Standards prior to 2010-2011

Associate Program – this standard applies to students whose first payment of a TAP award was prior to the 2010 – 2011 financial aid year. (OLD STANDARDS Prior to 2010-2011)

Before Being Certified for This Payment	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
A Student Must Have Accrued at Least	0.0	03	09	18	30	45
This Many Credits						
With at Least This Cumulative Grade	0.0	.50	.75	1.3	2.0	2.0
Point Average						
And Must Have Finished This Many	0.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	12
Semester's Credits						

Standards beginning 2010-2011

Associate Program – this standard applies to students whose first payment of a TAP award began in the 2010 – 2011 financial aid year. (NEW STANDARDS beginning 2010-2011)

Before Being Certified for This Payment	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
A Student Must Have Accrued at Least	0.0	06	15	30	45	60
This Many Credits						
With at Least This Cumulative Grade	0.0	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.0
Point Average						
And Must Have Finished This Many	0.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	12
Semester's Credits						

Once Only Waiver for Loss of TAP:

There is a <u>ONCE ONLY WAIVER</u> for students who do not meet the guidelines for continued TAP payments. According to the State Education Department (SED), a one-time appeal is available if the student can document that extraordinary or unusual circumstances prevented him / her from achieving the required standards.

Mitigating circumstances to be considered are: illness or injury, death of a close family member, legal issues, or a circumstance out of the student's control. Students are reminded that unlike Federal guidelines, TAP waivers are only permitted once as an undergraduate student regardless of the College the student currently attends or transfers to.