

**Satisfactory
Academic Progress**

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Introduction...

- What is it?
- Why is it important?
- Who needs to be involved?
- How do you do it?
- When do you do it?

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I Got This Letter.....

- **Financial aid notification???**
- **Not eligible!!!**
 - 2.0??
 - University good standing??
 - Why not???
- **What is this ‘progress’ stuff?**

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Now the Fun Begins.....



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Tell Me More...???

- Grades arrive
 - 2.0
 - Passed everything? / dropped those that were not going well or incomplete....
 - Parent reaction - I can't pay!



And More.....

- Finished first year
- New year preparations/plans
 - New roommate
 - Job adjustments
 - Love life in order
- Financial aid application
 - FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Financial aid papers (tax forms, W2s,)
- I don't understand --*^%\$#@!\$%^!

You can't take my money!!!



WHAT is SAP?



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Why.....?

- Regulatory Compliance
- Major federal and state expenditures for aid
- Student needs
- Rising educational costs
- Institutional goals and philosophy



Basics of the Reg.....

- Requirements for eligibility for receiving financial aid
- Institutional policy

Basics of the Regs.....

- *Qualitative* measure
 - Comparison measure– usually gpa
- *Quantitative* measures
 - Percentage of work completed / completion ratio / “pace” - count everything you “attempt”
 - Drop, incomplete, fail
 - Maximum time frame to receive aid
- *Frequency* measure
 - How often
- Attend at own expense until met



There is HOPE!

- Strong reasons beyond the student’s control
- Resolved
- Will not affect future performance

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APPEAL

There is **HOPE!**

- Reasons
 - Extended illness or hospitalization of student or close family member
 - Immediate family problems (divorce, death of family member, abuse, financial problems, et cetera)
 - Work conflicts
 - Other

The Appeal

- Written
- Appeal Form???
- Documentation
 - Physician statement
 - Obituary
 - Bankruptcy documents
 - Legal documents
- Timing (deadlines, turn-around time)
- Contact during appeal process?

Results

- Notification
 - Approved
 - Probationally approved
 - G.P.A., no Ws/Is/Es, hours
 - Deferred
 - Academic plan, documentation,
 - Denied
 - Appeals Committee reconsideration
- Note: Academic eligibility ≠ FA eligibility

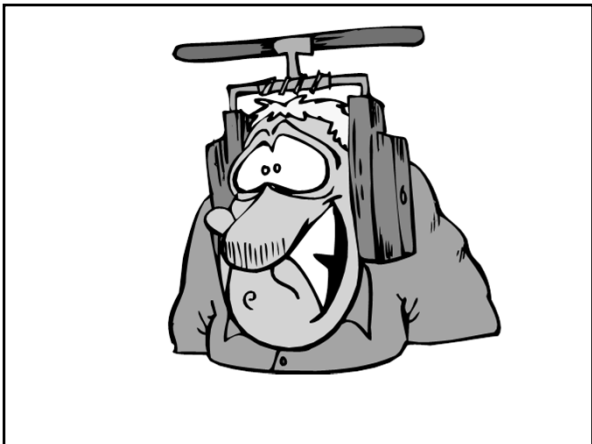
Details of SAP

- Written policy
- Not necessarily same as academic eligibility requirements
- Specify how to regain eligibility
- Notify students of the policy

Details of SAP Policy

- Non-punitive grades / repeated coursework
- Audited and pass/fail coursework
- Incompletes, withdrawals
- Remedial, ESL, Enrichment
- Transfer and consortium coursework
- Academic amnesty / academic bankruptcy
- Change of major or program of study
- Define reinstatement / probation / suspension

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Hopefully.....



Where to Get More Information

- 34CFR Sections 668.16(e), 668.32(f), 668.34, 668.42(c); HEA 484(a) (2), HEA 484(c)
- NASFAA Monograph - *Satisfactory Academic Progress: A Balancing Act*
- NASFAA *Encyclopedia of Student Financial Aid*
- NASFAA Web 2010 Final Integrity Rules
- USDE *Federal Student Aid Handbook*
 - *Student Eligibility*
 - *Institution and Program Eligibility*
- Our friends in KASFAA!



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Thank you!!

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