

## **NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

### **3280 FRESH START POLICY**

Currently enrolled students who have not attended any college or university for a period of five (5) years or more may appeal to exclude selected prior Northland Community and Technical College coursework with grades of "D" and "F" from their GPA's. Such courses and their actual grades appear on the student's academic record, but letter grades are not calculated for GPA purposes. Excluded courses cannot be used to satisfy any academic requirement. A student may use this option only once by submitting the Student Appeal form to the registrar's office.

Students who have petitioned for the Fresh Start Policy must demonstrate renewed academic motivation by passing the first twelve (12) consecutive credits they register for with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and 100 percent completion prior to academic forgiveness being granted.

Credits for which students have been granted a Fresh Start will be recorded and retained in the Student Data System in such a way that they will be included in both the qualitative and/or quantitative measurements of financial aid satisfactory academic progress even though they no longer are considered part of the GPA shown on the student's transcript.

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