

Title of Policy: Academic Amnesty

Policy (check one): New _____ Revised x

Applies to (check all that apply):

Faculty _____ **Staff** _____ **Students** x

Division/Department _____ **College** _____

Policy Purpose:

BCCC Academic Amnesty (*formerly known as Academic Renewal*) is an academic policy that allows qualifying students the opportunity to remove academically poor coursework from the calculation of their grade point average (GPA). Academic Amnesty applies only to courses taken at BCCC. The original grades and credit hours remain on the permanent academic transcript, and credit hours are deducted from the student's remaining College Opportunity Fund eligible hours. A notation indicates that academic Amnesty has been awarded, and the GPA has been adjusted. Once Academic Amnesty has been granted, it is irreversible. Credit excluded from the GPA calculation cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for completion of a BCCC certificate or degree.

Academic Amnesty does not override program-specific limits on re-admission. A student may only utilize academic amnesty *one time*. Academic Amnesty does not automatically satisfy academic progress standards for financial aid purposes.

This policy:

- provides an opportunity for students to establish a new start in college-level courses.
- recognizes students may have had medical, personal or other challenges that interfered with their progress during previous academic endeavors.
- reaffirms the student's current abilities to succeed in college; and enables students to pursue programs with selective admissions from which their cumulative GPA would exclude them.

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of Baltimore City Community College to allow a student the opportunity to remove a maximum of 15 semester credit hours of "D" and "F" grades from the GPA calculation. The course grades will no longer be factored into the academic GPA. The

course grades will count in the calculation for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements as mandated by federal law.

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Originator/Division: Academic Affairs

Approved by the Board of Trustees:
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*This policy once approved by the Board of Trustees supersedes all other policies.