CHAPTER 3	SECTION NO.
Student Policies	3.03

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3.03 Academic Forgiveness Policy	*Reviewed: October 12, 2010*
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Kishwaukee College recognizes that students may return to college after an extended absence and be seriously encumbered by a prior academic record that is exceptionally poor. Likewise, students may have experienced failure in a course of study that was inappropriate for their talents or may have performed poorly because of serious illness or personal problems. These students are now committed to a new beginning in their academic careers and can demonstrate the ability to succeed in college.

Accordingly, students may petition one time for forgiveness of up to 15 hours of prior "F" grades in accordance with the following:

- At least two years must have elapsed between the end of the semester in which the failing grades were earned and the date of the petition.
- Subsequent to the last semester in which failing grades occurred and prior to petitioning for academic forgiveness, the student must have earned at least 15 consecutive credit hours at Kishwaukee College in courses numbered 100 or above, with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above and with no individual class grade lower than a "C".
- A student seeking academic forgiveness must submit her/his petition in writing to the Vice President of Instruction A thorough justification for forgiveness as well as the precise identification of the semester(s) affected will be included in the petition. The justification must identify the circumstances in place when the falling grades were earned and how those circumstances have changed.
- Forgiveness grades remain on the student's record but are not computed in the student's grade point average.

Kishwaukee College accepts no responsibility for the ways in which another academic institution or employer might interpret a student's use of the forgiveness option. Students planning to transfer to another college or university are cautioned that the receiving institution may use all grades earned in computing GPAs for admission