

Student Policy - Academic Warning, Probation, and Suspension

Policy:

The purpose of Bismarck State College's policy on academic warning, probation, and suspension is to give students opportunities to recognize and resolve problems which might hinder their chances for success at Bismarck State College. It is the responsibility of all students to remain in contact with their instructors regarding progress in enrolled courses. Poor performance could result in academic warning, probation, continued probation, or suspension.

Students should be aware that their Academic Standing is printed on their unofficial and official transcripts.

For the purpose of this policy term or semester constitutes interchangeable. Fall semester courses are between August and December; Spring semester courses are between January and May; Summer semester courses are between May and August.

Good Academic Standing:

Students who have a term and cumulative grade point average 2.00 or higher at the end of any semester will be placed on good academic standing.

Academic Warning:

Students who have a term or cumulative grade point average below 2.00 at the end of any semester will be placed on academic warning. Students placed on academic warning should understand the following:

- The quality of their work is unsatisfactory and if it does not improve in their next semester of enrollment it will result in the student being placed on academic probation.
- Students should contact their academic advisor and/or academic support services.

Academic Probation:

Students who are on academic warning and fail to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher after finishing their next semester of enrollment will be placed on academic probation. Students placed on academic probation should understand the following:

- Students will be allowed one academic probationary semester with a cumulative grade point average below a 2.00. Students who improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher will be taken off academic probation and are considered in good academic standing.

- Students should contact their academic advisor and/or academic support services.

Academic Continued Probation:

Students who are on academic probation and fail to earn a cumulative grade point average 2.00 or higher after finishing their next semester of enrollment will be placed on academic continued probation. Students placed on academic continued probation should understand the following:

- Students will be allowed one academic continued probationary semester with a cumulative grade point average below a 2.00.
- After one semester of academic continued probation if the cumulative grade point average is below a 2.00 it will result in the student being placed on academic suspension.
- Students receiving a 2.00 or higher term grade point average will be allowed to remain on academic continued probation until they improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher.
- Students who improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher will be placed on the appropriate academic standing based on their term GPA.
- Term GPA greater than 2.00 – good academic standing
- Term GPA below 2.00 – academic warning
- Students should contact their academic advisor and/or academic support services.

Academic Suspension:

Students who are on academic continued probation and fail to earn a term grade point average of 2.00 or higher will be placed on academic suspension. Students placed on academic suspension should understand the following:

- Students will not be reinstated before a lapse of at least one regular semester (The academic summer session will constitute a regular semester).
- Students must complete the [Readmission from Academic Suspension](#) procedure.

Students who are reinstated from academic suspension will be placed on academic suspension/reinstated on probation 1 and should understand the following:

- Students will be allowed one academic continued probation semester with a cumulative grade point average below a 2.00 and will be placed on academic continue probation 1.
- After one semester of academic continued probation 1 if the cumulative grade point average is below a 2.00, it will result in the student being placed on academic continue probation 2.

- After one semester of academic continued probation 2 if the cumulative grade point average is below a 2.00, it will result in the student being placed on academic suspension 2 or more.
- Students receiving a 2.00 or higher term grade point average will be allowed to remain on academic continued probation 1 until they improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher.
- Students who improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher will be placed on the appropriate academic standing based on their term grade point average.
- Term grade point average greater than 2.00 – good academic standing
- Term grade point average below 2.00 – academic warning
- Students should contact their academic advisor and/or academic support services.

