

Updated ALEKS Requirements 2009/2010

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2009/2010 school year. We are excited about the progress seen by our students working on ALEKS this summer. An initial assessment was given the first week of school and shows that a great number of our students have a wonderful math foundation for the upcoming school year's curriculum.

In response to your feedback about the ALEKS requirements over the last year, the administration is implementing a few changes to the requirements. With the implementation of these changes it is our goal to tailor the program to better meet the needs of each individual student.

The goal for the year in each course of study is an 80% mastery of the subject matter by end of the school year in May. This can be calculated from your child's pie chart by dividing the objectives learned by the number of objectives for that particular course. It is found directly above the pie chart. Additionally the goal for the summer of 2010 will be a 100% completion of the course study. Read on for exciting incentives for goal completions.

The requirements are as follows:

1. Nine hours of work on ALEKS per nine weeks. This is not a change from last year.
2. 20% mastery of subject matter each nine weeks broken down as follows.
 - a. 20% first nine weeks (10% for Plus students)
 - b. 40% second nine weeks (20% for Plus Students)
 - c. 60% third nine weeks (30% for Plus Students)
 - d. 80% fourth nine weeks (40% for Plus Students)
 - e. 100% summer work requirement (50% for Plus Students)
3. Students that meet the 80% goal before the completion of the school year will then be exempt from the ALEKS hourly requirements for the nine weeks. However, because ALEKS is a proven teaching tool for math skills, we would encourage all of our students to continue consistent work on the program.
4. Any student completing his or her pie for the course he or she is enrolled in will be exempt from summer ALEKS work for the 2010 summer break.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Stephanie.Jones@sfaschool.cdom.org. The administration and teachers have seen significant progress and substantial gains since the implementation of ALEKS. We thank you and your student for your hard work and dedication to this program.