SACS Comprehensive Standard 4.3

4.3 - Publication of Policies

The institution makes available to students and the public current academic calendars, grading policies, and refund policies.

Judgment of Compliance

☑ In Compliance

Statement of Rationale for Judgment of Compliance

Chipola College makes available to students and the public current academic calendars, grading policies and refund policies through a variety of publications and in student orientation. Publications are made available in multiple formats, including print, and PDF documents on the college’s website ([1]). Publications in hardcopy formats are distributed by college advisors, recruiters, and others, and are available in the Student Services Building. Additionally, all new students receive a hard copy of the Chipola College 2006-2007 Catalog ([2]) and 2006-2007 Chipola College Student Handbook/Planner during mandatory orientation classes ([3]).

An official copy of the college’s annual calendar, adopted by the District Board of Trustees, is filed with the Department of Education as prescribed by the State Board of Community Colleges ([4]; [5]). In accordance with Florida Statues ([6]). Chipola College updates annually the College Catalog and Student Handbook/Planner that include a comprehensive calendar which emphasizes important dates and deadlines.

Refund policies as established by the District Board of Trustees ([7]) are published in the Chipola College 2006-2007 Catalog ([8]). Grading policies ([9]), including academic standards, grade changes, the grading system, and the grade appeal process are also provided in the Chipola College 2006-2007 Catalog and the 2006-2007 Chipola College Student Handbook/Planner ([10]; [11]; [12]).

The relationship between satisfactory academic progress and the availability of financial aid are also described in college policies and the catalog ([13]; [14]). These policies are discussed with students during the mandatory orientation class for all entering freshmen.
Documentation:

[1] Chipola College website


[4] Chipola College Calendar


[6] Florida Statutes, Section 1006.50. Student Handbooks

[7] Chipola College Board Policy Number 3.080: Refund of Fees


[9] Chipola College Board Policy Number 2.030: Grading System

[10] Chipola College 2006-2007 Catalog, p. 31


[14] Chipola College Board Policy Number 2.090: Standards of Academic Progress