

**Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal**

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**Appeal Procedure -Student Personal Statement Must Accompany this Form**

1. **Complete and return the appeal form to the Financial Aid Office (****finaid@emcc.edu****) with attachments:**
2. **Student Personal statement explaining:**
	* **The circumstances which caused you to fail to meet the financial aid standards** and
3. **The steps you will be taking to assure academic success this upcoming semester at EMCC, and**
	* **Student Success plan created with your academic advisor**
		+ **(contact** **advising@emcc.edu** **for assistance in creating this plan)**

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| **First Name** |  | **MI** |  | **Last Name** |  | **EMCC Student ID** |
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| **Mailing Address** |  | **City/Town** |  | **State** |  | **ZIP** |
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| **Daytime Phone** |  | **Cell Phone** |  | **E-mail** |

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| **Have you previously filed a SAP appeal while attending EMCC?**  | [ ]  **Yes** |  | [ ]  **No** |

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| **Program of Study**  |  |

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| **Semester/ academic year you are requesting reinstatement of your financial aid** |  |

***To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided is accurate and correct.***

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| **Student Signature** |  |  | **Date** |  |

Note: Incomplete Appeal forms will not be reviewed.

**Committee Action: Date:**

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To remain in good standing for SAP, EMCC students must meet the following three standards:

**STANDARD #1: Grade Point Average (Qualitative Measure of Progress)**

* Students must attempt 6 or more credits and achieve a 2.0 cumulative grade point average to meet this Measure.
* Repeated and remedial coursework is counted in this calculation.
	+ **Example:** First-time student attempts 12 credits and has cumulative GPA of 2.00, is considered to have met this Measure.

**STANDARD #2: Pace of Progress (Quantitative Measure of Progress)**

* Students receiving financial aid are required to complete a minimum of 67% of their cumulative/attempted credits. Students are not evaluated for Pace of Program until they have attempted six (6) or more credits.
* For the purposes of this measure, “attempted credits” include: Credits attained as a result of *Assessment of Prior Learning Options* (in on-line College Catalog), consortium credits, transfer-in credits, remedial credits, repeated credits, credits with letter grade of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, P, F, AF, W, I.

**STANDARD #3: Maximum Time Frame**

* Students must complete their degree/certificate program within 150% of the published length of their specific program as measured in credit hours.
* **Example**: AA Liberal Studies is a 62-credit degree therefore, 62 credits x 150% = 93 credit hours at which point the student must have completed the AA Liberal Studies program.

**It is the student’s responsibility to comply with SAP standards and to monitor their progress.**

As a courtesy, the Financial Aid Office will notify students not in SAP compliance. Students may appeal for reinstatement of their financial aid within **ten working days** of their notification. The Financial Aid Office requires time to thoroughly review appeals; and will contact the student once a decision has been made.

If the student’s failure to comply with one or more Measures above is due to “mitigating circumstances,” the student may complete and submit a SAP Appeal.

*The student’s SAP Personal Statement must include circumstances which prevented them from meeting the financial aid standards; and it must include details as to what has changed – allowing them to meet SAP standards in the upcoming semester.*

 Extenuating circumstances considered for appeals include:

* documented student personal illness or accident,
* serious illness or death of an immediate family member, or
* other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student.