Welcome Letter Summer 2012

Welcome to Fairfax County Public Schools’ ESOL Online Summer Program with the Online Campus. We are excited that you are joining us this summer.

Every student who enrolls in an online course must first complete a Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course for ESOL Students. Starting June 10, 2012, this two-hour technology introduction is available through FCPS 24/7 (Blackboard). Please log onto Blackboard and click on the Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course from the list of your courses.

For detailed instructions see page 2 of this welcome letter. This Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course must be completed before your first class on July 9. Please ask your ESOL teacher for help if you need it.

Students will have a Face-to-Face meeting on July 9, 2012 at South County Secondary School. A bus will pick you up for the Face-to-Face at a school near your house. Students will meet their teachers and get their books and headsets. The session runs from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Your online ESOL teacher will contact you by July 6th and tell you where and when to meet your bus.

Here are a few tips to help you become a successful summer online student:

1. You will meet with your class, online, everyday from 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

2. Keep up with your assignments. Students should expect to spend about 3 hours a day on their assignments.

3. Make a list of questions to ask your teacher at the Face-to-Face meeting at South County on July 9th.

Again, welcome to the Online Campus. Please do not hesitate to contact the Online Campus with any questions regarding the Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course at onlinecampus@fcps.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael Kowalski
Online Campus Administrator
Start your **Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course** now!

To get started in the Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course in Blackboard, follow these directions.

1. Send an email to onlinecampus@fcps.edu with your complete name and course you are taking:
2. Open your browser on your computer (IE or Firefox)
3. Turn all POP-UP BLOCKERS OFF
4. Type in this URL: [http://fcps.blackboard.com](http://fcps.blackboard.com) (Notice this does not start with www)
5. This Blackboard log-in screen should appear.

6. Your *username* is your student ID number to login into Blackboard.

7. **If you use Blackboard in your ESOL classes, use the same login and password for your online courses.**

8. Click on the Green Tab “Courses” (see below)

9. Find the course titled *Pre-Summer School Online Technology Course* and click on it.
10. Your introduction page will come up. Read Welcome and get started! You will work through the assignments one by one. Please ask your ESOL teacher if you need help. This is what your screen will look like.

If you have technical difficulties with your computer while taking this course, the Presidium Help Desk provides 24-HOUR technical help/assistance.

Call Presidium (1-866-434-8880) if you have computer difficulties with any of your Online Courses. Please do not share the technical support number with anyone else; it is only for you to use to get help for this course.

Please e-mail to onlinecampus@fcps.edu if you have difficulties.

Sincerely,

The OC Technology Teachers