

# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager 

Date: March 10, 2023

Subject: Dual Enrollment Official College Transcript Incentive Program

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update you on the status of the City's Official College Transcript Incentive Program for Miami Beach Senior High School graduating seniors participating in the city funded dual enrollment program. To date, 4,613 students have taken dual enrollment classes at Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School funded by the City resulting in 211 classes with an approximate savings to families for college of \$3,300,000.

Graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have taken dual enrollment college courses funded by the City at Miami Beach Senior High School or Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School through Florida International University (FIU), the University of Florida (UF) and/or Miami Dade College (MDC) are eligible to participate. The program covers the cost of obtaining official transcripts required during the college application process from FIU, UF, and MDC. FIU charges \$10 for each official transcript, UF charges \$10, and MDC charges \$5. The program pays for up to five sets of official transcripts, which could amount to a savings of **\$125 per student**.

During the 2022-23 school year, 30 Miami Beach Senior High School 12<sup>th</sup> graders pre-registered by the February 10, 2023 deadline. Staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives reviewed applications for eligibility during February and March and distributed \$100, \$50 and/or \$25 gift cards to cover the cost of required official transcripts to eligible graduating seniors. The chart below reflects program utilization for graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders:

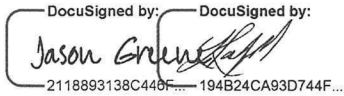
Official College Transcript Incentive Program		
School Year	# MBSH 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders registered for Transcript Incentive Program	Funds Distributed
2021-2022	9	\$475
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
Total since program inception	39	\$2,165

Currently, the City funds the college instructor fee for all dual enrollment courses offered at Miami Beach Senior High School and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School. Dual enrollment allows students to begin accumulating college credits at no cost while still in high school and middle school. Students can work towards graduating from college on time or even early saving their families up to \$150,000.

For more information on city educational programs supporting youth in Miami Beach, visit [www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/education/](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/education/).

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, Chief Education Officer.

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