I, (printed name) ________________________________, have read and understood the Academic Renewal policy. I hereby request Academic Renewal at Bainbridge State College under the stipulations and understand that if I qualify for Academic Renewal, I will be automatically granted Academic Renewal. I understand that if I do not meet the qualifications of the Academic Renewal policy, I will be notified by Records Office personnel. Students denied academic renewal may appeal the decision to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will appoint an Academic Appeals Committee comprising the Registrar and two faculty members to hear the appeal. I understand that the federal government does NOT allow financial aid policies to be changed due to the granting of Academic Renewal and that the Financial Aid Office MUST count all grades attempted while a student is receiving financial aid, regardless if the hours attempted were prior to Academic Renewal. I understand that “D” grades awarded prior to Academic Renewal CANNOT be used toward graduation requirements in a program of study. I further understand that this decision to accept Academic Renewal CANNOT be changed at a later date and that Academic Renewal can be granted only once in a student’s academic career at Bainbridge State College.

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Signature                        Date

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Bainbridge State College ID
ACADEMIC RENEWAL POLICY

The Academic Renewal policy allows University System of Georgia degree-seeking students who have experienced academic difficulty at an institution to have one opportunity to make a fresh start at that same institution or another USG institution after an absence of three calendar years from any postsecondary institution.

All previously attempted coursework continues to be recorded on the student’s official transcript. The Board of Regents cumulative grade point average, CGPA, which includes all credit courses taken excluding learning support courses AND an Academic Renewal Grade Point Average (AR-GPA), must be shown on each Academic Renewal student's permanent record.

1. Students must apply for academic renewal within one calendar year of reenrolling.

2. An Academic Renewal Grade Point Average (AR-GPA) is begun when the student resumes taking coursework following the three-year period of absence once Academic Renewal has been granted. The institution will place a statement on the student’s transcript indicating the Academic Renewal status and the beginning of a separate Academic Renewal GPA in addition to the required Board of Regents CGPA.

3. The Academic Renewal GPA will be used for determining academic standing and eligibility for graduation.

4. Academic credit for previously completed coursework – including transfer coursework- will be retained only for courses in which an “A,” “B,” “C,” or “S”. Grade has been earned. Retained grades are not calculated in the Academic Renewal GPA but are counted in the Academic Renewal Hours Earned.

5. To earn a degree, a student must meet the institution’s residency requirements. Bainbridge State College will apply the retained hours earned prior to Academic Renewal (i.e., “A,” “B,” “C,” “S” grades) toward the residency requirement.

6. A student can be granted Academic Renewal status only once.

7. Any scholastic suspensions that occurred in the past shall remain recorded on the student’s permanent record.

8. If a student does not request Academic Renewal status at the time of reenrollment after a three year or greater period of absence from any postsecondary institution, the student may do so within one calendar year of reenrollment.

9. The Academic Renewal GPA begins with the first term following re-enrollment.

10. Reentry into any academic program is not automatic.

11. The granting of Academic Renewal does not supersede financial aid policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress SAP.

12. United States and Georgia history and constitution requirements met prior to the granting of Academic Renewal will remain on the student's permanent record even though the courses may not count in the Academic Renewal GPA. The hours retained prior to Academic Renewal, AR Hours Earned (“A”, “B”, “C” grades), shall be counted toward Required High School Curriculum requirements, and other Board of Regents requirements that state a specified number of hours earned.