

# Preparing for College and Careers at Buffalo High School

A guide to earning college credit through  
the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum



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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



“The opportunity to take CIS courses is one of my favorite aspects about Buffalo High School and I’m very grateful for it. ... While I’m in high school I’m also getting ahead in college – that’s amazing!”

— Abigail U. 2024 BHS graduate

“It makes college much more manageable. I am graduating a year early because of CIS classes in high school.”

— Arianna F. 2023 BHS graduate, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

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 aligned with the **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)**. This organized approach helps families make wise choices from the moment their student starts high school.

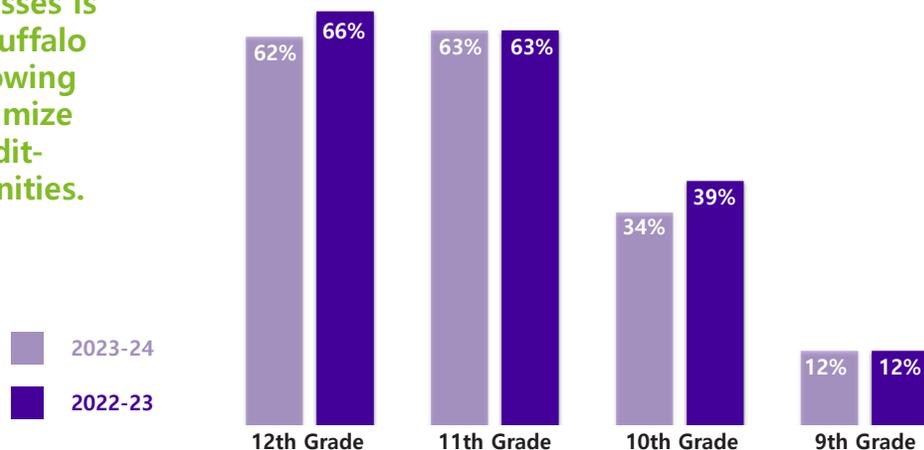
By partnering with both four-year colleges and two-year community and technical colleges, we have greatly expanded the number and variety of classes that align with the MnTC. Currently, more than 75% of BHS students qualify to choose from 35 college-level, tuition-free classes, including career-focused 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](http://mntransfer.org).**

Percentage of students taking CIS courses by grade

Access to CIS classes is emphasized at Buffalo High School, allowing students to maximize their college credit-earning opportunities.



# Buffalo High School Students Are Ready for College and Careers

## Start the Process to Fulfill General Education College Requirements Early

Through the MnTC, students can fulfill many of the general education requirements required at most universities. By completing courses in the ten goal areas, students can graduate from BHS with nearly all the general education requirements for a four-year university.

The ten goal areas include: Communications, Critical Thinking, Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Logical Reasoning, History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Human Diversity, Ethical and Civil Responsibility, and People and the Environment.

## Earn College Credits with Advanced Placement Classes

BHS offers Advanced Placement (AP) classes in Calculus A/B, Calculus B/C, Biology 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, North Hennepin Community College, Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Central Lakes 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.

## Gain Exposure to Careers and Career Pathways

BHS offers a variety of opportunities for students to learn about different lines of work. These experiences can lead to rich and rewarding careers in all of the MN Department of Labor's Career Pathways. Opportunities for students include:

- Annual career speakers and career fair
- Opportunities in on-the-job training and apprenticeships
- The AVID Program
- Specialized classes at Wright Technical Center

## Choose From These 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 engineering. With numerous options to explore, the sky's the limit!

**Anoka Ramsey Community College**  
Intro to Statistics

**Central Lakes College**  
Concert Band  
Concert Choir  
Music Theory & History

**Hennepin Technical College**  
Auto Service & Maintenance  
Competitive Engineering  
Entrepreneurship  
Landscaping  
Mechanical Drawing

**North Hennepin Community College**  
College Academic Prep  
Intro to Sociology  
US History  
World History

**Southwest Minnesota State University**  
Chemistry A/B  
Chemistry C  
Intro to Psychology 101

**St. Cloud State University**  
Business  
College Algebra  
College & Career Prep  
Exercise Physiology  
Human Anatomy  
Intro to Education  
Wood Technology 3

**University of Minnesota Twin Cities**  
Animal Science  
Creative Problem-Solving  
French 4 & 5  
German 4 & 5  
Intro to Literature  
Intro to Public Speaking  
Physics  
Spanish 4 & 5  
Writing & Critical Reading

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](http://transferology.com).

“I would absolutely keep this program for as long as possible. I am the only one out of very many college students that I have talked to that had this kind of curriculum. It is a major advantage to my education path. ”

— David N. 2021 BHS graduate,  
University of MN - Twin Cities, Political Science

In 2023-24,  
students earned  
more than 5,400  
college credits, saving  
families more than  
**\$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 calling the Student Services Office at 763-682-8067:

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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.org/schools/buffalo-high](https://bhmschools.org/schools/buffalo-high) and click on Student Services in the left column for more information and links.



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