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Academic renewal procedures permit a maximum of 30 units of previously recorded substandard coursework to be disregarded in the computation of a student's grade point average if it is not reflective of a student's demonstrated ability.

The units proposed for exclusion must have been taken at MiraCosta College at least one year prior to the petition, and the student must have completed a minimum of 15 units with a grade point average of 2.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale) subsequent to the completion of the units the student is petitioning to exclude. No units may be excluded for coursework that has previously been used to fulfill degree, certificate, or transfer certification requirements.

Students must meet with a counselor and have all official and final transcripts (from all institutions attended) on file prior to submitting their petition for academic renewal to the Admissions and Records Office. Students are also encouraged to consult with the Financial Aid Office to discuss the potential impact of academic renewal on aid eligibility.

The excluded units remain on the record annotated as academic renewal. No excluded units can be reinstated. The permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic history. These procedures shall not conflict with the district's obligation to retain and destroy records or with the instructor's ability to determine a student's final grade.

(Source: MCCD Administrative Procedure 4240. All MiraCosta College board policies and administrative procedures are located on the Board of Trustees webpage.)