

TCS High School

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My name is Micah, I am an 8th grader at The Children's School. For my capstone project, I investigated how our alumni do in high school. To gather this information, I surveyed alumni, and interviewed teachers from OPRF, our local high school. This paper will show you my findings.

I heard from 43% of our alumni, representing all four of our eighth grade graduating classes, and all my data is based on their responses. After gathering and sorting the data, I have come to the conclusion that overall our alumni do well in high school. 91% of our alumni currently have A or B grades in any given subject, and 85.8% of our alumni have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above. This is higher than the average American high school graduate's GPA of 3.38. The majority of our graduates are involved in extracurricular activities, and all of our graduates have friends. Despite worries about the transition to high school, most of our graduates say it was an easy and successful transition.

Academic performance of our graduates

“TCS prepared me really well for a lot of the writing and research I’ve had to do in high school. I also think I’m more comfortable asking adults for help and advocating for myself generally”

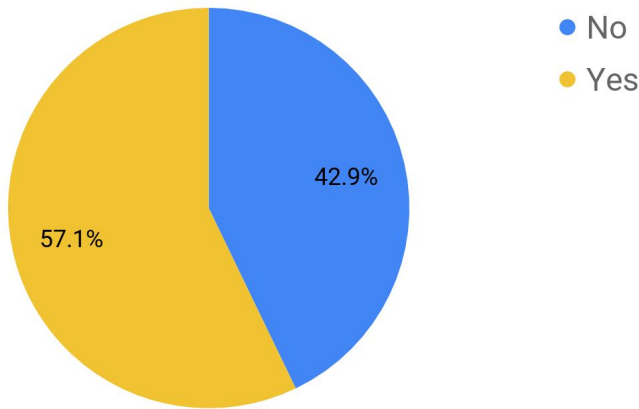
-TCS Alumni

80% of our alumni most of the time or always turn in their homework on time

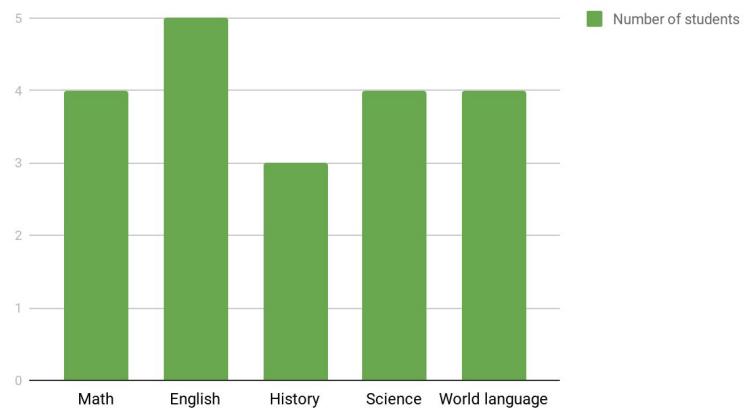
73.3% of our alumni most of the time or always feel comfortable asking a teacher for help with assignments

86.7% of our alumni most of the time or always participate in class.

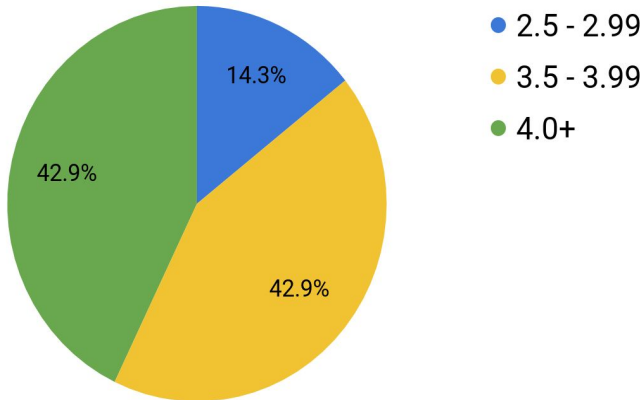
Do our alumni take honors or advanced placement classes?



