

AP 4228 COURSE REPETITION – SIGNIFICANT LAPSE OF TIME

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55043

NOTE: This procedure is legally advised.

Students may be permitted or required to repeat courses in which a “C” or better grade was earned where there was a significant lapse of time since the grade was obtained and:

- The District has defined “significant lapse of time” or has established a recency prerequisite for a course or program; or
- An institution of higher education to which a student wishes to transfer has established a recency requirement that the student cannot satisfy without repeating the course.

When a student needs to repeat an activity course due to a significant lapse of time, each repetition attempt will be counted toward the established repetition limits. However, if a student has already exhausted the number of permitted repetitions, then an additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the District.

When a course is repeated due to a significant lapse of time, the District may disregard the previous grade and credit when computing a student’s grade point average.

NOTE: *The red ink signifies language that is **legally advised** and recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service and its legal counsel. This document was reviewed by the administrative team on April 10, 2013. This document was reviewed by representatives of the Academic Senates on December 12, 2013.*

Date Approved:

*(This is a new procedure recommended by the
Policy and Procedure Service)*

Legal Citation for AP 4228

5 CCR § 55043

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55043

Title 5. Education

Division 6. California Community Colleges

Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes

[Article 4.](#) Course Repetition and Academic Renewal

➡ **§ 55043. Course Repetition Due to Significant Lapse of Time.**

(a) In addition to permitting course repetition in the circumstances described in other provisions of this article, a district may also permit or require repetition of a course where the student received a satisfactory grade the last time he or she took the course but the district determines that there has been a significant lapse of time of no less than 36 months since that grade was obtained and:

(1) the district has properly established a recency prerequisite 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. Pursuant to petition, a district may allow repetition where less than 36 months have elapsed pursuant to this subdivision if the student documents the repetition is necessary for the student's transfer to the institution of higher education.

(b) If the district determines that a student needs to repeat an active participatory experience course, as defined in section 55000, in physical education or visual or performing arts, or an active participatory experience course that is related in content, as defined in section 55000, due to significant lapse of time, that repetition shall be counted in applying the limit on repetitions set forth in section 55040(c) except that, if the student has already exhausted the number of repetitions permitted under subdivision (c), an additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the district.

(c) When a course is repeated pursuant to this section, the district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.