

**Academic Affairs
FIRST READING**

BP 4225 COURSE REPETITION

References:

Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55042, 55044, and 58161

Students may repeat courses in which substandard grades (less than "C," and including "W") were earned. The Board has determined reasonable limitations on course repetition as described in AP 4225 titled Course Repetition.

When 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.

Under special circumstances, students may repeat courses in which a C or better grade was earned. The special circumstances are defined in administrative procedures.

The Chancellor shall rely primarily on the Academic Senates to establish administrative procedures to implement this policy.

The District recognizes that the most recent completion of a course should most accurately reflect a student's academic progress, thus students MAY REPEAT for credit those courses taken for which grades of D, F, or NP were received. Except as provided in the catalog for specific courses or in cases of extenuating circumstances, a student, ~~by state law,~~ is limited to ~~ONE ATTEMPT~~ **two attempts** to repeat a course for the purpose of raising a substandard grade (D, F, or NP). The procedures for repeating a course are included in the Administrative Procedures.

Date Adopted:

*(This policy replaces current CLPCCD Policy
5260)*

Legal Citations for BP 4225

5 CCR § 55040
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55040

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
➔§ 55040. District Policy for Course Repetition.

(a) The governing board of each community college district shall adopt and publish policies and procedures pertaining to the repetition of credit courses. Such policies and procedures shall not conflict with section 55025 or Education Code section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with subchapter 2.5 (commencing with section 59020) of chapter 10 of this division, pertaining to the retention and destruction of student records.

(b) The policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) may,

(1) designate certain types of courses as “repeatable courses” consistent with the requirements of section 55041.

(2) permit a student to repeat a course in an effort to alleviate substandard academic work consistent with the requirements of section 55042.

(3) permit or require a student to repeat a course due to significant lapse of time consistent with the requirements of section 55043.

(4) permit a student to repeat a portion of a variable unit open-entry/open-exit course which the student previously completed only under the circumstances described in section 55044.

(5) permit a student to repeat a course which is not designated as a repeatable course, regardless of whether substandard academic work was previously recorded, where the district determines, consistent with section 55045, that there are extenuating circumstances which justify the repetition.

(6) permit a student to repeat a course in occupational work experience under the circumstances described in section 55253. When an occupational work experience course is repeated pursuant to that section, the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student's grade point average.

(7) permit a student with a disability to repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that particular student for one of the reasons specified in section 56029. The district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA each time the course is repeated.

(8) permit a student to repeat a course determined to be legally mandated as defined in section 55000, regardless of whether substandard academic work has been recorded. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. The governing board of a district may establish policies and procedures requiring students to certify or document that course repetition is legally mandated.

(9) permit a student to petition the district to 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. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. The governing board of the district may establish policies and procedures requiring students to certify or document that there has been a significant change in industry or licensure standards necessitating course repetition.

(c) The policies and procedures adopted by the governing board of each community college district pursuant to subdivision (a) may not permit student enrollment in active participatory courses, as defined in section 55000, in physical education, visual arts or performing arts that are related in content, as defined in section 55000, more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses. This limitation applies even if a student receives a substandard grade or "W" during one or more of the enrollments in such a course or petitions for repetition due to extenuating circumstances as provided in section 55045.

(d) When course repetition occurs pursuant to this section, the student's permanent academic record shall clearly indicate any courses repeated using an appropriate symbol and be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

(e) Notwithstanding the limits set forth above, apportionment will be limited as set forth in section 58161.

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

5 CCR § 55041

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55041

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

➡ **§ 55041. Repeatable Courses.**

(a) Districts may only designate the following types of courses as repeatable:

(1) Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of CSU or UC for completion of a bachelor's degree. The governing board of a district must retain supporting documentation that verifies that the repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of CSU or UC for completion of a bachelor's degree. The supporting documentation must be retained by the district as a Class 3 record basic to audit as required by section 59020 et seq.;

(2) Intercollegiate athletics, as defined in section 55000; and

(3) Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition, as defined in section 55000, where enrollment in the course and courses that are related in content, as defined in 55000, is limited to no more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses. This enrollment limitation applies even if the student receives a substandard grade or "W" during one or more of the enrollments in such a course or petitions for repetition due to special circumstances as provided in section 55045.

(b) The district must identify all courses which are repeatable and designate such courses in its catalog.

(c) 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.

(d) Notwithstanding the limitations above, apportionment will be limited as set forth in section 58161.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901, 70902 and 76000, Education Code.

5 CCR § 55042
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55042

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

➔ **§ 55042. Course Repetition to Alleviate Substandard Academic Work.**

(a) The district policies and procedures on course repetition adopted pursuant to section 55040 may permit a student to repeat a course in an effort to alleviate substandard academic work.

(b) If a student repeats a course which is not designated as a repeatable course and receives a satisfactory grade, then he or she may not repeat the course again pursuant to this section and any further repetition of the course must be authorized by another provision of this division. If a student repeats the course and receives another substandard grade, the district policy may permit the student to repeat the course one additional time in an effort to alleviate substandard work. District policy may permit a student to petition to repeat a course for which three substandard grades have been assigned, provided apportionment is not claimed pursuant to section 58161. The first two substandard grades may be excluded in computing the student's GPA if the student repeats the class two or more times.

