

Information for Students Academically Suspended or Dismissed PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

A student at Northern Michigan University is academically removed from attendance in one of three ways: 1) a new freshman or transfer student who earns less than a 1.00 GPA in their first semester of enrollment (8 credits or more) is academically suspended; 2) a student on academic or freshman probation who does not meet specific GPA requirements is academically suspended; or 3) a student who returns to NMU after being academically suspended previously, and fails to meet specific GPA requirements, is academically dismissed. (For further information regarding probation and GPA requirements, visit www.nmu.edu/acac or consult the respective academic or freshman probation agreement students were asked to sign when placed on probation.) **Note:** Typically, all State-funded colleges and universities honor the terms of academic suspensions and dismissals; a student suspended or dismissed from one Michigan four-year institution will usually not be allowed to enroll at another Michigan four-year institution.

Length of Suspensions and Dismissals

- **Academic Suspension** – A student is academically suspended for one calendar year. After one calendar year, the student may, after completing the appropriate re-entry procedure, re-enroll at NMU. If a student feels they have extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness) that may have affected their ability to achieve a required GPA, the student has the option to appeal the length of the suspension and may return earlier than one calendar year if the appeal is granted.
- **Academic Dismissal** – A student that is academically dismissed is indefinitely removed from NMU and cannot appeal their dismissal for one calendar year. The student can only re-enter NMU after being granted an appeal.

Appeal Procedures

Students may appeal the length of an academic suspension to be allowed to re-enter earlier than one calendar year and may after one calendar year appeal to return to NMU after being dismissed. Appeals for students that were suspended after being on freshman probation are heard by the Freshman Probation Program Directors. Appeals for students suspended or dismissed after being on academic probation are heard by the Admissions and Academic Policies Committee (AAPC) of the Academic Senate. **In both cases, the decision of the appeal body is final.** To file an appeal, students must:

- Fully complete all sections of the Academic Suspension/Dismissal Appeal Form (found on-line in either PDF or Word© format at www.nmu.edu/acac/AAPC/nmuacadstand.htm; paper copy is available upon request). **Incomplete appeals, including those lacking appropriate documentation, will not be considered.**
- Include any supporting documentation, letters of support, transcripts of coursework completed elsewhere since leaving NMU, etc.
- Send, mail, or deliver the completed form and any supporting documentation to the Academic & Career Advisement Center, 1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855, via e-mail to acac@nmu.edu, or by FAX at 906.227.1751.

Appeal Deadlines and Meetings – No appeals submitted after the established deadlines will be considered.

Note: The AAPC conducts regularly-scheduled meetings throughout the fall and winter semesters. Appeals submitted, therefore, during the academic year may be reviewed at one of the regular meetings instead of being heard as listed below.

If you wish to return for the...	Complete and submit your appeal by close of business by the...	Your appeal will be heard...
first Summer Session (starting in May)	last Friday in April	in early May
second Summer Session (starting in late June/early July)	last Friday in May	in mid-June
Fall Semester*	last Friday in May	in mid-June
	last Friday in June	in mid-July
	second Friday in August*	the week before the Fall Semester begins
Winter Semester	first Friday in January	the week before the Winter Semester begins

*A student suspended in August (at the end of the summer session) may not be able to meet the appeal deadline for the fall semester as outlined above. The student will be provided with an appropriate deadline in their letter of suspension.

Important Financial Aid Information

A student's financial aid eligibility at NMU, at the time they are suspended or dismissed, is immediately voided. To have eligibility restored a student must either: a) successfully appeal to return early from a suspension or from a dismissal (eligibility will be restored); or, b) after waiting one calendar year to return from a suspension, file an appeal with the Financial Aid Office, and have the appeal granted.