**F policy clarified and explained.**

CUNY students are allowed to repeat courses in which they receive an F. If they earn a grade of C or better, then the new grade will replace the old grade in the calculation of the overall GPA, but the F will remain on the transcript. Students are limited to a total of 16 credits of F replacement during their entire careers at CUNY, not just City College.

If you earn a D grade or higher in your course, do not request that your professor give you an F instead of the other grade. It is not an advantage because the F remains on your transcript. Also, you lose the credits toward your degree. For example, a D fulfils the College General Education requirement, an F does not. If you earn a D in a series of courses that require minimum grades of C, you can still repeat the course and the new grade and the D are averaged together in your GPA, but the credits are only counted once. Consult with Financial Aid to determine how course repeats affect your Aid.

F grades only exist inside of CUNY. Raising your GPA with the F policy will not help you get into graduate school. Admissions Committees look at the entire transcript, not just the GPA. If you apply to medical schools, they will recalculate the GPA with the F’s.

F repeat grades will not help you to get accepted by the Grove School of Engineering. Look at the requirements on their website. They specify that applicants must take a particular sequence of courses “with no grade below a C.” Once they see the F retained on your transcript, that’s it! If you have any doubts about your chances of admission to Grove, please contact Jasmine Gonzalez or Debbie Moore in the Grove School, X8020.