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Name of Change Proposal	S-5 Student Financial Assistance -
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Initiating Council:
Financial Aid Council

Submitting Council:
Vice Presidents of Student Affairs

Justification for Proposed Changes:

Background Information:

(Provide a brief overview of the issue and/or historical information important in considering the change.)

Updates to the S-5 Student Financial Assistance appendix to cover changes in Maricopa policy/procedure regarding Financial Aid Course Applicability, Identity Verification, Identity Theft, with some technical updates for organizational clarity and updated/corrected information.

Supporting Documentation and Rationale for Change:

(Provide any supporting documentation such as new legislation, legal/statutory or regulatory changes, data, or key findings that would support the need for the change.)

[Course Applicability Policy](#)- implemented in Fall of 2021, is an important addition to S-5, as every student's enrollment are sent through this process when receiving financial aid.

Identity Verification is a requirement of the Maricopa Community Colleges in order to be admitted and receive financial aid.

Identity Theft policies and procedures have been updated based on a rise in suspicious activity in the system.

Other updates include correcting information & better organization

Areas, Councils, or Committees Impacted:

(List the constituency groups that may be impacted by the proposed change and that reviewed the proposal and provided feedback.)

Council	Distribution List
Accreditation Liaison Officers	dl-alo@memo.maricopa.edu

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FEC	dl-facexec@memo.maricopa.edu
Financial Aid Managers Council	dl-fam-dir-all@memo.maricopa.edu

Financial or Budget Implications:
None

Other Considerations:

None

Implementation Impacts:

None

Recommended Effective Term:

2025-2026

Dissemination/Communication:

(Identify the dissemination/communication needs related to the proposed change)

Disposition History:

Date	Status
01/09/2024	Approved by FA Council (Initiating Council)
01/10/2024	Submitted

PROPOSED CHANGES:

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- A transcript or other record received from another institution the student may have attended;
- The contents of the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid, student information form, or any other information the student provides to the college;
- The independent professional judgment by any official of the office of student financial aid.

How to Apply for Federal Financial Aid

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Types of Aid

Grants, loans, student employment, and scholarship funds may be available from federal, state, and/or private sources.

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2. If an award has already been made and a FAFSA is selected for verification, the student must provide required documentation within thirty days after it has been requested of the student or on June 30, whichever comes first. If documentation is not received within this deadline, the student's award may be adjusted or canceled.
3. The required forms and documents a student submits for verification will be compared to the information reported on the student's FAFSA. If the information provided does not match what is shown on the FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office will submit changes to the US Department of Education FAFSA processor. After all changes are made to the FAFSA data, the student's eligibility for financial aid will be reviewed. If there are any changes to the student's financial aid eligibility as a result of verification, the student will be notified by means of the Student Center at www.maricopa.edu/students. If, following verification, the institution discovers evidence of student aid fraud (including identity theft), waste or abuse of US Department of Education funds, such evidence may be referred to the Office of Inspector General of the US Department of Education.

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To remain eligible for federal and state aid programs, students must meet ALL of MCCC's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards regardless of whether a student has received financial aid in the past or not. These standards apply to a student's entire academic records at any MCCC college, including transfer credit hours accepted by the college.

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3. Attempted Credit: Any credit for which a grade of A, B, C, D, F, I, IP, N, P, W, Y, or Z is received and courses not yet graded.
4. CGPA [Cumulative Grade Point Average]: The MCCCCD grading policy is published in the administrative regulations at 2.3.3. The CGPA does not include credits accepted in transfer.
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 1. **Grade Point Average Qualitative Measurement:** Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average in order to meet SAP GPA requirements.
 2. **Pace of Progression Quantitative Measurement:** Students must successfully complete 2/3 (66.67%) of all attempted course work. For clock hour programs, please refer to program attendance requirements.
 3. **Maximum Time Frame Measurement:** Students must be able to complete their program within 150% of the published program length. Once students have attempted 150% of the published program length, they are no longer eligible for Federal Student Aid. For example, a 16 credit certificate program will allow up to 24 credit hours to complete the program. A 60 credit Associate's degree will allow up to 90 credit hours to complete the program. A 120 credit Bachelor's degree will allow up to 180 credit hours to complete the program.
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4. Repeated course work
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5. Course work not included in SAP evaluation:
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Notification

Students who have applied for Federal Student Aid, but are not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, will be notified via email of their FA Warning or ineligibility for financial aid. The notification will direct students to information regarding available college resources during the Warning Period and the appeal process in cases of extenuating circumstances.

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The outcome of the appeal will depend upon:

1. the nature of the extenuating circumstances (if the stated circumstance qualifies as such),
2. the quality of the documentation provided, and
3. how well the student has demonstrated the ability to progress towards degree completion within a reasonable time period.

All documentation submitted is confidential. All decisions are final and cannot be appealed. For assistance in completing the SAP appeal paperwork, including examples of supporting documentation, visit your college Financial Aid Office.

Students will be notified of the results of their appeal within fourteen business(14) days of filing the appeal. Notification will include any restrictions or conditions pertaining to their appeal. The outcome of an appeal may include a probationary period. Appeals granted longer than one (1) payment period must include an academic plan, which must be followed. Failure to follow an approved academic plan will result in immediate

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