

**YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE POLICY**

GOOD STANDING POLICY

Background

The *AAMC Effective Practices for Developing Policies on Good Standing* has recommended that medical schools create and publish a policy on good standing. “The Good Standing Policy should be clear and objective and not be based on subjective decisions related to the student’s academic performance and progression through the curriculum. A Good Standing Policy should include specific information such as how a student loses good standing and how a student regains good standing as well as who is responsible for making those decisions. Schools should have a process to inform students of changes to their standing and the effects thereof. These effects could include impacts on the ability to participate in extramural and extracurricular activities.”¹

Policy

To be in good standing at Yale School of Medicine a student must 1) be in compliance with both the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy ² (SAP) and the Medical Student Professionalism Policy³ and 2) not be on academic probation. A student loses good standing when the Progress Committee determines that s/he is not satisfactorily meeting the requirements of either policy or has placed the student on academic probation.

The Progress Committee will notify the student in writing of any decision it makes that results in a loss of good standing and will specify the requirements that must be met in order for the student to have good standing reinstated. The student is expected to develop a plan with their academic advisor that is designed to meet these requirements.

A student who is not in good standing is prohibited from participating in certain extramural and extracurricular activities that require a letter of good standing. This includes but is not limited to away rotations, courses outside of the Yale School of Medicine and joint degree programs.

References:

1. AAMC Effective Practices for Developing Policies on Good Standing
<https://www.aamc.org/download/161586/data/effective-practices-developing-policies-good-standing.pdf>
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3. Professionalism Policy
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