AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROCEDURE

FRESH START FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

“Fresh Start” is defined as the elimination of the student’s entire previous grade point average (GPA).

This program is designed for students who have been absent from Aims for a period of two calendar years or longer, and would like to return to a new academic record.

A petition is available at the Admissions and Records Office.

1. All formerly earned grades will remain on the transcript, with notation regarding the Fresh Start Rule; the student cannot choose which courses are used for recalculation. The grades will no longer calculate in the student’s GPA and will no longer count for credit toward graduation.

2. Some academic departments do not accept Fresh Start toward their admission requirements for certain majors. Check with the academic department to determine if Fresh Start is accepted.

3. Fresh Start can only be applied to an academic record once. Once started, the Fresh Start Program cannot be revoked.

4. If planning to transfer to another institution, be aware that many schools recalculate a students’ GPA to account for all classes taken at previous institutions.

5. All recorded grades at Aims prior to and after Fresh Start will be used to determine all academic honors.

6. In accordance with Department of Education regulations, all attempted coursework is included to determine Financial Aid eligibility; no portion of the academic transcript can be excluded. Student should contact Student Financial Assistance for more information.

APPROVED: Dr. Marsi Liddell
Aims Community College President
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FRESH START PETITION
To be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office

Name: _________________________________ Student ID: A __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Address: _______________________________________________________________
Street           City
State       Zip Code

Phone Number: _______________________

Qualifications:
To qualify, the student needs to have been absent from Aims for a period of two calendar years or longer.
*Fresh Start can only be applied to an academic record once. Once started, the Fresh Start Program cannot be revoked.

Academic Record:
All formerly earned grades will remain on your transcript, with notation regarding the Fresh Start Rule. Students cannot choose which courses are used for recalculation. Grades that will no longer be calculated in your GPA will not count for credit toward graduation. All recorded grades at Aims prior to and after Fresh Start will be used to determine all academic honors.

PLEASE REFER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PETITION FOR THE RULES OF THIS POLICY.

Please provide reason for petition:

I have read the rules of Fresh Start on the reverse side of this petition and understand their applicability to my academic record.

Student Signature _________________________________ Date ________________
Advisor’s Signature ________________________________ Date ________________

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Registrar's Approval (or designee) Recorded by Date