

# STUDENT RECORDS POLICIES

## ACADEMIC RECORDS

The management of student records is under the supervision of the Director of Admissions and Records. The records are the property of the College; however, the Director of Admissions and Records will honor a student's written request that his official academic records not be released or information contained in his records not be disclosed. This request can be submitted by obtaining the appropriate form from the Office of Admissions and Records. Unless there is written request to the contrary, the following information will be made available to parents, spouses, prospective employees, government security agencies, previous schools attended, campus organizations which require minimum scholastic averages for membership, and organizations awarding financial assistance (grants, scholarships and loans): name, date and place of birth, address, dates of attendance, major field of study, and grade point average (GPA). Transcripts are released only at the request of the student, and in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or in compliance with court orders.

## ACADEMIC RESTART POLICY

Coahoma Community College's Academic Restart Policy is intended to provide former students with a second chance at academic success. Upon proper request and approval, **ALL** of a former student's previous grades earned at Coahoma Community College may be removed from consideration in calculating their cumulative GPA and for graduation purposes. Such an action will adhere to the following policy guidelines:

1. The former student must complete or submit a "Declaration of Academic Restart" request to the Registrar/Director of Admissions and Records. NOTE: Special restrictions apply for students receiving military assistance. See the Registrar/Director of Admissions and Records for more information.
2. The former Coahoma Community College student must **NOT** have been enrolled in any post-secondary education/career institution for at least five years prior to the request to restart.
3. Academic Restart can be declared only once at Coahoma Community College.
4. Once Academic Restart has been declared, **ALL** of the former student's prior grades are forgiven regardless of the grade. The previous course work will not be removed from the student's transcript; however, a special notation will be made on the transcript identifying the previous work as forgiven.
5. Any course work completed prior to the declaration of Academic Restart is not calculated as part of the GPA from that point forward at Coahoma Community College. Students should be advised that other colleges/universities to which they may transfer may or may not honor the change in GPA resulting from a declaration of "Academic Restart."
6. If Academic Restart is requested and conditions are met, the student will be enrolled and must pay his/her tuition and fees without any financial aid assistance until the student has met the institution's standards of satisfactory academic progress (found in the Student Expenses and Financial Aid section of this College Catalog). Students in the academic restart program must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher in order to continue enrollment.

## CHANGE OF GRADE OR GRADE CORRECTION

A grade other than "I" (Incomplete), once reported, is subject to change only if it has been caused by error. An instructor wishing to change such a grade or change the grade of "I" to another letter must obtain a "Grade Correction Memo" from the Office of Admissions and Records and have it approved by Dean for Academic Affairs, the Dean for Career and Technical Education or the Dean for Health Sciences as appropriate.

Grade changes must be completed in accordance to the following timeline. For exact deadlines for grade changes, consult the Academic Calendar.

<b>Semester in which grade was earned</b>	<b>Semester by which grade must be changed</b>
Spring	Fall of same calendar year
Summer	Fall of same calendar year
Fall	Spring of following calendar year

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students the following four (4) rights with respect to their education records:

1. *The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the college receives a request for access.* A student should submit to the Registrar/Director of Admissions and Records, and appropriate instructional dean or other appropriate official written requests that identifies the record he/she wishes to inspect. The College official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the record may be inspected.
2. *The right to request the amendment of the student's education record that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading.* Students may ask the college to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the college official responsible for the record, clearly identifying the part of the record that they would like changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the college decides not to amend the records as requested by the student, the college will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his/her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. *The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent the FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.* One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the college in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the college has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
4. *The right to file a complaint with the U. S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Coahoma Community College to comply with the requirements of FERPA may be done so by contacting The Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605*

## **GRADE REPORTS**

Grades are posted by instructors at the end of each semester. Students may access their personal and secure online student account to retrieve or view final grades.

## **MILITARY CREDIT**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MILITARY CREDIT POLICY**

Credit may be given to applicants who meet the following three (3) criteria:

1. Enroll in Coahoma Community College
2. Submit military transcript to the Office of Admissions and Records.
3. Submit their D.D. 214 form or D.D. 295 form which indicates a period of continuous active duty for at least 90 days.

