



**Policy Series #: 3000 – Educational
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Academic Semester Start Dates**

PURPOSE: This policy establishes the same official start date for fall and spring academic semesters for Riverland Community College as all colleges and universities in the system.

APPLICABILITY: Establishing the same academic semester start date provides students and the general public reliable information on a single system-wide start date for each academic semester, support inter-institution student enrollment, and increase public awareness that all colleges and universities are part of a single system. The official system academic semester start dates apply to the official beginning date for classes and do not apply to the first day of the faculty work year established by Riverland. Faculty Shared Governance President and the Chief Academic Officer collaborate on a draft of each academic year's calendar. The draft is then examined by all faculty, finalized and approved.

DOES THIS POLICY HAVE A PROCEDURE? Yes.

LIST RELATED POLICES, PROCEDURES, OR PLANS HERE: MnSCU Procedure 3.34.1
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Date & Subject of Revisions: