

SUBJECT: Student Withdrawals

I. Introduction

Section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code, enacted by the State of Texas, Spring 2007, applies to students who enroll in a public institution of higher education as a first time freshman in Fall 2007 or later.

Students who elect to use the provisions of Academic Fresh Start who have coursework prior to the Fall 2007 semester are grandfathered and are not subject to TEC 51.907. Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree at any recognized public or private institution are not considered affected students whether or not taking additional undergraduate courses.

- II. The College may not permit a student to drop more than a total of six college undergraduate level courses in their college careers, including those taken at another Texas public institution of higher education. All courses dropped after the Official Day of Record (semester census day) are included in the six-course limit unless (1) the student withdraws from all courses (2) the drop is excluded from the limit or (3) the drop is authorized by an appropriate College official as an approved Drop Exception.

A. Drop Exclusions

1. Courses taken by students while enrolled in high school – whether for dual credit or early college credit
 2. Courses dropped at private or out-of-state institutions
 3. Remedial or developmental courses
 4. Courses included in the complete withdrawal from the institution
5. Drop Exceptions can be approved if the student documents that the drop was required for one of the following reasons and due to that reason the student could not satisfactorily complete the course:
1. The student, a member of the student's family, or a person of equally important relationship to the student experiences a serious illness or other debilitating condition.
 2. The student becomes responsible for the care of a sick, injured or needy person.
 3. There is a death in the student's family or of a non-family member of equally important relationship.

4. The student or a member of the student's family, or a person of equally important relationship to the student, is called to active duty service as a member of the Texas National Guard or the armed forces of the United States.
 5. There is a change of the student's work schedule that is beyond the student's control.
 6. The College determines that there is other good cause for the student to drop the course.
- C. Enrollment and drop activities of students affected by this legislation will be monitored. Those who drop six or more courses without an approved Drop Exception will incur registration and drop restrictions during all subsequent semesters, and may incur other enrollment limitations or requirements.
- D. Midland College students liable under this legislation who plan to attend another Texas public college or university should determine that institution's policies and penalties for dropping courses and for approving Drop Exceptions.
- E. Transfer students who are affected by this legislation are required to submit all transfer institution transcripts for processing of drops toward the limit. If a student was granted a drop at Midland College and the Registrar's Office learns that the drop counter was set incorrectly, the student's record will be updated to correct the counter. If the student has exceeded the six course drop limit, the drop will be removed and the faculty member of the associated course will be contacted to issue the appropriate grade.
- F. Students who do not agree with the decision made by the college official should refer to the Appeal Process in the Midland College Catalog and Handbook.