





ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 55046, LACCD AP 4240

Per Title 5 Section 55046 and AP4240 Academic Renewal is a LACCD policy that allows students to remove substandard grades (e.g., "D," "F") from their GPA. Sometimes referred to as "grade forgiveness," the alleviation of previous substandard coursework helps students who have demonstrated improved academic performance in their efforts to help facilitate transfer, degree and certificate completion, and removal from academic probation or academic disqualification. Final approval of the petition will be granted by the Vice President of Student Services or designee.

For the purposes of this policy, completed coursework, includes all letter graded courses (A-F) and Pass/No Pass (P/NP) courses, but does not include withdrawn or incomplete coursework ("W", "EW", "I").

Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions:

1. Coursework to be disregarded is limited to **"D" and "F" grades** in courses not subsequently completed with a **"C"** or better at the LACCD colleges.
2. In order to qualify for academic renewal, the student must have completed a minimum of the equivalent of **12 semester units with a 2.0 GPA** at any United States regionally accredited institution(s) at any time **after** the semester or session of the coursework to be disregarded.
3. At least **one (1) semester** must have passed since the semester or intersession term when the coursework to be disregarded was completed.

If granted, academic renewal shall result in:

1. Eliminating up to **30 semester units of coursework** taken within the Los Angeles Community College District from consideration in the student's cumulative grade point average, and
2. Annotating the student academic record to note which courses have been removed through academic renewal. **Academic renewal actions are irreversible.**