

Preparing for College and Careers at Buffalo High School

A guide to earning college credit through
the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum



Partnerships with these institutions
provide BHS students a wide variety of
college and career learning opportunities.



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Earn College Credit Without Sacrificing the High School Experience



"I earned 36 credits through CIS courses at BHS and because they all transferred, I was able to register for classes earlier than the other freshmen and have a better selection of courses. The extracurricular opportunities along with the CIS courses really prepared me for the demands of college and helped me develop good time management skills."

—Allie P., 2016 BHS graduate, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison

At Buffalo High School, we outline a path for all students early in their high school career and help them plan for their future through a unique set of courses that align with the **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)**. This organized approach helps families make wise choices from the moment their student starts high school.

By partnering with both four-year colleges and two-year community and technical colleges, we have greatly expanded the number and variety of classes that align with the MnTC. Currently, more than 75% of BHS students qualify to choose from nearly 40 college-level, tuition-free classes, including career-focused subjects

such as agriculture, business and technical education—without leaving the building!

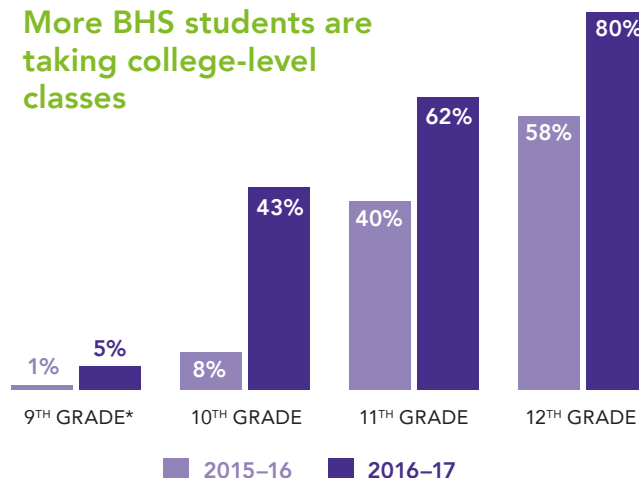
The MnTC is a planning tool for students that promotes a college-going climate and reduces their college debt. BHS teachers are trained and credentialed to teach these college courses, offering our students a supportive environment while they experience the rigor of college. Students can earn from 1 to 5 college credits per course that will transfer to any Minnesota State college or university, and to many other schools in and out of the state. **For more information visit mntransfer.org.**

More Students Benefit and Participate!

More BHS students are earning college credit

SCHOOL YEAR	STUDENTS	CREDITS	SAVINGS FOR FAMILIES
2014-15	681	2,429	\$810,986
2015-16	896	2,937	\$947,152
2016-17	2,018	6,114	\$1,795,974

More BHS students are taking college-level classes



*Colleges rarely allow 9th grade students in their classes.

Buffalo High School Students Are Ready for College and Careers

Fulfill Your General Education College Requirements Early

Through the MnTC students can fulfill the lower division general education requirements. To do so, students must complete at least 40 credits in MnTC courses distributed over the ten goal areas. Credits can only be counted toward the 40 credit MnTC minimum, but may fulfill more than one goal area.

- **Goal Area 1:** Communications: 3 courses, 2 college writing and 1 speech
- **Goal Area 2:** Critical Thinking: completion of MnTC fulfills goal area 2
- **Goal Area 3:** Natural Science: 2 courses, 7 credits from 2 different disciplines, one must be a lab course
- **Goal Area 4:** Mathematical/Logical Reasoning: 1 course, at least 3 credits
- **Goal Area 5:** History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 courses, 9 credits, at least one course from social sciences and one from behavioral sciences
- **Goal Area 6:** The Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 courses, 9 credits, from at least two different disciplines
- **Goal Area 7:** Human Diversity: 1 course
- **Goal Area 8:** Global Perspective: 1 course
- **Goal Area 9:** Ethical and Civil Responsibility: 1 course
- **Goal Area 10:** People and the Environment: 1 course

Earn College Credits with Advanced Placement Classes

BHS offers Advanced Placement (AP) classes in Calculus A/B, Calculus B/C, Music Theory and Computer Science A. AP classes help students gain the skills and study habits they need to be successful in college. Students can earn college credit, which is nationally recognized and accepted by taking a standardized AP test in the subject area. The test score and the accepting college institution determine the number of credits a student can earn.

Get a Head Start on Your Career Path

A two-year degree offers many opportunities. Students can often land in-demand, high-paying jobs. To expand our students' opportunities, BHS is partnering with Hennepin Technical College and North Hennepin Community College to promote student options in career-focused subjects such as agriculture, business and technical education. Without ever leaving the building, students earn technical college credits to help them graduate career-ready.

Choose From Nearly 40 College-Level Classes at BHS

Students might choose a college path in sociology, statistics or math. Or, they might choose a career path and focus on entrepreneurship, auto service or child development. The sky's the limit!

Hennepin Technical College

Accounting II (10-12)
Auto Service & Maintenance (10-12)
Child Growth & Development (10-12)
Entrepreneurship (11-12)
Intro to Early Childhood Education (10-12)
Landscaping (9-12)
Research & Development (10-12)
3D Mechanical Drawing (10-12)
Woods II (10-12)

North Hennepin Community College

College Academic Prep (10-12)
Finite Math (10-12)
Intro to Sociology (11-12)
Intro to Theater (11-12)
Public Speaking (11-12)
Statistics (10-12)
US History (10)

St. Cloud State University

College Algebra
College & Career Prep
Exercise Physiology
Human Anatomy
Intro to Economics
Marketing
Woods III

Southwest Minnesota State University

Chemistry I
Chemistry II
Intro to Psych 101
Intro to Psych 102

University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Animal Science
French IV & V
German IV & V
Intro to Literature
Spanish IV & V
Writing & Critical Reading
Writing Studio

These college course credits, although offered through specific colleges and universities, are generally transferable to other higher education institutions, even those in other states.
Find out more at transferology.com.

"CIS classes at BHS really prepared my kids for college. The classes eliminated many of their general education requirements for college and are allowing them to get through college quicker. It's been a great financial savings."

—Leanne Miller, parent of 2014 and 2016 BHS graduates

In 2016–17,
students earned
more than 6,100
college credits, saving
families nearly
\$1.8 MILLION!

Plan Ahead

We encourage you to meet with your Buffalo High School counselors to map out your studies beginning in 9th grade. Please contact your BHS counselor by phone or email:

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Transfer Your Credits

To transfer their CIS college course credits, graduating high school seniors should request the granting college to send an official transcript to the student's college of choice. For example, if a student completes CIS Human Anatomy and earns college credit, that student would visit St. Cloud State's website to request an official college transcript.

Visit bhmschools.com/schools/buffalo-high and click on the MnTC icon in the left column for more information and links.



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