RCCD | RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MORENO VALLEY COLLEGE | NORCO COLLEGE | RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

District Academic Standards

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 5, 2026; 3:00-5:00pm

https://rccd-edu.zoom.us/j/82506905881?pwd=ejYySWlreGJzRGoxa1k5YVJiT0dQQT09

Riverside City College	Moreno Valley College	Norco College
CAK 224	SAS 101	OC 116

Committee Members	Guests
☐ Nick Sinigaglia (DCC Chair, PHI, MOV)	☐ Bryan Medina (CPRO, RCCD)
☐ Star Rivera-Lacey (DCC Co-Chair, Deputy Chancellor & Provost)	☐ Sabina Fernandez (CPRO, MOV)
☐ Kelly Douglass (ENGL, RIV)	☐ Casandra Greene (CPRO, RCCD)
☐ John Alpay (BUS, NOR)	☐ Nicole Brown (CPRO, NOR)
☐ Nicole Banerjee (AO, RCC)	☐ Abril Vega (CPRO, RCC)
☐ Nick Franco (AO, NOR)	
☐ Deanna Murrell (AO, MVC)	
☐ Brock Russell (PHY, RCC)	
☐ Patricia Avila (GUI, NOR)	
☐ Tahmina Morshed (ECON, MOV)	
Additional Guests:	

Call to Order:

Agenda and Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda
   The agenda will be reviewed, discussed, and considered for approval.

2. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2026
   The minutes will be reviewed, discussed, and considered for approval.

Discussion & Action Items

1. Remote meetings for Standards in Spring (voting item)
2. RCCD GEN ED Approval when CalGETC Approved
3. C- Grades and meeting prerequisites
4. Revisions to BP/AP 2240 Academic Renewal (first read, will send draft revisions Thursday afternoon)
5. Waiving lower- and upper-division GE requirements for students with a BA/BS (potential updates to BP/AP 2025 and BP/AP 2100)
6. Open Forum
7. Public Comment

Adjournment:

Responses from AOs at some Region 9 CCCs and local universities about whether they use a C- grade to validate a prerequisite in the table below:

Institution	**Do they use a C- grade to validate a prerequisite?**
College of the Desert	We only use a C or better.
MSJC and Barstow College	We would not use a C- grade to validate a prerequisite if the C- was equivalent to a 1.7. We require a 2.0 or better. There have been a few instances where I believe an out of state or private schools had their C- grade at a 2.0, and in that case we did use it.
San Bernardino Valley College	SBVC's current practice is to clear prerequisites only when a student has earned a C grade or better.
Cal Poly Pomona	We require a grade of C or better for most prerequisites. If a grade of C- is allowed, then we actually list that specific grade in the course description.
CSUF	I believe it is a 'C' or better for prerequisites, unless specified by the Department.
CSUSB	It varies…..some programs allow "C-" and some require a "C" or better.
California Baptist University	C- is our standard benchmark for transfer. The exception would be when we are dealing with Nursing pre-requisites. For Pre-Nursing students a C or better is the minimum expectation for all required courses.

A little bit more about when we can and cannot use a C- grade below:

From Cal-GETC Standards:

8.1 Minimum Grade Requirements

A minimum “C” grade is required in each college course for Cal-GETC. A “C” is defined as a minimum of 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale. A “C-” grade valued at less than 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for Cal-GETC certification.

8.2 Credit/No Credit-Pass/No Pass

Courses in which a student receives a “Credit/Pass” grade may be used towards Cal-GETC certification if the community college’s policy states that a “Credit or Pass” designation is equivalent to a “C” grade or higher (2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale).

IGETC (For students with catalog rights):

Same policy as Cal-GETC listed above.

Associate Degree Major - From Title 5 - 55062 Conditions for Awarding the Associate Degree:

(2) Satisfactory completion of each course counted toward the major or area of emphasis requirement with a grade of “C” or better, or of “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis;

ADT Major Criteria for Approval from PCAH:

“Minimum grade of “C” (or “P”) for each course in the major”

RCCD Certificates (From RCCD Catalogs):

Each course in a certificate of achievement must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

RCCD GE:

C- and D grades can be used towards RCCD GE.

CSU GE (For students with catalog rights):

C- grades can be used towards any CSU GE area. D grades can be used towards CSU GE in areas other than the Golden 4.

BP 2240 ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Reference:
Title 5 Section 55046

Previously recorded substandard academic ~~performance~~ work may be disregarded in the calculation of a student's grade point average when ~~if~~ it is not reflective of a student's demonstrated academic ability. The Chancellor, in consultation with District Academic Senate, shall establish and maintain procedures that provide for academic renewal consistent with Title 5 Section 55046.