A maximum of four (4) semester hours of physical education credit may be granted for Basic Training. Additional credit for training in formal service schools will be granted based on recommendations published in *A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services*. The credit recommended must be evaluated as being equivalent to a course at Coahoma Community College.

The maximum military credit allowed is 24 semester hours. A grade of M will be recorded for credit granted. No quality points will be awarded nor will the credits be used in calculating the student's grade point average. The Registrar evaluates military credit and administers the awarding of credit.

## **REPEATED COURSES**

On any course which is repeated, the highest grade recorded will be considered when computing the student's cumulative grade point average.

## **SEMESTER-HOUR CREDIT**

Coahoma Community College operates on the semester system, having changed from the quarter system in the fall of 1976. Semester-hour credit is determined by the number of hours a course meets per week. A course which gives three semester hours credit will normally meet for the three lecture/recitation hours per week or for two lecture/recitation hours and two laboratory hours per week or, for some, a combination of lecture/recitation and lab hours. The academic year is divided into two semesters and two summer sessions. Each semester is approximately seventeen weeks in length, and each summer session is approximately four weeks in length.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Transcripts are released only upon a written and signed request by the student. The request must include a written signature and a social security number. A fee of three dollars (\$3) is charged for each copy. A fee of \$3 is charged for an electronic transcript. A fee of ten dollar (\$10) is charged for a facsimile transcript.

## **TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY**

Coahoma Community College has established the following guidelines for evaluating, awarding, and accepting academic transfer credit:

1. Evaluation, acceptance, and application of transfer credit will be based upon receipt of official transcripts from all institutions attended. It is the student's responsibility to provide all official transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records. Evaluation from international institutions will be considered only when accompanied by an official transcript evaluation from an approved foreign credit evaluation service.
2. The Articulation Agreement between the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi Community College Board contains programs of courses for transfer for community/junior college students who attend Mississippi's eight public universities. In addition to the Articulation Agreement, the Uniform Course Numbering System ensures course alignment among the fifteen community/junior colleges in the state of Mississippi for all college parallel curricula.  
Courses listed in the Articulation Agreement and/or the Course Uniform Course Numbering System will automatically transfer within community colleges and/or the state university system. Any prior occupational-specific courses or pre-requisites taken as part of an Associate of Applied Science or certificate program will be evaluated on an individual basis using the guidelines outlined in Number 3 of this section.
3. Courses from regionally accredited institutions will generally be accepted for transfer; however, transfer decisions are not made solely based on an institution's accreditation. Courses must be comparable in course description, nature, content, student learning outcomes, and level and must be appropriate and applicable to the learning experiences required in the declared program of study. Transcript evaluations are conducted by the Registrar and the department chair/and or program coordinator to determine the equivalency of the transfer credits to corresponding courses at Coahoma Community College.
4. Courses accepted for transfer must have a grade of at least "C". Grades earned for transfer courses will be used to calculate cumulative grade point average.
5. Transfer students must complete 25% of coursework at Coahoma Community College.

## **APPEAL OF AN ACADEMIC TRANSFER DECISION**

Students who wish to appeal an academic transfer decision may do so by using the College's Academic Grievance Policy. When making an appeal, students must be prepared to provide supporting documentation (e.g., a course syllabus, course description from the college catalog, examples of work from the transferring institution, etc).

## **WORK-BASED LEARNING POLICY**

Work-Based Learning allows the Career-Technical student to receive up to six (6) hours of work-Based Learning credit. These credits may be used as technical electives and counted toward graduation requirements of their curriculum. The following chart is used to calculate the number of credits earned:

<b>Work Hours Per Semester</b>	<b>College Credit Hours Earned</b>
45 to 135 hours	3 college credit hours

The employer verifies the hour to the Work-Based Learning Coordinator. Evaluations are conducted by the Work-Based Learning Coordinator. The supervisor completes and evaluates forms designed to be specific to the student's program of study. The student's course grade is based on work performance and evaluation. The student's course grade is based on work performance and evaluation. Should a student not fulfill all paperwork requirements, be laid off, terminated or resigns without officially withdrawing from the program credit will not be granted.