COURSE REPEITION

Reference: Education Code Sections 66700, 70901, 70902; Title 5, Sections 55040 – 55043, 55253 and 58161

Nothing in this policy shall conflict with Education Code section 76224 or Title 5 section 55025 that pertains to the finality of grades assigned by instructors or pertaining to the retention and destruction of student records.

Definitions as provided under Title 5, Sections 55000 & 55045

The following definitions shall apply:

a) “Active participatory courses” are those courses where individual study or group assignments are the basic means by which learning objectives are obtained. (T5, §55000)

b) “Course repetition” occurs when a student who has previously received an evaluative symbol in a credit course, as set forth in section 55023, re-enrolls in that course and receives an evaluative symbol. (T5, §55000)

c) “Courses that are determined to be legally mandated” are courses that are required by statute or regulation as a condition of paid or volunteer employment. (T5, §55000)

d) “Course that are related in content” are those courses with similar primary educational activities in which skill levels or variations are separated into distinct courses with different student learning outcomes for each level or variation. (T5, §55000)

e) “Enrollment” occurs when a student receives an evaluative or non-evaluative symbol pursuant to section 55023 in a credit course. (T5, §55000)

f) “Extraordinary conditions” are those conditions meeting the requirements of section 58509 (a), allowing a community college to provide full refund of enrollment fees to a student. (T5, §55000)

g) “Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition course” is a course that is designed specifically for participation in non-athletic competitive events between students from different colleges that are sanctioned by a formal collegiate or industry governing body. (T5, §55000)

h) “Intercollegiate athletic course” is a course in which a student athlete is enrolled to participate in an organized competitive sport sponsored by the district or a conditioning course which supports the organized competitive sport. (T5, §55000)

i) “Extenuating circumstances” are verified cases of accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. (T5, §55045)

1. Courses in which a substandard grade or “W” has been received are limited to three enrollments

A student may repeat a course, which is not designated as a repeatable course, in which a grade lower than a “C” has been received. Once the student has received a satisfactory grade (A, B, C or P), within the allowable three enrollments, he or she may not repeat the class again. Up to two substandard grades will be disregarded in calculating grade point average. A student may qualify to repeat a course after receiving a satisfactory grade under separate regulations.

An additional enrollment may be permitted on a petition basis for extenuating circumstances.
2. Additionally, courses may be repeated for credit after a student has received a satisfactory grade (A, B, C or P), if one of the following is true:

   a) A *significant lapse of time* of at least three years has occurred since the last passing grade was attained. In addition, student must meet one of the two requirements below:
      1. The district has established a recency pre-requisite for a course or program pursuant to section 55003 or
      2. Another institution of higher education to which the student seeks to transfer has established a recency requirement which the student will not be able to satisfy without repeating the course in question.
      3. A course is a prerequisite for a next course in a sequence and a repeat is needed to refresh skills. There will be not FTE’s collected for this example.

      Repetition shall be permitted only upon petition of the student and with written permission of the District Superintendent or authorized representative. Students shall only be entitled to this provision once for each course.

   b) Students may repeat a portion of a variable unit open-entry/open-exit course as many times as necessary to complete the entire curriculum of the course one time as described in the course outline of record.

   c) There is an extenuating circumstance beyond the student’s control which has been verified by the division administrator. Student can only qualify under this provision once for each course. In addition, a student may petition under this provision regardless of the previous grade earned.

   d) Students may repeat cooperative work experience courses for a total of 16 semester units. General work experience courses can be repeated for up to six semester units of credit. Occupational work experience courses can be repeated up to 8 units of credit per semester. The combination of both types of work experience classes cannot exceed 16 units total. The grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student’s GPA

   e) Students with a disability may repeat an approved class for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individual determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that student. *See Section 4 for more information.*

   f) Students may repeat a course to meet legally mandated training requirements, after providing documentation of the said requirements. Such courses may be repeated for credit any amount of time.

   g) Students may repeat a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards such that repetition of the course is necessary for employment or licensure. Students must provide documents certifying the significant change in industry or licensure standards necessitating course repetition.

When any course repetition occurs, the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible insuring a true and complete academic history. The first satisfactory grade shall be used in calculating grade point average, unless stated otherwise.
3. **Repeatable Courses may only fall under one of three categories:**
   
i. The repetition is necessary to meet major requirements of CSU or UC for completion of a bachelor’s degree. The district will retain supporting documentation as a Class 3 record.
   
   ii. Intercollegiate athletics
   
   iii. Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition.

   Enrollment in repeatable courses is limited to no more than four times per course. All repeatable courses shall be published in the College Catalog each year. When a course is repeated pursuant to this section, the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student’s grade point average.

   Students enrolled in non-repeatable courses or re-enrolling in repeatable courses in excess of what is stated in the *College Catalog* will be officially (administratively) dropped from those courses.

4. **Section 504**

   **Repetition is permitted to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, 29, USC Section 794.**

   Course repetition will be permitted in specific special classes created for and funded by DSPS for students with disabilities as verified by DSPS under the following circumstances:

   A. When continuing success of the student in other general and/or special classes is dependent on additional repetitions of a specific special class;

   B. When additional repetitions of a specific special class are required for the student to meet the performance criteria of that class;

   C. When additional repetitions of a specific special class are essential to completing a student’s preparation for enrollment into other courses which meet the requirements of a student’s educational objectives. Grades and units will count for repetitions when meeting the above conditions.

   Repetitions of adaptive physical education are allowed, provided the student participates in at least one additional credit course that is not a physical education class and that is within the general offerings of the college, and if the student makes progress towards the stated education goal as documented in the Individual Educational Plan. Students may enroll in adaptive physical education for credit a total of four times. Subsequent repetitions must be offered as non-credit classes. Grades and units will count at most, four times.

**Financial Aid:**

Repeating courses may have consequences for financial aid. Students should see a financial aid advisor.

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