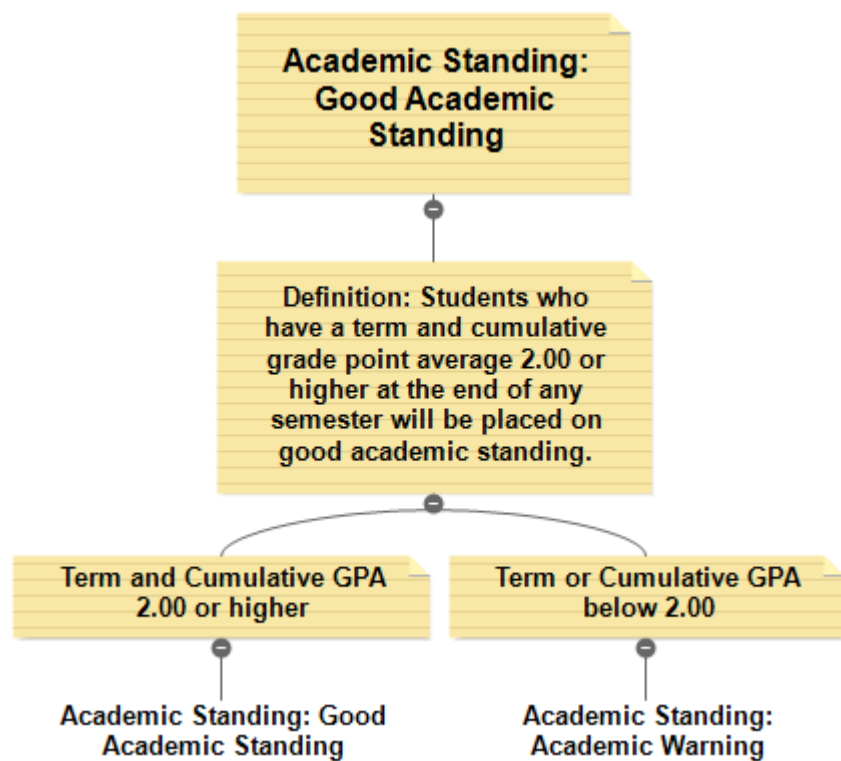
Academic Suspension 2:

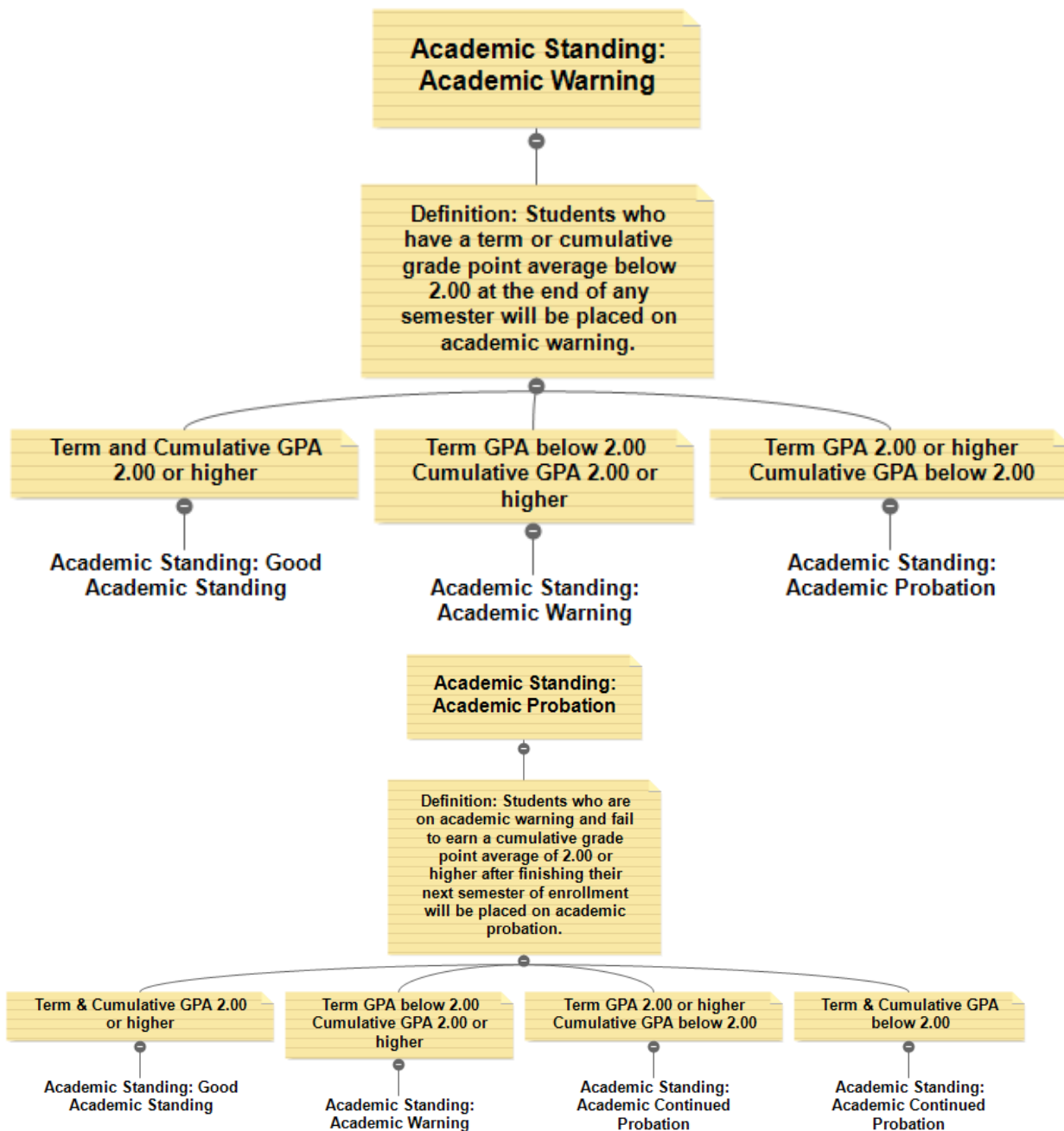
Students who are on academic continued probation 2 but fail to earn cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher will be placed on academic suspension 2. Students placed on academic suspension 2 should understand the following:

