



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## **DACA Student Academic Forgiveness Plan**

### **Background:**

DACA students attending City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges are being impacted in many ways as a result of the recent notice of elimination of the program. Of particular concern is that some students are not eligible to renew their status and must drop all or some of their fall classes to work more hours to save money for their futures.

### **Proposal:**

Offer DACA students who have withdrawn from classes (after drop date) the option for a late drop and refund of fees, if applicable (academic forgiveness) due to extenuating circumstances.

### **Impact:**

- 1) Students will not have W's impacting their academic standing.
- 2) Students not receiving financial aid will not incur expense for classes they had to drop.
- 3) District will not receive apportionment.

### **Process:**

- 1) Send DACA students an email with an option to petition for a late drop if they dropped a class(es) due to their DACA status.
- 2) Petition should include an explanation for the late drop related to extenuating circumstances and documentation, if available, for audit purposes.
- 3) Students should work with their counselor for support with completing the petition.
- 4) Petitions will be returned to District Student Services office for processing.
- 5) Deadline to process a petition for extenuating circumstances is October 25<sup>th</sup> (prior to withdrawal deadline).



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Dear DACA students,

We are reaching out to let you know that if you have extenuating circumstances that forced you to drop your classes after the drop deadline (September 1, 2017, for primary 16 week classes) fall, directly related to your DACA status, we will allow you to petition for consideration of academic forgiveness.

Attached is the petition that you should complete with your counselor. Once reviewed, the counselor will process your petition on your behalf.

The deadline to file your petition for a late drop due to extenuating circumstances is **October .....**

If you have any questions, please see your counselor on campus.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ceresino Neault  
Vice Chancellor, Student Services