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Research & Planning Briefs for September/October 2004 will focus on highlights from the CCSF Pre-Collegiate Basic Skills Accountability Report – Parts I and II.

Part I – CCSF Demand and Supply of Pre-Collegiate Basic Skills Courses

Demand for Pre-Collegiate Courses. Over 75% of first-time credit students at CCSF place into one or more pre-collegiate English, ESL and/or Math courses.

Placement Levels of New First-Time Students
Fall 2002

- Pre-Collegiate Basic Skills: 42.90%
- Upper-Level Pre-Collegiate: 32.60%
- No Placement: 22.20%
- College-Level: 2.20%

[Diagram showing placement levels]
The number of students needing pre-collegiate courses has increased over the past six years. The following charts show that student demand for both basic skills and upper-level pre-collegiate courses rose significantly between Fall 1998 and Fall 2003. The demand for basic skills English and Math classes increased by 37% and 52% respectively.
Demand for Pre-Collegiate Mathematics Courses
Fall 1998 – Fall 2003

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Fall 1998 – Fall 2003

Demand

Fall Term

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003

Upper-Level
Basic Skills
Supply of Pre-Collegiate Courses. Although the demand for pre-collegiate courses has increased significantly over the last six years, the supply of classes has not. Supply of pre-collegiate English and Math classes has increased by 16% and 9% respectively.
Still, pre-collegiate courses comprise over 50% of all English and Math classes.

CCSF Pre-Collegiate Basic Skills Accountability Report – Parts I and II can be viewed in full at: http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/Research_Planning/reports_success.htm

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