

ACADEMIC RENEWAL

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- I. Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance by meeting the academic renewal guidelines.
- II. Students may apply for academic renewal multiple times. Up to 30 units of course work, in total, may be eliminated from consideration in the cumulative grade point average.
- III. Specific courses and/or categories of courses that are exempt from academic renewal must be described. Academic renewal actions are irreversible. When academic renewal procedures permit previously recorded substandard coursework to be disregarded in the computation of a student's grade point average, the student's permanent academic record should contain an accurate record of all coursework to ensure a complete academic history.
- IV. Academic renewal procedures may not conflict with the District's obligation to retain and destroy records or with the instructor's ability to determine a student's final grade.
- V. Academic Renewal Guidelines (RHC Catalog)

The academic renewal procedure permits the alleviation of a student's previously recorded substandard academic performance that is not reflective of a student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance. Academic renewal may gain for students the benefits of their current level of ability and performance and not permanently penalize them for poor performance in the past.

Therefore, within the regulations listed, Rio Hondo College may disregard, previously recorded substandard work from a student's cumulative grade-point average.

1. Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal through the Admissions and Records Office to remove previous substandard work (any course in which a grade below 2.00 has been recorded) taken at Rio Hondo College. The District Superintendent/President, or designee, may grant permission.
2. Up to 30 units may be alleviated.
3. A student's current demonstrated ability may be the basis for alleviating previous substandard work.
4. In order to qualify, the student must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Option I: Earn 30 consecutive units with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA from any accredited college or university, following the completion of the most recent substandard work to be alleviated, and two years must have elapsed since the most recent work to be alleviated.

Option II: Earn 15 consecutive units with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA from any

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accredited college or university, following the completion of the most recent substandard work to be alleviated, and one year must have elapsed since the most recent work to be alleviated.

5. The student's academic record will be appropriately marked indicating those courses that have been alleviated.

- VI. When academic work is alleviated, grades are not removed; they are noted and subtracted from the grade point average. All entries remain legible so that a true and complete record is maintained. There is no assurance that alleviated courses will be treated similarly by other educational institutions outside the District.

- VII. Sources / References:
Title 5, Section 55044 and 55046.