The Early Start Program and Academic Preparation Update

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Academic Preparation

- Early Assessment Program
- Early Start
- Associate Degrees for Transfer
Fall 2014 Freshman Class Overview

• Largest entering class in CSU history
• Best prepared class at high school graduation
• Summer 2014 Early Start
  • More than 24,000 students participated
    ➢ 3,300+ completed preparation in Math only
    ➢ 1,900+ completed preparation in English only
    ➢ 300+ completed preparation in both
• Best prepared class at fall entry
Fall 2014 Freshman Class Preparation

- Needs Additional Prep in Both English and Math: At HS Graduation (10,000), At Fall Entry (15,000)
- Needs Additional Prep in English Only: At HS Graduation (20,000), At Fall Entry (25,000)
- Needs Additional Prep in Math Only: At HS Graduation (5,000), At Fall Entry (10,000)
- Prepared in Both English and Mathematics: At HS Graduation (35,000), At Fall Entry (40,000)
Early Start Course Offerings

• Vary campus-to-campus

• 15 hour introductory courses (1 semester unit)

• 1-2 unit courses for those near proficiency

• 3-4 unit courses to achieve or make more progress to proficiency
Academic Preparation Trends

New Freshmen Increasing

HS Preparation Increasing

Preparation Resulting from Early Start Increasing