

PALMETTO SCHOLARS ACADEMY

I - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Policy IKEA Academic Warning, Probation and Suspension

Introduction

The Palmetto Scholars Academy will provide each student an opportunity to progress in a continuous growth pattern of academic achievement in harmony with normal chronological, intellectual, social and emotional development. The school affirms academic excellence for students in our expectations for their learning and that those expectations are defined by the curriculum standards for our gifted and talented program adopted by the board of directors for the Palmetto Scholars Academy in the core discipline areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

Academic Warning

In the Grades 6-9, if a student has a GPR of less than 2.0 as measured by the South Carolina Uniform Grading Code or is failing any course at the end of any Progress Report/Report Card, an Academic Warning will be issued. An Academic Warning requires the parent to schedule a conference with the teacher or administration. An academic warning may also result in mandatory tutoring. If the school does not already fund tutoring for that course, it must be provided at the parent's expense.

Academic Probation

After being placed on Academic Warning the student passes the course for the next grading period, but fails to have a cumulative passing grade for that course, he/she remains on Academic Warning. If he/she fails the same course for a second grading period, or has a cumulative GPR of less than 2.0 as measured by the South Carolina Uniform Grading Code in all coursework, he/she will be placed on Academic Probation, which requires a mandatory conference between the parent, the teacher(s) involved, and the Principal.

Academic Suspension

After being placed on Academic Probation the student does not maintain an overall GPR of 2.0 for the third consecutive grading period, he may be referred to the Board of Directors for Permanent Academic Suspension, demotion or retention.

Help Sessions

Tutorials/Help Sessions: If a student has been absent because of illness or has failed to understand some of the class work, appointments may be made with the teacher in order to obtain help.

Private/Tutorials: If a student needs more individual help than is provided in these sessions and thinks a private tutor is needed, the parent should contact the school counselor for information. Fees are charged for private tutoring.

Course Withdrawals

With the first day of enrollment as the baseline, students who withdraw from a course within 5 days in a 90-day course or 15 days in a 180-day course will do so without penalty. Students who unilaterally withdraw from a course after these time limitations will be assigned a course grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) and the "F" (numerical grade of 62 and 0 quality points) will be calculated in the student's overall grade point ratio. Assessment of the "WF" penalty for withdrawing from a course in excess of the time limitation will not apply to course or course level changes initiated or sanctioned by the administration of the school.

To withdraw from a course, the student must complete a Class Withdrawal Form. The form must contain a valid reason for wanting to withdraw from the class, the signature of the parent/guardian, and the

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signature of the teacher of the course to be dropped. The Principal will review and approve or disapprove each request.

Retaking Courses

Students may retake the same course at the same difficulty level under the following conditions:

- The course in which an "F" was earned may only be retaken during summer school or through an approved correspondence course.
- A student attempting to improve their grade in a previously passed course may do so by filling out a request form signed by the principal.
- If the course is one of a sequence of courses offered, the retaken course must be taken in the proper sequence. The reported score for classes retaken will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Audits

The audit of any course will be allowed if space is available and if permission is granted by the principal and the teacher involved.

The student will be required to adhere to all rules and expectations of the audited class and will be expected to complete all assignments required by the teacher.