



IMPLEMENTATION REMINDER –

Release date:	3/28/2011
Requirement:	Satisfactory Academic Progress Changes
Regulation / Law:	Final Rules published in the Federal Register on Oct. 29, 2010 http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-26531.pdf
Effective Date:	07/01/2011 (Institutions must monitor SAP under the new rules no later than the end of the first payment period that begins after July 1. For example, semester schools may monitor for the first time under these rules at the end of fall semester. Policy must be published in advance, however.)
Summary:	<p>Gives flexibility to institutions that monitor all Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) components at the end of each payment period. For example, such institutions can use a financial aid warning period.</p> <p>A <u>financial aid warning</u> allows for a student to maintain financial aid eligibility for the next payment period after failing to meet SAP standards, but only by an institution that monitors SAP at the end of each payment period. A student who does not meet SAP after a warning period is no longer eligible. Warning does not apply to maximum time frame.</p> <p>A <u>financial aid probation</u> period allows a student, who does not meet SAP but has successfully appealed, to continue to receive aid.</p> <p>An <u>academic plan</u> is required for a student on probation. The academic plan must be developed to ensure that a student will meet SAP standards by a specific point in time.</p> <p>The terms “financial aid warning”, “financial aid probation”, and “academic plan” must be used in institutional policies and consumer information to ensure standard usage among institutions.</p> <p>SAP standards include a minimum GPA component, maximum time frame, and a <u>pace of progression</u> component.</p> <p><u>Pace</u> is designed to ensure that a student will graduate within the maximum time frame. Pace must be measured by dividing the cumulative hours/credits successfully completed by the cumulative number of hours/credits the student has attempted to derive a minimum acceptable percentage as set by the school.</p> <p>Transfer credits must be included as attempted and completed when measuring pace.</p> <p>SAP policy must define how incompletes, withdrawals, repetitions, and transfer credits impact a student’s eligibility under each component. Remedial coursework can be excluded from SAP, but must be stated in policy.</p>
Impact Areas:	Advising, Athletics, Financial Aid, Instruction, Provost, Registrar.
Resources:	NASFAA – http://www.nasfaa.org/Main/Original_Content_Format/2010/Final_Program_Integrity_Rules_Satisfactory_Academic_Progress.aspx