



**Policy 3.39**  
**Academic Forgiveness Policy**  
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Mesabi Range College's Academic Forgiveness Policy is intended to give the undergraduate student who has been away from MRC at least 5 years an opportunity to establish a new GPA.

1. The student must have been absent from MRC for a minimum of 5 consecutive years prior to the petition for academic forgiveness in order to be eligible.
2. Students who wish to apply for Academic Forgiveness should pick up a petition form from the Records Office, give reasons for the previous poor performance, and provide information about current educational plan for success.

Upon readmission, the student must demonstrate adequate academic ability by completing 12 undergraduate credits at MRC with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Forgiveness will be noted and granted only after the semester back is successfully completed under the above criteria.

Once the criteria for the forgiveness policy has been met, the Registrar will make the following adjustments to the student's transcript:

- ▶ The transcripts will be separated into two sections – indicating the point of academic forgiveness. Academic Forgiveness will be indicated on the transcript.
- ▶ No credits will be granted for any course(s) completed at MRC prior to the date of the Academic Forgiveness.
- ▶ Calculation of the student's GPA will not include grades received prior to the point of academic forgiveness.
- ▶ **Academic Forgiveness will not be granted if a student has earned a post-secondary degree and has applied MRC credits toward that degree.**

**CONSIDERATION TO POLICY:**

If a student changes from a transfer/general education track to a vocational/technical track, each will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The 5-year gap in enrollment to receive Academic Forgiveness may be waived.

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