

MANDATORY STUDENT ORIENTATION

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection 8.28 Mandatory Student Orientation

III. Policy Statement

All students new to GRCC who are seeking a degree or certificate are required to attend a mandatory New Student Orientation session. New student Orientation will be optional for guest, personal interest, current dual enrollment, current early college, middle college students, and transfer students. Students can select the orientation format that best fits their needs.

IV. Reason for the Policy

External benchmarking and CCSSE and SENSE data show students who attend a mandatory orientation have increased student success, retention, and graduation rates

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Students

Faculty

Staff

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

Students

Faculty

Staff

VII. Related Documents

GRCC Catalog

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: AGC

Enrollment Services and Orientation

IX. Definitions

N/A

X. Procedures

Students who are new to the College and meet the criteria of this policy will have a service indicator placed on their account preventing class registration. Said students can participate in whichever orientation format or modality made available. Once the mandatory orientation requirement has been completed, the service indicator will be released and students will be able to sign up for classes.

All other students (guest, personal interest, current dual enrollment, current early college, middle college students, and transfer students), will have access to an orientation module.

XI. Forms

N/A

XII. Effective Date

Updated policy will go into effect August 2025.

XIII. Policy History

AGC approved April 2013

AGC denied approval of revised policy in January 2018

AGC approved March 2022

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XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

2027-2028 Academic Year