

**MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
INSTITUTIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Policy No. A - 7**

**Fresh Start**

**1. General**

- 1.1 Scope: For purposes of grade point average required for graduation, this policy established provisions for academic forgiveness.
- 1.2 Statutory References: WV Code §18B-1-1A; 18B-2B-6
- 1.3 Passage Date: July 17, 2009
- 1.4 Effective Date: August 17, 2009
- 1.5 Controlling Over: Mountwest Community & Technical College

**2. Policy**

- 2.1 Any student who has been absent from Mountwest Community and Technical College as a full-time student for four consecutive years and was not in good academic standing can receive a Fresh Start. The following conditions apply to the awarding of fresh start:
  - 2.1.1 The Fresh Start will go into effect after the eligible student has completed a minimum of six or more credit hours of coursework in the semester they return with a grade of "CR" or "C" or better in each course attempted.
  - 2.1.2 The following notation will appear on the transcript at the end of the semester in which the fresh start goes into effect:
    - o Student Granted Fresh Start
  - 2.1.3 The Fresh Start grade point average (GPA) will include all grades earned at the end of the first semester back at Mountwest Community and Technical College. No grade (A through F) awarded prior to re-admittance will be included in the new cumulative GPA.
  - 2.1.4 All prior grades and coursework will remain on the record. However, only prior credits from courses in which the student received a grade of "C" or better can be applied toward the degree.

- 2.1.5 The Fresh Start option, once granted, cannot be rescinded; can only be used once; and cannot be applied to a previously granted degree.
- 2.1.6 Student requesting Fresh Start is not eligible for financial aid until condition number one above is completed. Student should also consult the financial aid office for any other conditions.
- 2.2 To initiate a Fresh Start, student may obtain a request from the Office of Student Services.