Satisfactory Academic Progress

Disclaimer: We are NOT the Department of Education, we are just two financial aid officers having a good time with our colleagues! If we are right (we knew that), if wrong (we never said that)!
Who does SAP Cover?

- **All Title IV Aid Recipients**
  
  Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Work-Study

- **All Cal Grant Programs**
  
  Cal Grants B and C
What does SAP Cover?

- **Qualitative**: quality of work performed
  - Example cumulative GPA = 2.00
    - Progressive: 1st year can be 1.70; 2nd year must be 2.00

- **Quantitative**: progression to degree, certificate or transfer

- **Maximum time frame 150% of program length**
  - To complete a program at 150%, many schools use a 67% completion rate.
  - Some schools use a completion rate that is progressive:
    - Example: 1st year = 51%, 2nd year = 75%, 3rd year = 100%
What happens when SAP is not met?

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Recap of Terms

- **Warning**: only used if reviewing SAP after every Pay Period. Can be automatic.
- **Probation**: only used when a student has successfully appealed their SAP.

If a school allows a student to appeal, they must use these terms and definitions in their SAP policy and information to students.
When does this start?

- New Rules effective **July 1, 2011**
- Cross-over summer term (Summer 2011) can be governed by 2010-11 policy or the new rules.
- Policy must state how summer will be treated.
- Policy must state when new rules will start.
- SAP is not affected by how Pell or other aid is handled.
Where are the Regulations

Currently:
- 668.16(e) Administrative Capabilities
- 668.32(f) For all Title IV aid
- 668.34 Must have graduation requirements met by end of 2nd year for full time students

New:
- 668.34
Maximum Time Frame 668.34(a)(5)

- Must specify the pace the student must progress to complete within the maximum time frame (ex. 67%).
- At each evaluation schools must calculate: successfully completed/attempted Units
- Do not count remedial credits over 30 units
- Do count transfer credits* the college has accepted.
  *Not sure about the timing of transfer credit.
Appeals

- **New!** Schools have the right to accept or not accept appeals.
- **Examples** of acceptable circumstances: death of a relative, injury, illness or other special circumstance.
- Professional Judgment (PJ) is the same under the new rules as they are now.
What makes up an appeal?

- Why did the student fail SAP?
  **Example**: automobile accident

- What has changed so the student can once again make SAP?
  **Example**: entered tutoring program

- Does the student have an Academic Plan?
  **Example**: Student Ed Plan (optional)

668.34(a)(9)(ii & iii)
Academic Plan

- **Optional**: School’s choice.
- **Prescriptive**: course-by-course listing that must be or is a recommendation that the student follow.
- **Simple**: must be passing a set % of coursework attempted.
- If a student follows an Academic Plan, the student becomes ‘eligible’ (but **is not** on Warning or Probation).
Student Information about Appeals Process

- School must indicate whether or not it accepts appeals
- When and how appeals are permitted
- How often are appeals accepted; e.g. per term, per year.
- How many times can a student appeal a decision?
Summer

- Is Summer a part of the school’s Payment Period? If yes, then school must use Warning.
- If school reviews SAP after Fall and Spring but not after Summer – the school would be treated as not using every Payment Period and could not use Warning.
Warning

- Status assigned to a student who fails SAP.
- Can only be used if evaluation is each payment period.
- Can be assigned automatically.
Probation

- Status where student did not meet SAP, and successfully appealed.
- Allows payment for only one (1) payment period and then ‘No Aid’ unless student is following an Academic Plan.
New/Expanded Elements Recap

- Warning (if used) and Probation
- Treatment of Transfer Credit
- Appeal Process (if used)
- Notice to Students
SAP Policy can Vary by Categories of Students

- Full time or Part-time
- First year or Second year
- Health field students can be done annually.
SAP issues to Define

- Course incompletes
- Course repeats
- Change of major
- Dual major
- Transfer credits
- Course drops/withdrawals
Bonus: Repeated Coursework

- Repeated coursework can count towards a student enrollment status
  - In term-based programs.
  - Only once for a class that was previously passed (grade D- or higher).
Resources

- 34 CFR Sections 668.16(e), 668.32(f), 668.42 (c)
- Federal Student Aid Handbook, Volume 1, Chapter 1
- Final Regulations published 10-29-10
- NASFAA Final Program Integrity Rules: Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Great Lakes’ Smart Session on SAP
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Quick SAP Quiz

1. What 2 issues must be addressed in all SAP reviews?
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   Quantitative & Qualitative
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2. Can schools who review annually use ‘Warning’?
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   No
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3. Can schools who review annually place students automatically in ‘Probation’?
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   No
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5. When do the new rules take effect?
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July 1, 2011 or after Summer’s Cross-over if in the school’s Policies and Procedures
Quick SAP Quiz

6. Student appeals must contain what 2 items?
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Why they failed SAP and what has changed so they will make SAP.
Quick SAP Quiz

7. Can schools set a maximum number of appeals?
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   Yes
Quick SAP Quiz

8. If a school reviews SAP after every Pay Period, can they skip reviewing Summer?
Quick SAP Quiz Answer

8. If a school reviews SAP after Fall and then after Spring Pay Period, can they skip reviewing Summer?

Yes, but they are similar to an Annual Review school and cannot use ‘Warning’ for the Fall and Spring
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9. Can schools who review Annually have a Probation that is annual in length?
Quick SAP Quiz Answer

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No, the SAP review must be after each pay period
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10. Can a school review their Health students annually while doing their other students each Pay Period
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Yes
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