

WITHDRAWING FROM A CLASS IS A SERIOUS DECISION

New statewide regulations are now in effect that change the way students should think about enrolling in, and then withdrawing from classes.

Community colleges get most of their money from the state based on enrollment. Your fees cover only a fraction of the cost. Each class you enroll in results in compensation to the college from the state, and that is how the college stays open.

In the past a student could withdraw from the same course up to 4 times, and in addition repeat the course up to two times to try to improve a grade of D or F. In other words, you could get a “W” in the same course 4 times and complete the course up to three times until attaining a grade of “C” or better.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- If you’re going to drop, drop before the deadline so you won’t get a “W”.
- Be sure you’re academically ready for classes you enroll in.
- See a counselor to help you make good decisions about your educational plan.

FROM NOW ON, A “W” COUNTS AS AN ATTEMPT AND YOU ONLY GET THREE ATTEMPTS AT ANY ONE COURSE.

AFTER THAT, THE STATE WON’T PAY THE COLLEGE FOR YOU TO TAKE THE COURSE AGAIN.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR ELAC STUDENTS

- If you stay in a course past the “no penalty” withdrawal date and then drop it or are excluded, you receive a grade of “W” and you have used up one of your three attempts.
- When you have made three attempts at a class, with any combination of W, D, or F grades, you will not be able to register for the class again. You would have to try to take the class again at a college outside the Los Angeles Community College District.
- You may petition for one more try citing “extenuating circumstances;” however, for the most part the only extenuating circumstances that are allowed are military deployment or natural disaster.
- If your registration is blocked because of this rule, getting an add permit will not help.