HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

AP 4225 Course Repetition /Enrollment Limitations

References: Education Code Section 76224; Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55042, 55043, 55253, and 56029

I. Definitions

A. Course Repetition – Course repetition occurs when a student who has previously received an evaluative symbol in a credit course re-enrolls in that course and receives an evaluative symbol.

B. Repeatable Course – A course that can be repeated one or more times as identified in the college catalog and the official course outline.

C. Non-repeatable Course – A course not identified in the college catalog and the official course outline as repeatable.

D. Grade Alleviation – Repeating a course where a substandard grade was recorded in an effort to have the previous grade and credit disregarded from the computation of a student’s grade point average.

II. Repeatable Courses

A. Certain courses are repeatable for credit and are so designated in the college catalog.

B. Substandard grades for repeatable courses may be alleviated according to Section below.

C. Only the following types of courses are repeatable:

1. Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University or University of California for completion of a bachelor’s degree. The district must retain supporting documentation that verifies that the repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University or University of California for completion of a bachelor’s degree.

2. Intercollegiate athletics, as defined in section 55000; and

3. Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition, as defined in section 55000, where enrollment in the course and courses that are related in content is limited to no more than four times for semester courses. This enrollment limitation
applies even if the student receives a substandard grade or “W” during one or more of the enrollments in such a course or petitions for repetition due to special circumstances.

4. Students may enroll in active participatory courses, as defined in section 55000, in physical education, visual arts or performing arts that are related in content. These courses are described in the college catalog as a family. Enrollment is limited to four courses within each family. This limitation applies even if a student receives a passing grade, substandard grade, or “W” during one or more of the enrollments in such a course or petitions for repetition due to extenuating circumstances.

D. When a course is repeated pursuant to this section, the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student’s grade point average.

III. Non-Repeatable Courses

Students can only repeat courses designated as “non-repeatable” if they meet one of the criteria listed below. However, students may receive a “W” (non-evaluative) symbol and/or earn a substandard grade of D, F, NP, or NC (evaluative symbol) no more than three times in the same course. The three enrollment limitation in non-repeatable courses is inclusive of any combination of W, D, F, NP, or NC.

A. Repetition to Alleviate Substandard Academic Work

1. Any non-repeatable course may be repeated when the grade earned was substandard (D, F, NP, or NC) or a non-evaluative symbol of “W” was reported.

B. Upon completion of a repeated course in which a substandard grade was earned, the most recent grade will be computed in the cumulative grade point average. The previous grade and credit shall be disregarded in the computation of grade point average, even if the previous grade was higher.

C. Course Repetition for Satisfactory Grades (“C” or better)

A course in which a grade of “C” or better was received may not be repeated unless such repetition is provided for in the official course description or by District policy. Only under specific conditions can a course be repeated in which a satisfactory grade (“C” or better) was earned.

1. Significant Lapse of Time. A student may repeat a course, one time, where a standard grade was earned after a lapse of no less than 36 months (3 years) or if there is a properly established recency prerequisite for a course or program pursuant to section 55003 or if there is a documented recency requirement at an
institution where the student is transferring. The course must be requested and approved through the Course Repetition petition process. Pursuant to petition, students may repeat a course where less than 36 months (3 years) have elapsed if the student documents the repetition is necessary for the student’s transfer to an institution of higher education. The previous grade and credit will be disregarded in the student’s grade point average.

2. Legally Mandated Training Requirement. A student may repeat a course any number of times as required to meet legally mandated training requirements as a condition of paid or volunteer employment or the course is required for recertification in a technical or medical field regardless of whether substandard academic work has been recorded. The course must be requested and approved through the Course Repetition petition process. The student is required to certify or document that course repetition is legally mandated. The grade and credit will be included in the student’s grade point average each time the course is taken.

3. Occupational Work Experience. A student may repeat a course in occupational work experience under the circumstances described in section 55253. When an occupational work experience course is repeated pursuant to that section, the grade received each time shall be included for purposes of calculating the student’s grade point average.

4. Disabled Students as part of a Disability-Related Accommodation. Special classes for students with disabilities can be repeated any number of times based on an individualized determination that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for that particular student. The course must be requested and approved through the Course Repetition petition process. The previous grade and credit will be disregarded in computing the student’s grade point average each time the course is repeated.

5. Significant Change in Industry or Licensure Standards. A student may petition the district to repeat a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards such that repetition of the course is necessary for employment or licensure. Such courses may be repeated for credit any number of times. The course must be requested and approved through the Course Repetition petition process. The student is required to certify or document that there has been a significant change in industry or licensure standards necessitating course repetition. The grade and credit will be included in the student’s grade point average each time the course is taken.

6. Military Withdrawals (MW) shall not be counted in progress probation and dismissal calculations or the permitted number of withdrawals or the student enrollment limit.
7. Extenuating Circumstances. A student may petition to repeat a course where a previous standard or substandard grade was earned, one time, for extenuating circumstances based upon extreme documented, verifiable situations beyond the student’s control. Extraordinary circumstances are those which would justify the District providing the student a refund. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. The course repetition must be requested and approved through the Course Repetition Appeal Request petition process. The previous grade and credit will be disregarded in the student’s grade point average.

IV. When courses are repeated under this procedure, the student’s permanent academic record shall clearly indicate any courses repeated and be annotated in such a manner that the record of all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

V. Nothing in this procedure can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with Title 5 or district procedures relating to retention and destruction of records.

VI. Apportionment will be limited as set forth in section 58161.

See Board Policy 4225

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