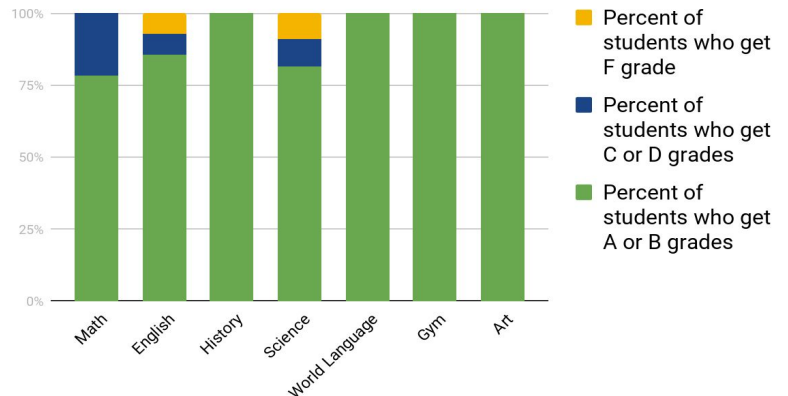
What honors classes do our alumni take?



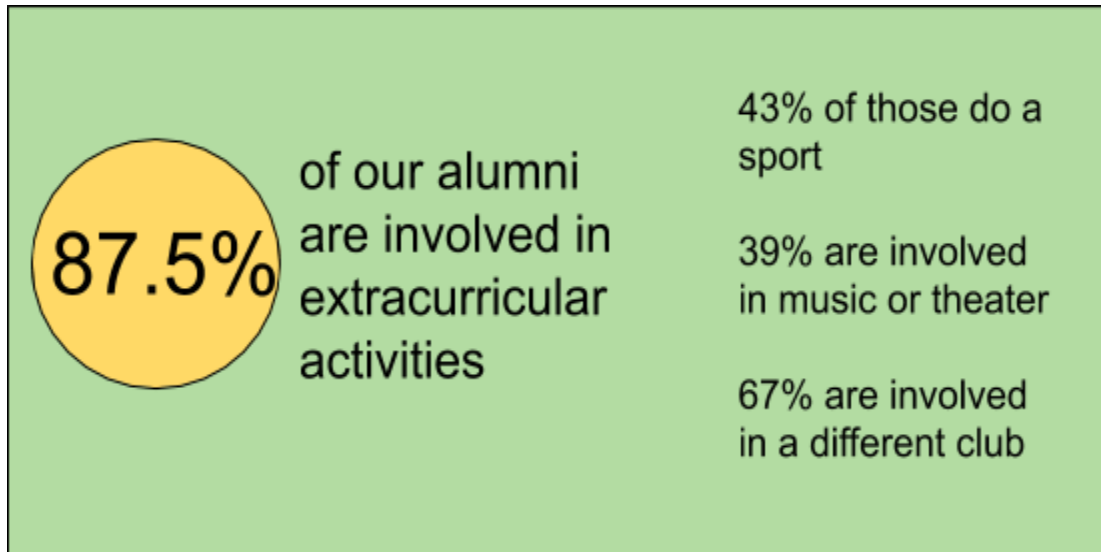
Cumulative grade point averages for our alumni



What grades do our alumni currently have?



Extracurricular participation and social life



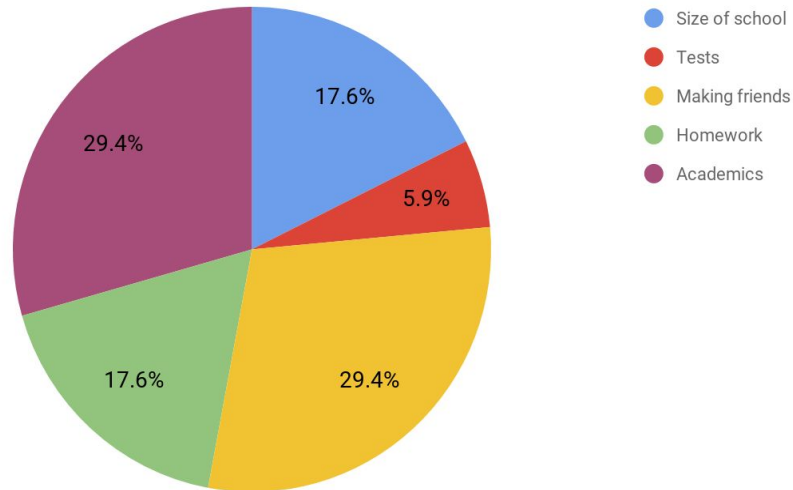
“Join clubs and activities if possible because it is kinda like a family and they are so much fun!”

