequence is required to allow basic skills grade alleviation of the substandard grade.
- The requirements of a minimum 12 month time-lapse, 18 units completed, and one-time renewal request are waived for Basic Skills Grade Alleviation for courses no longer offered.
- Basic Skills Grade Alleviation will not be counted as part of the maximum 24 units allowed.
- All alleviated unit totals will count as attempted units for financial aid purposes. Procedures for petitioning for academic renewal shall be published in the current catalogs for each respective college.

No part of these procedures shall conflict with (a) Education Code, Section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or (b) Chapter 2.5 of Division of Title 5 (commencing with section 59020), pertaining to the retention and destruction of records, and particularly section 59023(c) relating to the permanency of certain student records.

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