

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Eckerd Connects | Academy's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy ensures student awareness of academic expectations and provides a structured framework for monitoring and supporting progress toward graduation. The policy supports students at Eckerd Connects | Academy in making satisfactory academic progress towards earning their high school diploma by outlining the requirements for maintaining academic standing, timelines for graduation, and procedures for monitoring and supporting students.

To achieve satisfactory academic progress, students must:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Enroll in and complete a minimum of three courses per quarter (every three months).
- Complete their high school education within two years. Students can be granted a maximum of three years if exceptional circumstances require such an extension.

Failure to maintain SAP results in academic probation, intervention support, and eventual academic dismissal.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Principal evaluates academic progress at the end of each quarter (every three months). Students failing to meet the minimum GPA or course completion requirements will be placed on academic probation.

Note: ECA is an open enrollment secondary institution and does not operate using "terms." For the purposes of this policy, ECA expects students to complete a minimum of three courses every three months (or quarter) to graduate within two years.

Academic Discipline and Intervention Measures

Academic Probation: Students failing to meet the minimum GPA or course completion requirements at the time of each quarterly review (every three months) are placed on academic probation and receive a written notification outlining the areas of deficiency. Students must meet with their academic advisor to develop an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP). The AIP includes specific goals, resources, and a timeline for achieving satisfactory academic progress. Students on academic probation can access tutoring, counseling, and other support services to help improve their academic performance. Regular check-ins with academic advisors will be scheduled to monitor progress and provide ongoing support.

Students who successfully meet the requirements of their AIP and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be removed from academic probation and restored to good academic standing.

Academic Dismissal: Students who fail to successfully meet the requirements of their AIP and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher within three quarters of being placed on Academic Probation (e.g. as of the fourth quarterly review date after initial probation decision) are subject to Academic Dismissal.

Appeal

Students have the right to appeal an Academic Dismissal decision if they believe there are extenuating circumstances affecting their academic progress, which can be resolved leading to regaining satisfactory academic progress and completion of the program within three years. The appeal must be submitted in writing and include a detailed explanation of the circumstances, supporting documentation, and a plan for achieving satisfactory academic progress in a timely manner. The Principal reviews the appeal and makes a decision within 14 days. Students are notified in writing of the Principal's decision and any additional requirements or conditions. The Principal's decision is final.

Effective Date: This policy is effective as of June 2024 and applies to all current and future students of Eckerd Connects | Academy.