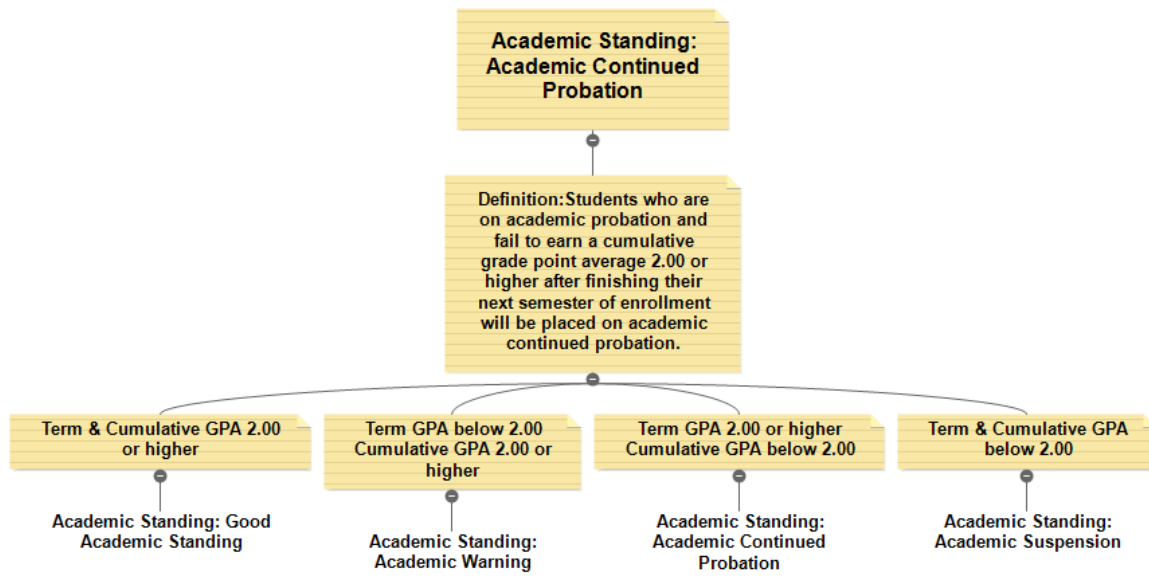
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- Students must complete the [Readmission from Academic Suspension](#) procedure.

