

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:08 PM
To: Jason Strand
Subject: CIS Classes

Mr. Strand,

I took sociology, college writing, college gym, Introduction to Psychology, behavioral psychology, job seeking, College speech, and Social Tech.

Taking these courses during high school was a benefit to me. If I did not take them during high school, I would be taking them now for my generals and/or degree and I would be paying for them. Therefore taking them helped me save money and time.

I want to express that I feel the teachers do an excellent job with teaching them, and they are a great benefit. I hope it can stay this way.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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From: Hannah Ose
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:52 PM
To: Jason Strand
Subject: CIS Classes

I graduated from Benson High School in 2015 with approximately 34 college credits. I took many college courses from my sophomore year to my senior year: Photography, Sociology, Algebra, Trigonometry, Intro to Computers, Public Speaking, Intro to Statistics, Economics, Job Search Skills/School Store, Calculus, and Writing.

I am now a Freshman in college, but by credit standards, I am a Sophomore. This is extremely helpful in my case because I am exploring different majors. Being a few steps ahead of the rest of my Freshman peers allows me to use this time to find what I really would like to do in the future. Taking college courses in high school is also beneficial to students who know their major. They are one step ahead which will lead to early graduation. This will also save an incredible amount of money. Furthermore, the student will have less debt; everyone can agree that less debt is goal to strive for.

I have and will continue benefitting from taking college courses in high school. I am so grateful I had the opportunity. Thanks to Benson High School, I am one step ahead of my peers.

Hannah Ose

From: Jens Forbord
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:15 PM
To: Jason Strand
Subject: CIS Classes

Hello! When it comes to taking college classes through BHS, I believe it is beyond helpful. Although I only took two college classes at BHS, I still had quite a benefit. I took both classes from Michelle Goossen. The classes I took were College Speech and College Intro to Social Technology. Each class was worth 3 credits so in that case, I earned 6 credits from high school. In college, that can be half a semester's worth of classes and can save up to \$2,000 just for the two classes. It is a great way to save money and helps you graduate earlier. After learning the ropes, I wish I would have taken more colleges classes. I graduated in 2014. I hope the classes will be continued to be offered.

-Jens Forbord
Class of 2014

From: Alex Halvorson
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 5:21 PM
To: Jason Strand
Subject: CIS Classes

Taking classes from Benson really benefited my education. It let be learn at a college level in high school, teaching some valuable lessons about how college is. It saves money because then the generals were already covered. I got to start working on my degree right away instead of having generals thrown in alongside what I am supposed to be learning.

I graduated in May of 2015. I took the Alexandria Technical and Community College classes: biology I and II, Renaissance to modern art, digital photography, trigonometry, college algebra, general and advanced psychology, sociology, and weight and cross. I took the M-state classes: calculus, intro to statistics, college composition, college speech, intro into social media, job seeking and keeping skills, intro to computers, and human interaction psychology. I may be missing a few due to not remembering all the classes I took, but this is most, if not all, classes I had throughout high school.

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Benson High School Counselor I work the colleges to offer classes for dual credit in the high school. The benefits that I have witnessed are numerous. The students that passed the placement test to become eligible to enroll in those college classes are clearly ready to experience college course work. These students are able to gain college credit before graduating high school. This gives those students a marked advantage when they enter college. Since Benson High School pays for the college classes, students are able to earn college credit at no cost. Also taking these college classes during their high school career allows them to be taught by a high school teacher that they are familiar with. During my time working with the this program I have experienced no negative consequences. This program is an asset to Benson High School.

Thanks,
Jason Strand
5-12 BHS Counselor

From: Daniel Lee
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 4:05 PM
To: Jason Strand
Subject: CIS Courses

Hey Strand,
Sorry I have been busy with clinical this week and I haven't had a chance to email you back! College classes in high school helped me get into my program a semester early! By getting them done in high school it saved me tremendous amounts of money for future investments. Also, by talking to my classmates now, they all stated that they didn't have the opportunity to take college level classes in high school. I believe this is a big asset to the students by getting them college prepared and ahead of their fellow freshman classmates.
Thanks, Daniel