

**Rancho Santiago Community College District  
BOARD POLICY  
Chapter 4 Academic Affairs**

**BP 4240 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 shall establish procedures that provide for academic renewal.

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**Reference(s):** Title 5 Section 55046

Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance.

- To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 units with a 3.0 G.P.A or 24 units with a 2.0 G.P.A. or higher in sessions subsequent to the substandard work. All lower division units from all colleges attended will be counted from the semester immediately following the substandard work.

~~These semesters cannot contain any substandard grades.~~

- The substandard academic renewal work will not count toward graduation or certification, and the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Up to 30 units below "C" work at the Colleges may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average.

- After an associate degree, certificate or general education certification is posted, academic renewal without course repetition is not accepted. Subsequent awards and certification are not eligible for academic renewal. Students approved for Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition are not eligible for Academic Honors.

- Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is solely the policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and may not necessarily be followed by other institutions.

- Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted only once by either College, but not both. For courses designated as non-repeatable (Title 5, §55041), only the first two substandard grades may be excluded in computing the student's grade point average (Title 5, §55042(c)). The petition is submitted to Admissions and Records.

**Adopted: September 17, 2018**

## Santa Ana College Academic Renewal

- To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 units with a 3.0 GPA or 24 units with a 2.0 GPA or higher in sessions subsequent to the substandard work. All lower division units from all colleges attended will be counted from the semester immediately following the substandard work. **These semesters cannot contain any substandard grades.**
- The substandard academic renewal work will not count toward graduation or certification, and the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Up to 30 units combined of below “C” work from all institutions attended may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average. **The student may pick and choose the 30 units of substandard grades to disregard.**
- After an associate degree or general education certification is posted, academic renewal without course repetition is not accepted.
- Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is solely the policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and may not necessarily be followed by other institutions.
- Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted **only once multiple times** by either Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College, but not both **and it is limited to up to 30 units.**

(SAC 2018-2019 Catalog)

## Santiago Canyon College Academic Renewal

1. To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 units with a 3.0 G.P.A or 24 units with a 2.0 G.P.A. or higher in sessions subsequent to the substandard work. All lower division units from all colleges attended will be counted from the semester immediately following the substandard work. **These semesters cannot contain any substandard grades.**
2. The substandard academic renewal work will not count toward graduation or certification, and the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Up to 30 units below “C” work at Santiago Canyon College/Santa Ana College may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average. **The student may pick and choose the 30 units of substandard grades to disregard.**
3. After an associate degree or general education certification is posted, academic renewal without course repetition is not accepted. Subsequent awards and certification are not eligible for academic renewal. Students approved for Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition are not eligible for Academic Honors.
4. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is solely the policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and may not necessarily be followed by other institutions.
5. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted **only once multiple times** by either Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College, but not both **and it is limited to up to 30 units.** For courses designated as non-repeatable

(Title 5, §55041), only the first two substandard grades may be excluded in computing the student's grade-point average (Title 5, §55042(c)).

(SCC 2018-2019 Catalog)

The educational initiatives implemented from the CCC Chancellor's Office focus on degree completion, but most importantly degree completion on a timely manner. Currently SAC's and SCC's Academic Renewal Policy is written in a manner that is limiting some of our SAC/SCC students from achieving their transfer or degree goal in a timely manner.

- RSCCD is the only district that includes the language, "These semesters cannot contain any substandard grades." SAC and SCC uses two measurements for students to become eligible for Academic Renewal (15 units w/3.0 GPA or 24 units w/2.0 GPA + These semesters cannot contain any substandard grades).
- 12 out 14 Region 8 CCCs use just focus on the grade point average of the terms being used to become eligible for academic renewal, these terms can contain substandard grades (D, F, NP).
- Removing the language allows students who are in their last year of transfer to obtain academic renewal and improve their chances to transfer in a timely manner, rather than delay their stay.
- Removing the language allows RSCCD to be align with other Region 8 Community College Districts, which in the long run keeps us in competition with our Region 8 CCCs.