

To: All Financial Aid Administrators

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**Subject: Update to State Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy**

We are pleased to inform you of the recent update to our SAP policy. The changes made to the policy are designed to enhance the efficiency of the Satisfactory Academic Progress process for all stakeholders. After collaborating with and receiving feedback from the SFA Workgroup, WSAC will now align the State SAP policy with the Federal SAP policy beginning with the 2024-25 academic year.

While institutions can implement this policy as early as the 2024-25 academic year, there is flexibility for institutions to adjust their policy to fit the needs of their student population: the minimum standard for the State SAP policy being the same as Federal SAP policy. This alignment of policy means the following changes to the existing 2023-24 policy:

- Institutions are allowed to move to an annual review of SAP for programs that exceed a year in duration.
- Assessment of SAP will transition from a minimum number of credits to complete to a percentage-based pace calculation with 67% being the minimum pace requirement.
- Students must be able to complete their program within 150% of the program length.

It is important to note that students have the right to appeal their SAP status. However, a student can never appeal to receive more than the maximum Quarters of Eligibility for a given program as these are mandated by statute. Note: The lifetime limit of quarters of eligibility beginning in 2024-25 is 18 maximum.

We believe that this update will streamline the SAP process and benefit all involved parties. We welcome any questions you may have regarding this updated policy. Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of Washington students!

Sincerely,



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