

## KCCD Board Policy 4C4E

### Academic Renewal

**4C4E Academic Renewal** (Title 5, Sections 55044)--A maximum of twenty (20) units of substandard grades previously recorded may be alleviated and disregarded for the purpose of the determination of satisfactory grade point average (GPA) if all of the following conditions exist. See **Procedure 4C4E(4)** of this Manual for procedures on Academic Renewal. (*Revised February 5, 2009*)

**4C4E1** At least five (5) years have elapsed since the coursework to be alleviated was recorded; at least twelve (12) units of satisfactory coursework (2.0 GPA) have been completed subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated; and the student petitions in writing to the College President or authorized representative stating the reasons why alleviation is requested.

**4C4E2** The permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic record. [Section 55046(a)]

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### Academic Renewal

A maximum of 20 units of substandard academic grades, (D, 'F', NC, and NP) taken at Bakersfield College which are not reflective of a student's present demonstrated ability may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average if all of the following conditions exist:

1. At least five years have elapsed since the coursework to be disregarded was recorded.
2. At least 12 units of satisfactory coursework (2.0 GPA or higher) have been completed at Bakersfield College subsequent to the coursework to be alleviated.
3. The student completes an Academic Renewal request.
4. The student states in the request the specific courses to be considered under the academic renewal policy.

If approved, the substandard work will be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average and an annotation made on the permanent record. The permanent academic record shall remain a true and complete academic history and the coursework disregarded under this policy will remain on the permanent record. Academic renewal may not be used to raise the GPA in order to qualify for graduation with honors. Academic renewal may not be applied to courses which have been used to meet graduation, certificate, and certification requirements.

## Academic Renewal Proposal

The Academic Senate of Cerro Coso Community College, supports the following proposal for revision of the Board Policy for Section 4C4E Academic Renewal (Title 5, Sections 55044).

### Proposed:

A maximum of 20 units of substandard grades (“D” and “F” and “NP” grades), previously recorded, which are not reflective of a student’s present, demonstrated, ability may be disregarded for the purpose of determining the grade point average (GPA). This may be accomplished under the following conditions:

1. At least one year has elapsed since the course work to be disregarded was completed.
2. Following the most recent grade to be disregarded, a student must have *completed* a minimum of 12 units, at a regionally accredited institution, with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, and where more than 12 units have been completed, the student’s cumulative GPA (not including the grades to be disregarded) must be a 2.0 or higher.
3. With the assistance of a Cerro Coso Community College Educational Advisor or Counselor, the student must complete a petition for Academic Renewal, to be submitted to the Academic Petitions Committee.
4. The student must certify, in writing, that the past course work is substandard and not representative of present scholastic ability and level of performance, as demonstrated by the G.P.A attained subsequent to the grades to be disregarded.

If approved, the substandard work will be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average and an annotation made on the permanent record. The permanent academic record shall remain a true and complete academic history and the coursework disregarded under this policy will remain on the permanent record. Students should be aware that all course work is subject to reevaluation by each subsequent college attended.

Academic renewal may not be used to raise the GPA in order to qualify for graduation with honors. Academic renewal may not be applied to courses which have previously been used to meet certificate, degree, and/or transfer certification requirements.

If the substandard course work has been taken at another college, the student should make every effort to determine whether that college has an academic renewal (“forgiveness”) policy covering substandard course work. If the prior institution does not permit academic renewal, and inclusion of the substandard work would prevent completion, the Academic Petitions Committee will consider a petition to exclude the substandard grades for purposes of calculating the cumulative GPA for graduation. The petition in this case will have no effect on the transcript but will allow the graduation evaluation to note the omission of the substandard grades for purposes of computing the final GPA.