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.

AS OF JULY 1st 2012,
A WITHDRAWAL “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 LATTC STUDENTS

- Students who drop or are excluded after the last day to drop without a grade of “W” will have a “W” appear on their transcript. The “W” will count as an attempt for that course.

- A course on a student’s transcript which currently shows a recorded “W” counts as an attempt for that course.

- Students will not be allowed to register for any course within the LACCD if there are three recorded attempts for that course in any combination of W, D, F, or NP grades.

- Add permits for a course within the LACCD will not be processed if there are three recorded attempts for that course in any combination of W, D, F, or NP grades.

- For courses specifically designated as “repeatable,” students may repeat up to three times. (See Title 5 California Code of Regulations sections 55040, 55041, 58161).

- You may petition through Admissions and Records 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.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- If you must drop a course, drop before the specified deadline for dropping classes without a grade of “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.