

ACADEMIC STANDING

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.17 Academic Standing

III. Policy Statement

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) requires all credit students to maintain good academic standing. Academic standing is reviewed at the end of each semester of enrollment at GRCC. Students who fail to meet the standards for good standing will be placed on alert, followed by probation, and suspension. Students will be suspended for one semester of enrollment. Suspension may be appealed through a formal process. *Students receiving financial aid and/or veteran's benefits must also meet the specific academic requirements that determine continuation for these programs.*

IV. Reasons for the Policy

GRCC supports student success. Students not maintaining good academic standing will not be able to achieve their goals.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Students, Faculty, and Staff

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

All GRCC Employees and Students

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog
Academic Governing Council Issue Papers

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: Provost/AGC
Academic Advising and Transfer Center
Deans
Student Records

IX. Definitions

- A. Credit students: students who have coursework resulting in institutional credit that can be viewed on an unofficial academic transcript.
- B. Academic good standing: cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- C. Academic alert: cumulative GPA below 2.0 while previously on good standing or with no previous status; cumulative GPA below GPA 2.0 and semester GPA at least 2.0 while previously on academic alert.
- D. Academic probation: semester GPA below 2.0 while previously on academic alert; cumulative GPA below GPA 2.0 and semester GPA at least 2.0 while previously on academic probation.
- E. Academic suspension: semester GPA and cumulative GPA below 2.0 while previously on academic probation or academic suspension.
- F. Academic suspension appeal: opportunity for students with extenuating circumstances to request a review and the removal of academic suspension status.

X. Procedures

- A. At the end of each semester, academic standing will be calculated. GRCC will communicate to students if they are not in good standing.
 - a. Academic good standing
 - i. Cumulative GPA is calculated to be least 2.0.
 - ii. This is displayed on the transcript for the semester calculated.
 - b. Academic alert
 - i. Cumulative GPA is below 2.0 and one of the below conditions is met:
 - 1. There was no previous academic standing status, or
 - 2. Their previous status was good academic standing, or
 - 3. The semester GPA was at least 2.0 while previously on academic alert.
 - ii. Academic alert is not displayed on a student's academic transcript.
 - c. Academic probation:
 - i. if the cumulative GPA is below 2.0 and one of the below conditions is met:
 - 1. Their semester GPA is below 2.0 while previously on academic alert, or
 - 2. Their semester GPA is at least 2.0 while previously on academic probation or academic suspension.
 - ii. Students on probation are required to complete an academic success workshop by the end of the subsequent semester. Failure to do so will result in a registration hold.
 - iii. Academic probation is displayed on a student's transcript.

- d. Academic suspension
 - i. Cumulative and semester GPA calculations are below 2.0 while previously on academic probation or academic suspension.
 - ii. Students will be prohibited from enrolling in classes for the next semester.
 - iii. Students will be required to meet with an academic advisor prior to being able to register for classes when returning from suspension.
 - iv. Academic suspension displays on a student's transcript.

B. Students may appeal academic suspension.

- a. The academic suspension appeal is available for students to submit for extenuating circumstances outside of their control lead to academic suspension.
- b. The academic suspension appeal form is available on the GRCC website.
- c. Appeal deadlines are as follows: For Fall suspension - the last Friday of February of the following Winter semester; For Winter suspension - the last Friday of June of the following Summer semester; For Summer suspension - the last Friday of October of the following Fall semester.
- d. Completed forms will be sent to the Academic Suspension Appeal committee for review. The committee's decision is final.
- e. Students may be able to appeal suspension in enough time to avoid having classes dropped in the semester of suspension.

XI. Forms

Academic Success Workshop Contract

Academic Suspension Appeal

XII. Effective Date

September 2008

September 2021

XIII. Policy History

Adopted—September, 2008

Revised by Academic Governing Council—September 2013

Revised by Academic Governing Council—October 2020

XIV. New Review/Revision Date

The next policy review is scheduled for Fall 2025