



AP 4240 ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Reference:

Title 5 Sections 55000, 55040, and 55046

The District recognizes that a student's academic record may contain grades that are not reflective of his/her current ability and circumstances in life. In order to more accurately reflect that ability, the District has instituted academic renewal.

To be eligible for academic renewal, a student must file a petition and comply with the following:

- 1) A student may request academic renewal for not more than two semesters of substandard coursework accomplished at SBCC.
- 2) A student may request academic renewal only once.
- 3) There shall be at least 12 months between the end of the semester or summer session during which the last course(s) to be alleviated is/are completed and the date of initiation of the petition.
- 4) The student is responsible for presenting evidence to the effect that previously recorded work was substandard academic performance and is not reflective of more recently demonstrated academic success. Evidence of recent academic success must be demonstrated by the following:
 - a. Completion of 12 semester units with a 3.00 GPA, or 15 semester units with a 2.50 GPA, or 20 semester units with a 2.0 GPA either at SBCC or another regionally accredited college subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated.
 - i. Students using coursework from another regionally accredited college to meet the criteria must submit an official copy of his/her transcript with the Academic Renewal Petition.
 - b. Currently enrolled students at SBCC must also attach a current Student Education Plan (SEP) completed with an academic counselor.
- 5) When the student's petition for academic renewal has been approved by the Scholastic Standards Committee, the student's record will be annotated by Admissions & Records so that it is readily evident to all users of the record no units alleviated by academic renewal will apply toward units for graduation or other unit commitment. All work, however, will remain legible on the permanent record to insure a true and complete academic history.

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(This procedure replaces current SBCC AP 5046)