

Abstract

There are two main ways to earn college credit through Burnsville High School. The first kind is AP classes. For this type of credit, students must pass a test to get the college credit. This means that even if they take the class, it might end up not benefiting them. The other type of college credit earning is Dual enrollment which allows for college credit to be earned through taking the classes at high school

Problem

Last year, Burnsville High School in Minnesota overspent their budget by \$7 million dollars. Because of this, Burnsville High School was forced to make some budget cuts. One of the first cuts made was to remove the CIS option from US History, American Government, Economics, and Calculus by doing this, the hope was that students could earn the college credit through AP by getting a 3 or higher. This means that students that were academically motivated were forced to take three or more AP tests in May.

Sources

Some of the sources that helped prove that the solution would work was

- Minneapolis Public Schools website which laid out the plan for the funding of getting bus vouchers
- PSEO at the University of Minnesota helped show what the requirement are to get into this option
- AP College Board was critical by showing the passing rates in relation to other states
 - Proved the point that AP was not the viable option and that a solution must be found

Current Solutions

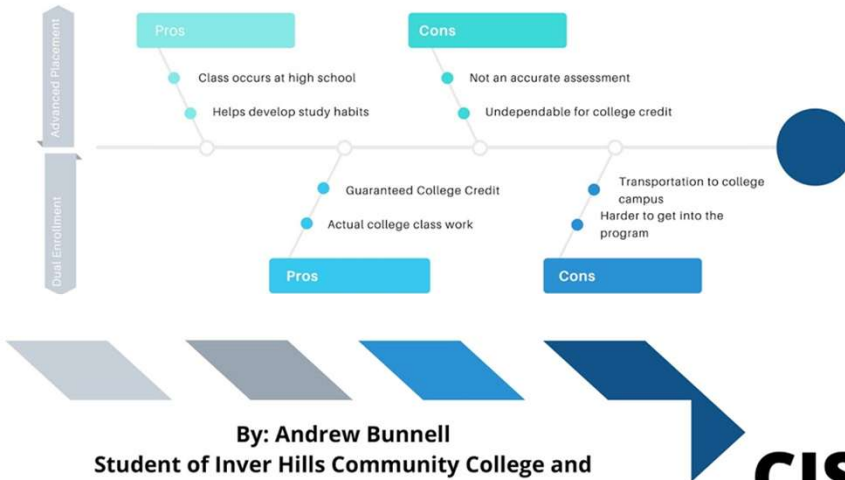
AP Test Option

- The passing rates for an AP test in 20118 in the state of Utah was 25.5% which is 2% higher than the national average for passing rates of an AP test
 - 95% of students receive a grade of D- or higher

Online College in the High School

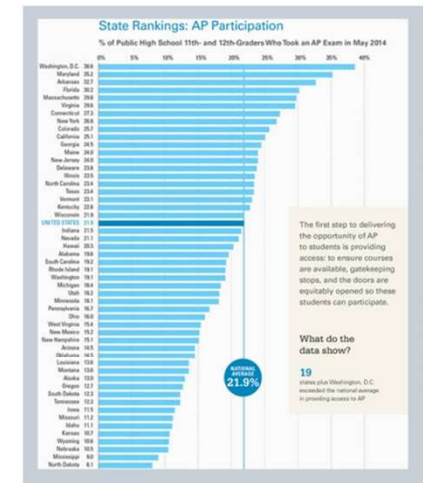
- Only partnered with three community colleges and one state college
 - Alexandria Technical and Community College, Northland Community and Technical College, Northwest Technical College, Bemidji State University

The Pros and Cons of Both College Credit Options



Solution

- Help students get into the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
 - Post secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses"
 - Burnsville High School hosting an information meeting because most students are not aware of the choice of taking PSEO at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, let alone the benefits of PSEO.
- School providing a bus voucher allowing students to take the metro transit before, after, and during school hours.
 - This bus voucher would be very similar to what the Minneapolis Public School system has been doing the past few years.
 - The change won't immediately save the district any money. The savings will come once the program is fully rolled out and the district can adjust start times and the amount of gas and rides it needs with its school buses



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CIS College Credit? Not a Problem!

How can students earn their College credit in high school?