(c) If a student repeats a repeatable course and a substandard grade has been recorded, district policy may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded provided that no additional repetitions are permitted beyond those limits specified in section 55041(c)(6). No more than two substandard grades may be alleviated pursuant to this section.

(d) Notwithstanding section 55041, policies and procedures related to course repetition to alleviate substandard academic work shall:

(1) permit repetition of any course which was taken in an accredited college or university and for which substandard academic work is recorded;

(2) indicate any specific courses or categories of courses where repetition pursuant to this section is not permitted; and

(3) in determining transfer of a student's credits, honor similar, prior course repetition actions by other accredited colleges and universities.

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

5 CCR § 55043
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55043

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Division 6. California Community Colleges
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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.

5 CCR § 55044

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 55044

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Chapter 6. Curriculum and Instruction

Subchapter 1. Programs, Courses and Classes

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

➡ **§ 55044. Repetition of Variable Unit Courses.**

(a) If a community college district offers credit courses for variable units on an open-entry/ open-exit basis pursuant to section 58164, the district policies and procedures on course repetition adopted pursuant to section 55040 shall provide that a student may enroll in the course as many times as necessary to complete one time the entire curriculum of the course as described in the course outline of record. However, the district policy may not permit the student to repeat any portion of the curriculum for the course, unless:

(1) the course is required for legally mandated training;

(2) the course is a special class for students with disabilities which the student needs to repeat for one of the reasons described in section 56029;

(3) repetition of the course to retake a portion of the curriculum is justified by extenuating circumstances pursuant to section 55045; or

(4) the student wishes to repeat the course to alleviate substandard work recorded for a portion of the curriculum as authorized pursuant to section 55042.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), each time a student enrolls in a physical education activity course offered on an open entry/open exit basis, regardless of the number of units for which the student enrolls, the enrollment shall count as a repetition of the course for purposes of sections 55041 and 58161.

(c) When course repetition of a portion of a course is permitted under the circumstances described in subdivision (a), 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.

5 CCR § 58161
Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 58161

Title 5. Education
Division 6. California Community Colleges
Chapter 9. Fiscal Support
Subchapter 2. Limitations on State Aid
☞ [Article 5](#). Other Limitations
➡ **§ 58161. Apportionment for Course Enrollment.**

(a) A community college district may claim the attendance of students for enrollments in credit courses for state apportionment only if so authorized by this section and if all other requirements of this division are satisfied. For purposes of this section, the definition of enrollment found in section 55000 shall apply.

(b) A district may claim state apportionment for an enrollment in a credit course for the attendance of a student who receives a satisfactory grade, as defined in section 55000, one time unless an exception applies.

(c) A district may claim state apportionment for the attendance of students for enrollments totaling a maximum of three times per credit course and if all other requirements of this division are satisfied.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b) and (c) of this section, a district may claim state apportionment for the attendance of students for enrollments in credit courses designated as repeatable, as provided in section 55041, and courses that are related in content, as defined in section 55000, for no more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses. This limitation applies even if a student receives a substandard grade or "W" during one or more of the enrollments in such a course.

(e) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this section, a district may claim state apportionment for one additional enrollment if all other requirements of this division are met and only in the following circumstances:

(1) The attendance of a student for an enrollment in a credit course resulting in that student's repetition of the credit course because the district determines pursuant to section 55043 that there has been a significant lapse of time of no less than 36 months since the student previously successfully completed the course, unless an exception to the 36 month requirement applies.

(2) The attendance of a student for an enrollment in a credit course which is a repetition of the credit course pursuant to section 55045 due to extenuating circumstances, if such credit course is not designated as repeatable pursuant to section 55041.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivisions (b), (c) and (d) of this section, a district may claim state apportionment for the attendance of students in credit courses for enrollments in the credit courses without limitation if all other requirements of this division are met and in the following circumstances:

- (1) The attendance of a student in legally mandated training as provided in section 55040(b)(8).
- (2) The attendance of a student with a disability may be claimed for state apportionment for each enrollment by that student in a credit special class as a disability-related accommodation which is justified by one of the circumstances described in section 56029.
- (3) The attendance of a student for each enrollment in a portion of a variable unit open entry/open exit credit course, that is necessary for the student to complete one time the entire curriculum of the course as described in the course outline of record, may be counted for state apportionment only to the extent that repetition of such courses is permitted pursuant to section 55044.
- (4) The attendance of a student for each enrollment in a cooperative work experience course pursuant to section 55253.
- (5) The attendance of a student withdrawing as a result of extraordinary conditions pursuant to section 55024(a)(10).
- (6) The attendance of a student receiving a military withdrawal ("MW") pursuant to section 55024(d)(1).
- (7) The attendance of a student withdrawing as a result of discriminatory treatment pursuant to section 55024(a)(8).
- (8) The attendance of a student in a course as a result of a change in industry or licensure standards such that repetition of the course is necessary for employment or licensure as set forth in section 55040(b)(9).
- (g) To the extent permitted by article 4 of subchapter 1 of chapter 6, a district may permit enrollment in credit courses beyond the limits set forth in this section, but such additional enrollments may not be claimed for state apportionment.

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