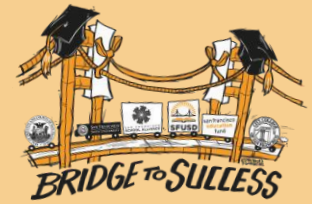


# ISSUE BRIEF: Early Registration



## EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SFUSD STUDENTS SHOWS PROMISING RESULTS

On average, more than 50% of new students at City College drop out after one year due in part to their frustration at the lack of basic math and English classes available to them. Under old registration policies, new students were the very last group to register for classes.

In 2010, through Bridge to Success, City College debuted an early registration policy as a pilot program for SFUSD students. The pilot was extremely successful, with 98% of the 323 incoming SFUSD graduates who took advantage of early registration returning for their second semester.

In 2011, City College began offering early registration to incoming SFUSD graduates who had completed all steps of its matriculation process, including counseling, placement testing, and an orientation. In 2011, 871 incoming SFUSD graduates were eligible for early registration. By 2012, all 1,021 incoming SFUSD students were given early registration dates, which allowed all of them access to math and English courses.

The data shows that the percentage of SFUSD students enrolling in math and English courses has steadily increased since the introduction of the early registration policy. In Fall 2009, enrollment for SFUSD students in City College math and English credit courses was 34% and 46% respectively. In Fall 2012, enrollment rose to 69% and 83% respectively. The policy has provided a 103% increase in the number of SFUSD students enrolled in math, and an 80% increase in students enrolled in English.

While numbers have increased across most ethnicities, the gains have been most impactful for Hispanic/Latino students, one of Bridge to Success' target populations. The percentage of Hispanic/Latino students enrolled in math credit courses increased 121% between 2009 and 2012 from 39% to 73%, and also increased 84% in English credit enrollment from 46% to 85%.

