4.6 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

4.6.1 Auditing of Credit Classes and Auditing Fees [Education Code Section 76370]

It is the policy of the Chaffey Community College District to provide students who are otherwise qualified to enroll in courses at Chaffey Community College with an opportunity to enroll in specified credit courses on a noncredit, nongraded, fee-paying basis.

4.6.2 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates [Education Code Section 70902(b)(3); Title 5, Sections 55800 et seq.]

A. The district grants the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations.

B. Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of courses of study or curriculum for which the district offers a certificate. The district has certificate programs that upgrade and develop occupational and vocational proficiency.

C. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements and to assure that graduation requirements are published in the district’s catalog and included in other resources that are convenient for students.

4.6.3 Honorary Degrees/Titles [Education Code Section 72122]

Honorary degrees may be awarded at commencement or some other equally appropriate time. The names of persons receiving honorary degrees must be approved by the Board.

4.6.4 Standards of Scholarship [Education Code Section 70902(b)(3); Title 5, Sections 55750 et seq.]

The superintendent/president shall establish procedures that establish standards of scholarship.
4.6.5 Course Repetition [Title 5, Sections 55024, 55040-55043, 55045, 58161]

A. Students may repeat any class in which a substandard grade (less than C) was awarded.

B. Upon completion of a repeated course, the most recent grade earned will be computed in the cumulative grade point average and the student's academic record so annotated.

C. Students who have attempted a course two (2) times and have received a substandard grade or withdrawal (D, F, FW, NC, NP, or W) for each attempt must petition the Dean of the School to enroll in the course for any subsequent attempts. (Title 5, Sections 55024, 55040, 55042).

D. Students who withdraw for military service will be assigned the MW grade that does not affect GPA and will not be counted toward the permitted number of withdrawals (Title 5, Section 55024).

E. The Dean of the School may also permit subsequent attempts in the case of extenuating circumstances (such as illness, death in the family, etc.); however, the District may not claim apportionment for third attempt (Title 5, Sections 55040, 55045, 58161).

F. Individual academic disciplines shall determine a "significant lapse of time" in order for a student to petition to repeat a non-repeatable course in situations when the course content has significantly changed since the student's last enrollment (Title 5, Sections 55040, 55043).

4.6.6 Grading Symbols [Title 5, Section 55758]

Courses shall be graded using the grading system established by Title 5. The grading system shall be published in the college catalog and made available to students.

4.6.7 Credit by Examination [Title 5, Section 55753]

Credit may be earned by students who satisfactorily pass authorized examinations. The superintendent/president shall establish administrative procedures to implement this policy.
4.6.8 Academic Renewal [Title 5, Sections 55764, 55765]

The purpose of academic renewal is to disregard students’ previously recorded substandard academic performance when such work does not reflect current demonstrated ability. As a consequence, academic renewal allows students the benefits of their current level of ability and performance and does not permanently penalize them for poor performance in the past.

4.6.9 Prerequisites and Co-requisites [Title 5, Section 55200]

A. The superintendent/president is authorized to establish prerequisites, co-requisites and advisories on recommended preparation for courses in the curriculum. All such prerequisites, co-requisites and advisories shall be established in accordance with the standards set out in Title 5. Any prerequisites, co-requisites and advisories shall be necessary and appropriate for achieving the purpose for which they are established.

B. The procedures shall include a way in which a prerequisite, co-requisite or advisory may be challenged by a student on grounds permitted by law. Prerequisites, co-requisites and advisories shall be identified in district publications available to students.

4.6.10 Field Trips and Excursions [Title 5, Section 55450]

A. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures that regulate the use of district funds for student travel and attendance at conferences and other activities that are performed as a class assignment or co-curricular activity.

B. No district funds shall be used to support student expenses for out-of-state field trips or excursions. The expenses of instructors, chaperons, and other personnel traveling with students may be paid from district funds.

C. Students and staff shall at all times adhere to the standards of conduct applicable to conduct on campus.

4.6.11 Community Services Program [Education Code Section 78300]

The Governing Board shall provide for a diversified program of community services in meeting the recreational, cultural, and educational needs of interested persons in the community.
4.6.13 Grade Changes [Education Code Sections 76224 and 76232, Title 5 Section 55025]

A. The superintendent/president shall establish procedures to assure the accuracy and integrity of all grades awarded by faculty.

B. Grades given for any course are determined by the instructor, and in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final.

C. Two-Year Time Limit Policy. Grade changes shall be made within two years following the semester in which the grade was recorded. After the two-year limit, a student may no longer petition for a grade change. If a grade has been incorrectly entered on a student’s permanent record, the error shall be corrected.

In extenuating circumstances, the student Petitions Committee may accept petitions for grade changes after the two-year time limit if grade and attendance records are still available. Petitions that do not meet the criteria will not be accepted.

D. The superintendent/president or designee shall establish a Petitions Committee to evaluate petitions for grade changes submitted by students.