

## 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 students to make satisfactory academic progress. Satisfactory academic progress is reviewed at the end of each semester/session of enrollment after a student has attempted at least 12 (cumulative) credit hours at GRCC. This policy applies to all credit students at GRCC regardless of degree status (personal interest, non-degree and degree), program of study, and financial aid status (recipients and non-recipients). Students in specific programs (both academic and support programs) at GRCC and students receiving financial aid and/or veteran's benefits must also meet the specific academic requirements that determine continuation for these programs. Students who fail to meet the standards for Academic Progress will be placed on probation or suspension.

### IV. Reason for Policy

GRCC supports student success. Students not maintaining satisfactory academic progress 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 College Staff

### VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog  
Academic Governing Council Issue Papers

### VIII. Contacts

Student Records  
Counseling and Career Center  
Deans  
Provost

## IX. Definitions

### Standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress

Once a GRCC student has attempted 12 credit hours, he/she must maintain a cumulative grade point average of not less than the following:

| Credit Hours Attempted<br>Required | Minimum Cumulative GPA |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 12 - 14                            | 1.50                   |
| 15 - 28                            | 1.75                   |
| 29 and above                       | 2.00                   |

### Academic Probation

Students are placed on Academic Probation when they have attempted at least 12 credit hours at GRCC and have failed to meet the minimum cumulative GPA listed above. The student will be notified of probation status. Students on academic probation are required:

- To meet with an academic counselor/advisor prior to the fourth week of the semester/session following placement on academic probation. A registration hold will be placed on his/her account until he/she has met with a counselor/advisor.
- In collaboration with the counselor/advisor, the student will develop a written Success Plan. The plan may include limitations on enrollment and other forms of academic assistance.
- To obtain a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 for every semester/session.

Academic probation is removed when the cumulative GPA requirement is met.

### Academic Suspension

A student on academic probation who does not achieve a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 in any subsequent semester/session will be placed on Academic Suspension. He/she will also be prohibited from enrolling in classes at GRCC for one calendar year.

If the student is academically suspended due to circumstances beyond his/her reasonable control, he/she may appeal this suspension to the Academic Probation and Suspension Committee without waiting one calendar year. The Committee's decision is final.

### Readmission for Academic Suspension

Students may petition the Academic Probation and Suspension Committee for readmission following one calendar year of nonattendance at GRCC. As a condition of readmission, if petitions are honored, students must follow the specific recommendations of the committee. Additionally, students granted

readmission will be placed on Academic Probation and will be expected to maintain a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher for subsequent semesters/sessions.

X. Procedures

Student Records/Office of the Registrar and Counseling and Career Center in cooperation with the Academic Probation and Suspension Committee will communicate with all students in regards to this policy. Workshops will be offered prior to the implementation of this policy to minimize the number of students impacted. The Office of the Registrar will communicate with students placed on probation as well as those suspended. The Counseling and Career Center will offer support to students through workshops and individual meetings. The Academic Probation and Suspension Committee will review requests for immediate readmission as well as requests after the calendar year suspension.

XI. Forms

Success Plan-created with student and counselor/advisor  
Petition for Immediate Readmission  
Petition for Readmission

XII. Effective Date

September 2008

XIII. Policy History

- Adopted—September, 2008

XIV. Policy Review/Revision Date

Provost Office to review this policy in December, 2009