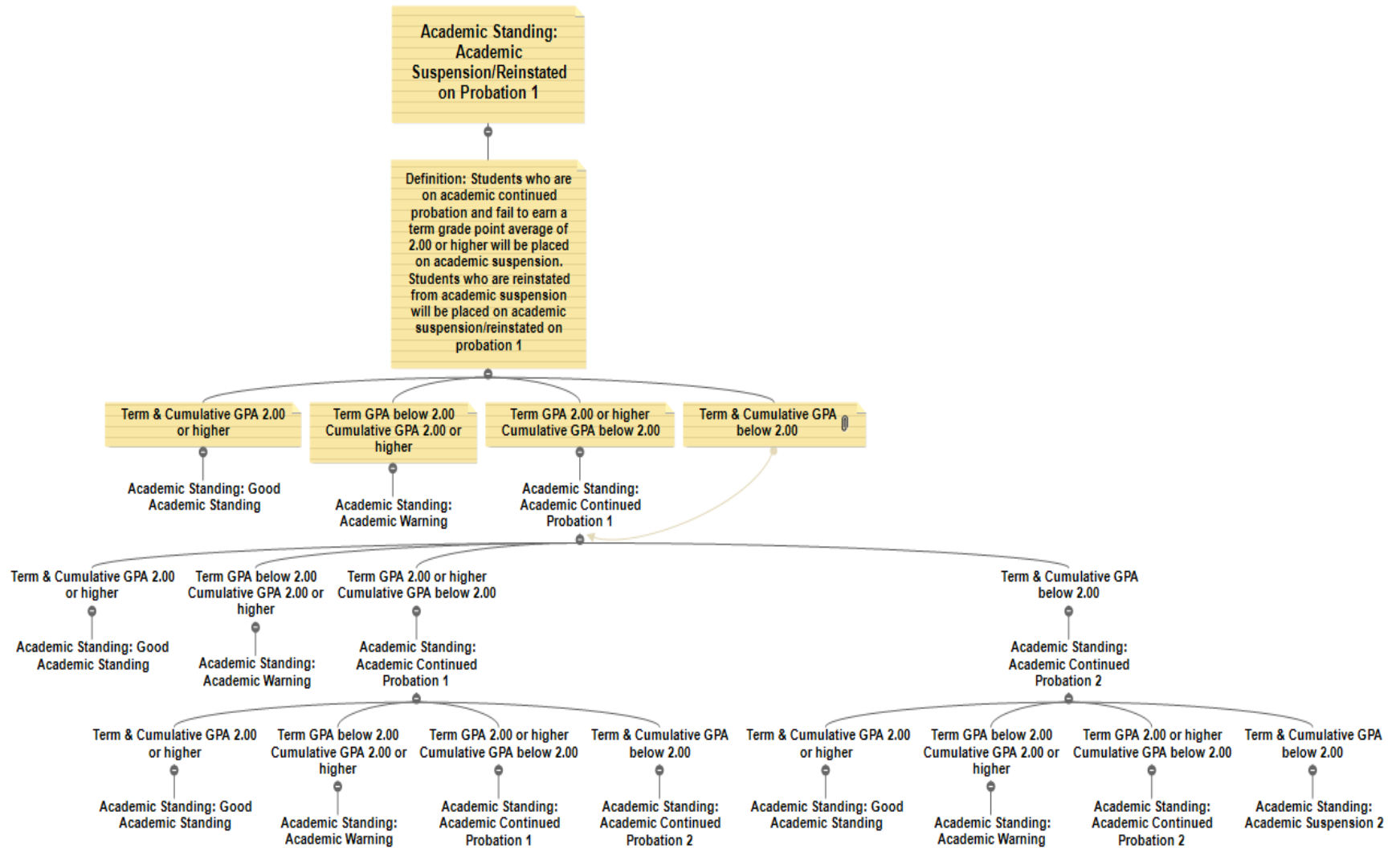
Students who are reinstated from academic suspension 2 will be placed on academic suspension/reinstated on probation 2 and should understand the following:

