



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Raul J. Aguila, Interim City Manager

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Date: January 11, 2021

Subject: City of Miami Beach Dual Enrollment Program Status Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide information on the status of our partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS), Florida International University, and Miami-Dade College to increase dual enrollment courses at Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School.

The interest and success of students at our Miami Beach high school and middle school in dual enrollment classes has resulted in a **310 percent increase** in the number of classes from the 2015-16 to 2020-21 school years. The chart below provides information on the number of course and class sections available to students following the implementation of the partnership in Fall 2014, as well as the financial **savings to Miami Beach families** for those children choosing to enroll in dual enrollment classes offered at Miami Beach public schools funded by the city in a total amount since program inception of **\$2,771,539.00**. Additionally, these classes support class size reduction efforts.

School Year	# of Dual Enrollment Courses	# of Class Sections Available	# of Students Participating	Per Credit Cost (based on FIU credit per cost)	Savings to City of Miami Beach Families
Fall 2014	0	0	0		\$0
Spring 2015	3	4	104	\$203.59	\$76,000.08
Fall 2015	2	4	123	\$203.59	\$89,884.71
Spring 2016	4	6	138	\$203.59	\$100,846.26
Fall 2016	4	6	125	\$203.59	\$91,346.25
Spring 2017	7	9	181	\$205.57	\$133,344.51
Fall 2017	7	12	217	\$205.57	\$159,866.07
Spring 2018	9	15	257	\$205.57	\$189,334.47
Fall 2018	9	16	413	\$205.57	\$304,261.23
Spring 2019	13	19	412	\$205.57	\$303,524.52
Fall 2019	10	18	364	\$205.57	\$268,162.44
Spring 2020	8	20	408	\$205.57	\$300,577.68
Fall 2020	7	22	552	\$205.57	\$406,663.92
Spring 2021	7	19	472	\$205.57	\$347,727.12
Total	90	170	3,766		\$2,771,539.26

Funding to support and expand the partnership in the 2020-21 school years includes an estimated City contribution of \$90,000 for instructor salaries and M-DCPS estimated contribution of \$122,880 for textbooks.

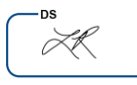
The dual enrollment program at Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School allows eligible students to enroll in a college course and high school class simultaneously. The credits the students earn are used towards both a high school diploma and are acceptable towards a college Associate or Bachelor degree, or technical certificate. The benefits of offering dual enrollment courses to high school and middle school students include:

- Saves students and parents money, as dual enrollment students are exempt from paying application, registration, tuition, laboratory, and special fees if the classes taken are being used toward high school graduation
- Enriches the course opportunities for outstanding high school / middle school students
- Shortens the time to attain a college degree
- Provides students with college credit that is transferable to a college or university
- Allows grades earned to become part of the students' permanent transcripts

Dual enrollment course offerings include, but are not limited to, the following for the 2020-21 school years:

- Criminology
- French I
- French II
- Fundamentals of Argumentation and Debate
- Individual in Society
- Introduction to Education
- Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- Introduction to Business
- Introduction of Sociology
- Public Speaking
- Psychology of Personal Effectiveness
- Social Problems
- Strategies for Success
- Writing in Rhetoric I
- Writing in Rhetoric II
- Teaching Diverse Population

We will continue to support our vision of being a prosperous city with a special flavor of arts, culture, education, and business with management objectives of being known for (K-12) educational excellence. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld.

 
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