

COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CLC CIS website: <http://www.clcmn.edu/college-in-the-schools-cis/>

What is a College in the Schools (CIS) course?

A CIS course is taught in the high school by a high school instructor. That high school instructor works collaboratively with a professor at a college. Students who enroll in a CIS course earn high school credit as well as college credit in a single course.

What does it mean to earn college credit?

Students who qualify and complete a CIS course at Aitkin High School will earn college credit. This means they will have a transcript of courses and grades with the college.

What are the qualifications needed to enroll in a CIS course?

-Cumulative GPA: Juniors 3.0, Seniors 2.5. This is determined after semester 1 of the previous school year.

-Accuplacer Scores: For the 2024-2025 school year, most students will not need to take the Accuplacer test. I will administer the Accuplacer to those students that do need a score (reading and/or math) to enroll in a particular CIS course. The requirement for an Accuplacer score is set by CLC, not AHS.

Does it cost anything to take a CIS course?

There is no cost to enroll in a CIS course. Students can earn numerous free college credits this way, potentially saving hundreds, even thousands, of dollars.

Are CIS courses harder than high school level courses?

Yes. The rigor is higher, and there is more responsibility on the student for study time, homework time, and self-learning.

Will these college credits and grades transfer to a different college/university?

Most likely. Students enrolling in a different college/university after high school graduation will need to determine if that institution will accept the college credits from the CIS course(s) they took. The website www.transferology.com can help. The grades earned in CIS courses could impact a student's academic standing at the college they choose to attend after graduation from AHS.

How does earning a low grade in a CIS course affect future opportunities?

If a student's cumulative GPA with CLC falls below a 2.0, the student is placed on Academic Probation with CLC. The student has one semester to raise the GPA to above a 2.0. If they are unsuccessful, they are placed on Academic Suspension and can no longer take CIS courses. A student on Academic Probation/Suspension may need to appeal with their post-secondary program in order to gain admission. For more info, visit CLC's website regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress: <http://www.clcmn.edu/registration/satisfactory-academic-progress/>

Which colleges do students earn college credit from for Aitkin's CIS course(s)?

Most of our CIS courses go through Central Lakes College in Brainerd. General Psychology goes through the University of MN, Twin Cities.

How do I transfer my credits to the college/university I attend after high school?

Once your child graduates from high school, he/she must request an official transcript from CLC and/or the University of MN and have that sent directly to the college/university in which they are enrolling.

How can I get support in my CIS course(es)?

Students struggling to adjust to a CIS course can seek out help from their high school teacher as well as from the college. Students needing help should first reach out to their teacher. Students are also able to request the AHS CIS Seminar course which will teach them valuable skills needed to be successful in college level coursework.