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Happy Holidays!

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Covenant Students

At the WASFAA fall conference a question was asked about the covenant students continuing eligibility if the student did not maintain satisfactory academic progress. I initially thought that the student could regain their eligibility but after reviewing the administrative rules I am incorrect. The rules specifically state “that eligibility for the grant award ceases if the scholar does not maintain acceptable academic standards as prescribed by the student’s institution of higher education” Adm 80.05. There is nothing in the rules about regaining their eligibility (as there is with other grants), so unfortunately if the student does not maintain satisfactory academic progress they lose the grant and are not able to regain it. I am sorry about any confusion this may have caused and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

1112 GRANTS UPDATES – COMMITTED AND SPENT

	<u>Current</u>	<u>This Time Last Year</u>
<u>TG as of November 29, 2011 (W codes 04/28/2011)</u>		
Committed	138.90%	152.72%
Spent	46.01%	56.34%
<u>WHEG-TRIBAL as of November 29, 2011 (W codes 04/29/2011)</u>		
Committed	123.66%	149.16%
Spent	40.89%	40.22%
<u>WHEG-UW</u>		
Committed	150.54%	129.85%
Spent	50.78%	53.78%
<u>WHEG-WTC (W codes 4/7/11)</u>		
Committed	155.37%	164.23%
Spent	49.18%	58.10%

1112 NOTIFICATION LIST

Wednesdays: December 7, 14, and 21st
January 4, 11, 18, and 25th

The list is distributed every Wednesday through December except: **there will be no notification list the week between Christmas and New Year's, December 26-31.**

1112 VOUCHER PROCESSING

Vouchers are processed **every Tuesday and Friday for files uploaded by noon**; except:

There will be no vouchers processed on the following days:

Tuesday, December 27 (*no voucher*)

Friday, December 30 (*no voucher*)

1112 AES LISTS on the following WEDNESDAYS

December 7, 2011

January 4, 2012

The schedules are available online at: <http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Scheduled HEAB Board Meetings:** Friday, February 17, 2012; Friday, April 20, 2012 (if needed); Friday, August 3, 2012
- **2012 College Goal Weekend:** Saturday and Sunday, February 18-19th (<http://collegegoalwi.org>)
- **HEAB CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS:** Monday, December 26; Monday, January 2, 2012

HEAB Training Dates: Thursdays: January 26, 2012 and March 22, 2012

HEAB conducts one-day training programs for new and continuing financial aid administrators. The training session covers all aspects of the programs administered by HEAB, including:

Goals of State Aid; *Eligibility for State Aid*; The Notification List; *The Voucher Process*; Return of State Funds; *Submitting and Receiving Data to/from HEAB*; Overviews of the Individual HEAB Programs

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends no later than 3:00 p.m. It is held at the HEAB offices at 131 W. Wilson St, Suite 902, Madison, WI. We have room for up to 6 people at each session. Please let us know if you are coming to training as materials are printed based on the number of people attending. To register for a session or for more information, please contact Nancy Wilkison at (608) 267-2213 or email her at nancy.wilkison@wi.gov.

Please contact me by phone at (608) 267-2944 or by email at sherrie.nelson@wi.gov if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you!