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To: CESL Students
From: Tom Clayton, Director
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Welcome to the Spring I 2015 session! I hope you had a good holiday and are ready to work hard and succeed in your studies in the Center for ESL.

New Policies for the Center for ESL

I want to inform you of two new policies in the Center for ESL.

First, starting now, you must earn “B”s (or better) in all your classes to advance levels. Previously, you could advance levels even with poor grades. However, we now require that you earn good grades (“B”s or better) in all your classes to advance levels.

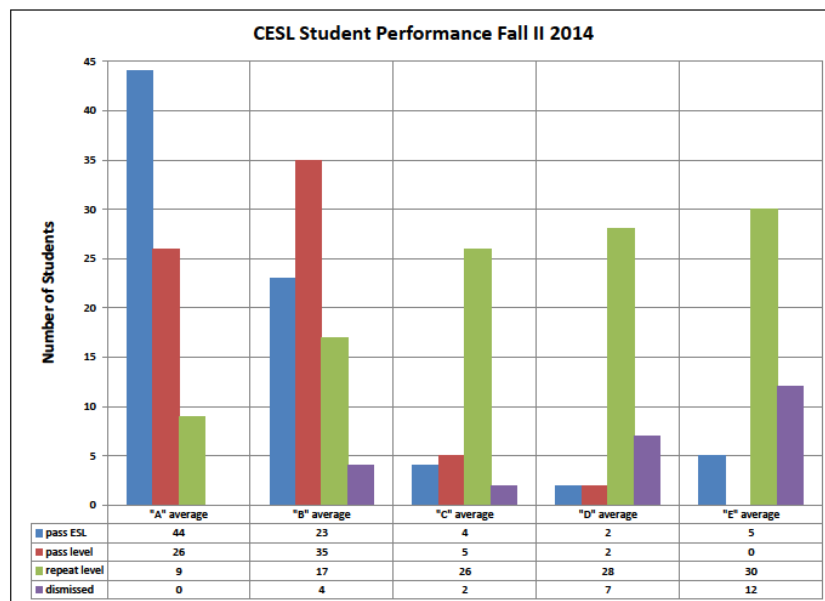
Second, you must now earn “B”s (or better) in all your classes to pass ESL. In the past, we sometimes allowed students to pass ESL with a strong TOEFL score from one session and good grades from another session. However, you must now earn good grades and TOEFL scores in the same session to pass ESL.

Relationship Between Hard Work and and Success

I want to take a minute and talk to you about the importance of hard work in the Center for ESL. Please look at the chart below (if you double-click on it, it will open to a larger document). This chart shows student performance data from Fall II 2014.

Look at the blue bar. These are the students who passed the CESL. Almost all students who passed the CESL received “A”s or “B”s in their classes.

Now look at the green bar. These are the students who must repeat levels. Note how the green bar rise from left to right. Relatively few students who earned “A”s were required to repeat their level, but most of the students who received “C”s, “D”s, or “E”s were required to repeat their level.



Please tape this chart above your desk where you can see it every day. Do you want to succeed in the CESL? Do you want to pass your level? Do you want to pass the CESL? Here’s how: Come to class every day, do all your homework (and do it really well), and earn “As” or “B”s in all your classes. If you do, your chances of success will increase significantly.

Announcing the New CESL Learning Center!!!

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the CESL has opened a Learning Center where you can get help with your homework and meet with CESL teachers about other English language learning issues. The Learning Center is in 1506 Patterson Office Tower. [Brian Schanding](#) is the Learning Center Coordinator, and he will be contacting you with information about the Learning Center hours and services. Please visit the Learning Center soon and get the help you need to achieve your English language learning goals!