Date Adopted: April 22, 2008
Revised: ~~April 18, 2023~~
Formerly: 4240

AP 2240 ACADEMIC RENEWAL

Reference:
Title 5 Section 55046

Academic Renewal

~~The~~ Academic Renewal ~~Procedure permits the alleviation of a student's~~ is a process through which previously recorded substandard academic ~~performance~~ work (grades of D, F, FW, NP, or NC) ~~which is not reflective of the student's present demonstrated ability and level of performance.~~may be disregarded when calculating a student's grade point average if the coursework no longer reflects the student's demonstrated academic ability. Grades of C or better and the non-evaluative symbols of I and IP are not eligible for alleviation. ~~As a consequence,~~ Academic Renewal recognizes a student's subsequent academic progress and allows past performance to be alleviated in accordance with Title 5, Section 55046. ~~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.~~

1. The District may disregard previously recorded substandard academic coursework from a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA), Academic Renewal applies only to coursework completed withing the District.~~Therefore, within the regulations listed, Riverside Community College District may disregard particular previously recorded substandard work from a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). Petitions are available online or in the Admissions offices of each respective college. Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions: twenty-four (24) units may be alleviated from a Riverside Community College District transcript; however, units taken from another college(s) cannot be alleviated.~~
2. Students may request academic renewal for coursework completed during one or more academic terms. Academic renewal may be requested multiple times, with no limit on the number of units eligible for alleviation. ~~Units alleviated may be requested for one or multiple academic terms in any combination.~~
3. To be eligible for academic renewal, students must demonstrate academic performance after the term of the coursework to be alleviated by completing one of the following at an accredited institution:
    a) Six (6) semester units or nine (9) quarter units with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or
    b) Six (6) semester units or nine (9) quarter units with Pass grades; or
    c) Two hundred eighty-eight (288) hours of noncredit coursework with Pass grades; or
    d) A combination of these credit and noncredit options.

~~3. A minimum of twelve (12) months must have elapsed since the most recent coursework to be alleviated was recorded.~~

4. If using coursework from another college or institution, official transcripts must be submitted to the home college for coursework completed outside of the District.

~~4. A minimum of eighteen (18) units from any accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.0 must have been completed subsequent to the last term to be disregarded in calculating the grade point average obtained at Riverside Community College District. If using coursework from another college or university, official transcripts from other colleges must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office.~~

5. Courses for which grades of "D" were recorded at the time of degree or certificate conferral shall be eligible for post-award academic renewal, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
    i. The process does not invalidate or alter the awarded degree or certificate and shall apply solely to the recalculation of the student's grade point average.
    ii. The course(s) in which a grade of "D" was recorded was not required, at the time of degree or certificate conferral, to:
        1. Achieve the minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average;
        2. Complete the minimum degree or certificate-applicable units; or
        3. Satisfy a general education, major, or certificate requirement. If the "D" grade was utilized to satisfy this requirement, a re-evaluation can determine if grades of "C" or better earned prior to conferral could have satisfied the applicable requirement in lieu of

~~5. Courses used in a previously awarded Associate Degree are exempt and cannot be alleviated.~~

6. Once approved and posted to the student's permanent academic record, the academic renewal action is final, subject to correction of administrative error or other applicable legal requirements~~Academic renewal may be granted only once and is irreversible once posted to the transcript~~.
7. All coursework and grades approved for academic renewal shall remain visible on the student's permanent academic record. The transcript shall be appropriately annotated to indicate that the coursework has been alleviated and the applicable grades excluded from the calculation of the student's cumulative GPA. ~~Units alleviated will remain on the transcript and will be annotated appropriately but will not be calculated into the overall grade point average.~~
8. Academic renewal granted by ~~Riverside Community College~~the District does not guarantee ~~that other institutions outside the District will approve such~~acceptance of the action~~. This determination will be made by the respective transfer~~ by another institution~~s~~.
9. Coursework approved for academic renewal will be considered in determining financial aid eligibility in accordance with applicable federal and state satisfactory progress requirements. ~~All alleviated unit totals will count as attempted units for financial aid purposes.~~
10. Only substandard grades of ~~(~~D, F, FW, NC and NP~~) can be alleviated~~are eligible for academic renewal. Grades of C or better and the non-evaluative symbols of I and IP are not eligible for alleviation.
11. Academic Renewal may be accomplished by submitting a petition online or to Admissions and Records at the student's home college – Need guidance from admissions on this area.- Students may request academic renewal by submitting a petition to their home college. Students are encouraged to consolidate eligible coursework into one petition per academic term and meet

with a counselor to discuss academic renewal and its potential impact on their educational goals before submitting a petition OR Students are encouraged to submit one petition listing all course IDs and terms for which they are seeking renewal.

~~Basic Skills Grade Alleviation~~

~~Pursuant to the following, a student may seek grade alleviation without course repetition for courses no longer offered when the substandard work occurred in a Basic Skills English, Mathematics, or ESL course that is part of a basic skills sequence leading to transfer-level English or transfer-level Math once the student has successfully passed the transfer-level course, regardless of the student's overall academic record since the semester in which the D, F, FW, NC and NP was earned.~~

- ~~Students may immediately seek grade alleviation without course repetition under this scenario for substandard work in pre-transfer English, Math, or ESL courses in a sequence leading to transfer if a student received a grade of "C" or better or "P" in a transfer-level English, Math, or ESL course.~~
- ~~Only a "C" or better in the transfer-level course in the same sequence is required to allow basic skills grade alleviation of the substandard grade.~~
- ~~The requirements of a minimum 12 month time-lapse, 18 units completed, and one-time renewal request are waived for Basic Skills Grade Alleviation for courses no longer offered.~~
- ~~Basic Skills Grade Alleviation will not be counted as part of the maximum 24 units allowed.~~
- ~~All alleviated unit totals will count as attempted units for financial aid purposes. Procedures for petitioning for academic renewal shall be published in the current catalogs for each respective college.~~

~~No part of these procedures shall conflict with (a) Education Code, Section 76224, pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or (b) Chapter 2.5 of Division of Title 5 (commencing with section 59020), pertaining to the retention and destruction of records, and particularly section 59023(c) relating to the permanency of certain student records.~~

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