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Admissions Appeal Policy

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I. REASON FOR THIS POLICY

When a student submits an application for admission to the University of South Dakota, a decision on the application is made. In the event that the applying student does not satisfy the standards for admission of the University of South Dakota, that student will be notified that they may appeal in an attempt to gain admission into the University of South Dakota. This policy governs the admission appeal process.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

In the event that an applying student, freshman or transfer, does not satisfy the standards for admission to the University of South Dakota, the student is entitled to submit an appeal to gain admission to the University of South Dakota.

III. DEFINITIONS

Freshman Standards For Admission:

- 1) Top 50% of graduating high school class
- 2) 2.5 GPA or higher
- 3) 23 ACT Score

Transfer Standards for Admission:

- 1) 2.0 GPA or higher

Freshman Appeal Requirements:

- 1) Written personal statement of the appealing student addressing why admission should be granted.
- 2) Letter of Recommendation from a High School Teacher or Administrator.

Transfer Appeal Requirements:

- 1) Written personal statement of the appealing student addressing why admission should be granted.

All transcripts for coursework completed at other universities

IV. PROCEDURES

In the event that an applying student is determined to not meet the standards of admission to the University of South Dakota, the student will be afforded the opportunity to submit an appeal. The requirements to submit a complete appeal packet is set out above. Once all the appeal materials are received by the Office of Admissions, the appeal will be sent to a committee for review and decision. Once a decision is made, the Office of Admissions will notify the student of the decision. Any student that is admitted through the appeals process will be placed on probationary status. This probationary status requires the student to achieve at least a 2.0 GPA in the first semester following admission through the appeal process.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS AND TOOLS

Application for Admission – available through the Office of Admissions