

ACADEMIC STANDING

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.17 Academic Standing

III. Policy Statement

At Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), all credit-seeking students are required to maintain **Good Academic Standing**. Academic progress is evaluated at the conclusion of each semester to ensure students are meeting the college's standards for success. GRCC uses a three-step process to intervene with students who fall below the minimum requirements for Good Academic Standing.

1. Academic Alert
2. Academic Probation
3. Academic Suspension

Suspension lasts one semester and can be appealed by the student through a formal review process.

Financial Aid & Veteran's Benefits: Please note that students receiving financial assistance or VA benefits are subject to additional specific academic requirements. Failure to meet these standards may result in a loss of funding, separate from GRCC academic standing requirements.

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: Office of the Registrar
Academic Advising and Transfer Center
Deans
Student Records

IX. Definitions

- A. Credit seeking students: students who have coursework resulting in institutional credit that can be viewed on an unofficial academic transcript.
- B. Good academic 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

Revised by Academic Governing Council – April 2026

XIV. New Review/Revision Date

The next policy review is scheduled for 2028-29