

AP 4225 COURSE REPETITION

Reference:

Education Code Section 76224;
Title 5, Sections 55040, 55041, 55042, 55043, 55253, 56029, and 58161

All limitations on repeatability and alleviation of substandard work are limited to enrollments within the district. Courses that are repeated shall be recorded on the student's permanent academic record using an appropriate symbol. Annotating the permanent academic record shall be done in a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history. Nothing can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with Title 5, or district procedures relating to retention and destruction of records.

Non-repeatable Courses

A student may repeat a course to alleviate substandard work. If a student repeats a course and receives another substandard grade, the student may repeat the course one additional time in an effort to alleviate the substandard work. The first two substandard grades may be excluded in computing the student's grade point average (GPA) if the student repeats the class two or more times.

Repeatable Courses

When a student repeats a course designated as repeatable to alleviate substandard academic work, the previous letter grade ("D," "F"), and credit shall be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages. No more than two substandard grades may be alleviated. In the event of a No Pass ("NP") notation, NP does not affect grade point average, but does affect progress.

The following courses are repeatable:

1. Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) for completion of a bachelor's degree.
2. Intercollegiate athletics courses.
3. Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition courses. A student may enroll in these courses a maximum of four times.

When the district is claiming apportionment under Title 5 Section 58161, students may repeat, up to a total of three enrollments and a fourth by petition only, courses designated as repeatable including courses in which substandard grades were awarded in one or more enrollments.

Work Experience Education Courses

A student may repeat work experience education courses any number of times, however, the grade received by the student each time will be included in calculations of the student's grade point average.

Active Participatory Courses

Students may enroll in active participatory courses in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts. Students are limited to four aggregate semester enrollments in active participatory courses that are related in content. The limitation for these three types of active participatory courses is in addition to the individual enrollment limitations. Withdrawals with a "W" and substandard grades ("D," "F") are included in determining a student's total enrollments.

Petitions

If a student repeats a course which is not designated as a repeatable course and receives a satisfactory grade, they may not repeat the course again unless they petition to repeat the course under one of the following conditions:

1. Significant Lapse of Time

Students may be permitted or required to repeat courses in which a "C" or better grade or a "P" was earned where there was a significant lapse of time of no less than 36 months since the grade was obtained and:

- The district 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 active participatory experience course in physical education, or visual or performing arts, or that is related in content 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.

2. Substandard Grade

Provisions for repeating a course taken at another accredited college or university for which substandard academic performance is recorded: the student must submit an official transcript and request that the course be evaluated through the Admissions and Records office.

Circumstances exist under which students may repeat courses in which a "C" or better grade was earned. Such course repetition requires a finding that extenuating, emergency, or extraordinary circumstances exist which justify such a repetition. Emergency conditions or extraordinary conditions are those meeting the requirements of Title 5 Section 58146, subdivision (b).. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Grades awarded for courses repeated under these provisions may be included when calculating a student's grade point average.

3. Variable Unit Open-Entry/Open-Exit

Students may be permitted to enroll in variable unit open-entry/open-exit courses as many times as necessary to enable them to complete the entire curriculum of the course once.

Students may not repeat variable unit open-entry/open-exit courses unless:

- The course is required for legally mandated training; or
- The course is a special class for students with disabilities which needs to be repeated; or
- Repetition of the course is justified by extenuating circumstances; or
- The student wishes to repeat the course to alleviate substandard work.

A student may not enroll in a variable unit open-entry/open-exit active participatory course in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts more than one time once a passing grade ("A", "B", "C", or "P") has been earned.

4. Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities can repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times when an individualized determination verifies that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for the student for one of the reasons specified in Title 5 Section 56029.

When a student with a disability repeats a class, the previous grade and credit shall be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages.

5. Legally Mandated Training

Students are allowed to repeat a course when repetition is necessary to enable that student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of volunteer or continued paid employment. Students can repeat such courses any number of times.

6. Courses Needed for Employment or Licensing

Students may petition 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 the student's employment or licensure. Students can repeat such courses any number of times.

7. Military Withdrawal

Student on active or reserve duty in U.S. Military received orders compelling withdrawal. Upon verification of orders, enrollment does not count in maximum number of enrollments nor withdrawals.

The district shall develop and implement a mechanism to allow it to properly monitor course repetition.

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