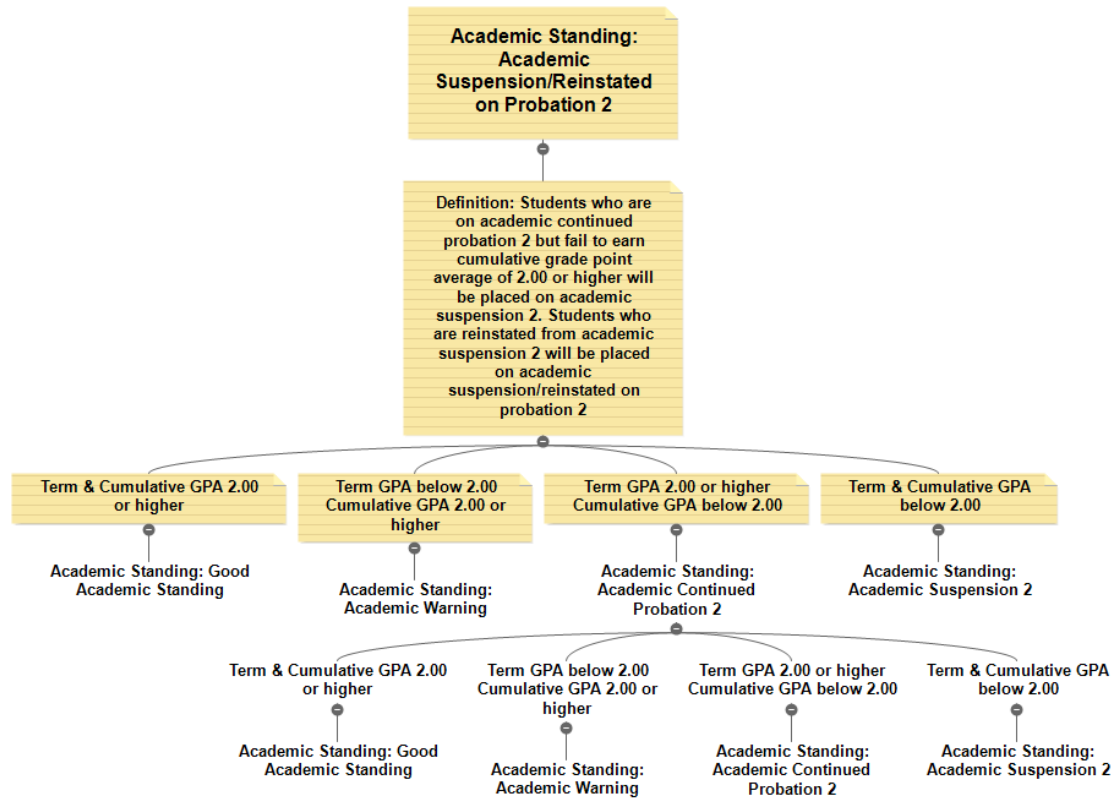
- After one semester of academic suspension/reinstated on probation 2 if the term grade point average is 2.00 or higher, it will result in the student being placed on academic continue probation 2.
- Students receiving a 2.00 or higher term grade point average will be allowed to remain on academic continued probation 2 until they improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher.
- After one semester of academic suspension/reinstated on probation 2 if the cumulative grade point average is below a 2.00, it will result in the student being placed on academic suspension 2.
- Students who improve their cumulative grade point average to a 2.00 or higher will be placed on the appropriate academic standing based on their term grade point average.
- Term grade point average greater than 2.00 – good academic standing
- Term grade point average below 2.00 – academic warning
- Students should contact their academic advisor and/or academic support services.











History of This Policy:

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