

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid Recipients

Federal Regulations, HEA Sec. 484(c), §668.16, 668.34

Students receiving financial aid are required to progress toward a certificate, degree, or curriculum pathway during all periods of enrollment, including periods when a student did not receive financial aid. To maintain eligibility for federal, state, and some forms of institutional financial aid, students must meet three components of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) by obtaining a 2.0 GPA, completing 67% of all attempted credit hours, and completing their degree/certificate within 150% of the minimum hours required to graduate. **Financial aid will only pay for courses listed on their degree plan.** SAP is calculated at the end of each term based on factors defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

\* Per federal regulations, Academic Fresh Start will not be considered.

\* No more than two associate degrees pursued and completed at Midland College will be considered for financial aid purposes.

3 Components of SAP	
Qualitative (GPA)	Quantitative (PACE)
All grades for courses taken at Midland College, including developmental courses, are counted in the evaluation of a student's GPA. A student must maintain at least a cumulative (overall) GPA of 2.0.	Students must successfully complete a minimum of 67% of all attempted courses, including transfer and developmental coursework. This calculation is cumulative.
<b>Maximum Timeframe</b>	
Students must complete their degree/certificate within 150% of the minimum hours required to graduate. Only courses (including transfer courses) that apply to the student's program of study will be counted toward Maximum Timeframe, regardless of the grade received. For example, if a degree requires 60 hours to complete, the student must complete the degree with no more than 90 hours attempted ( $60 \times 1.5 = 90$ hours). Developmental hours are <b>not</b> included in the calculation of Maximum Timeframe.	

### Good Standing – Eligible to receive financial aid

A degree-seeking student who is meeting all three components of SAP is eligible for financial aid.

***The student must earn a grade of C or higher to maintain eligibility, in most cases.***

### Warning – Eligible to receive financial aid

The first time a student fails to meet one or more of the three components of SAP, they will be placed on financial aid warning. Students who are not meeting SAP will be notified via their Midland College issued email address. During the warning period, a student **will** continue to qualify for financial aid for one semester.

***To re-establish Good Standing, the student must meet all three components of SAP by obtaining a 2.0 GPA, completing 67% of all attempted credit hours, and will be able to complete their degree/certificate program within 150% of the program length. If you fail to meet one of the components of SAP after re-establishing Good Standing, you will be moved back to Warning.***

### Suspension – Not eligible to receive financial aid

Students on a financial aid warning who fail to meet the three components of SAP at the end of the Warning Period will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension. While on suspension, the student will not be eligible for work-study, grants, or loans from the Financial Aid Office. Students may still enroll in classes for the next semester but must pay all expenses out of pocket.

***To re-establish eligibility, the student must meet all three components of SAP by obtaining a 2.0 GPA, completing 67% of all attempted credit hours, and will be able to complete their degree/certificate program within 150% of the program length; or the student has had a suspension appeal that was approved, resulting in the student's status changing from Suspension to Probation with Academic Plan.***

### Probation with Academic Plan- Eligible to receive financial aid

A suspension appeal that is approved will change the student's financial aid status from suspension to probation, after the student signs an academic plan with their Financial Aid Advisor. Students will then be eligible for work-study, grants, or loans and will have a hold placed on their records to prevent self-registration. Students on Financial Aid Probation who fail to meet their academic plan conditions will be returned to Financial Aid Suspension that will result in loss of future aid.

***To maintain eligibility while on probation, a student must earn a minimum 2.0 GPA the first semester of Probation, a 2.25 GPA the second semester of Probation and a 2.5 GPA for all subsequent semesters. Additionally, students must successfully complete 67% Pace per academic term and not withdraw from any courses for the semester after Census.***

### Suspension Appeal Procedure

Students may appeal their Financial Aid Suspension status by completing the Suspension Appeal Form. The form is available on the Midland College website under Financial Aid Forms. Financial aid will only allow one appeal per term. The deadline to submit an appeal is the first day of class.