- TCS Alumni

Despite everyone reporting going to high school with no friends in the school, 60% of our alumni made friends within a month. By the end of freshman year, 100% of our alumni had friends.

Transition to high school

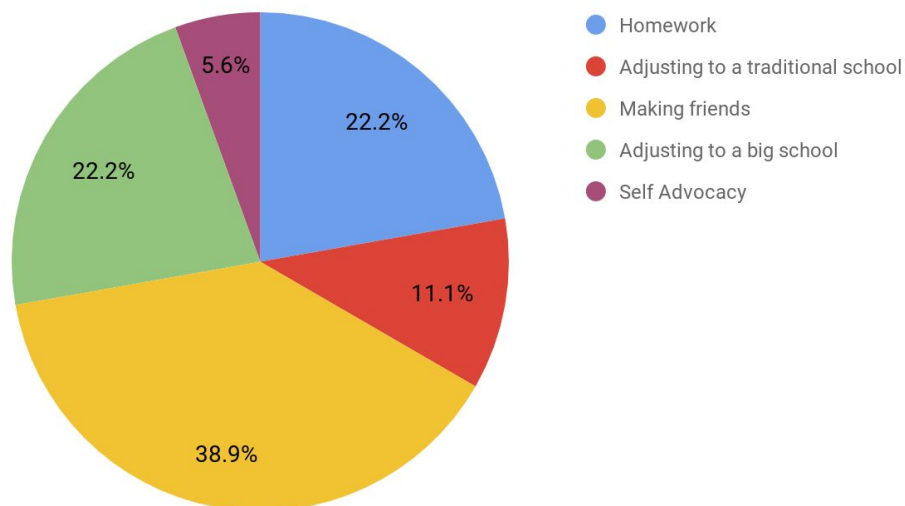
What were you most worried about with the transition to high school?



"I was worried about making friends, tests, that stuff but there is really no point in worrying, just go for it! That is the best way to do it!"

-TCS Alumni

What was the hardest about your transition to high school?



Out of the parents of alumni that responded to my survey, 100% felt that TCS prepared their child(ren) for high school.

What People Say About TCS And Our Graduates

"TCS was the perfect experience for our daughter. She was supported socially and emotionally and grew so much. She was challenged academically and was prepared for the in-depth projects in high school."

-Parent of alumni

"I would say they (TCS alumni) are deep thinkers and come from families who also believe in stretching their minds through experiential learning."

-OPRF counselor

"We are so grateful that we found TCS. It validated that early education is best spent focused on the whole child, including building confidence, communication skills, and knowing oneself. All the rest falls into place if you have that important foundation."

-Parent of alumni

"I think TCS also did a good job of talking to kids about high school and having lots of events and time to think about what each of us wanted in a school."

-TCS Alumni

"They helped me be comfortable with myself and my learning style."

-TCS Alumni

"Exceeded Expectations. Like most parents, we occasionally had doubts. However, we can well and truly say that both our children benefited greatly from attending TCS since kindergarten. They are curious learners and great advocates for themselves and those around them. We attribute all of this to the support, encouragement and challenges they received at TCS."

-Parent of alumni

"I love having worked with all of the kids who have come from TCS and appreciate that a place for more playful and experiential learning exists in our community."

-OPRF counselor

"My child was challenged and inspired almost nonstop from Kindergarten through 8th grade. She had good relationships with her teachers and friends, she was encouraged to speak up for herself and others, and she learned to experiment, take risks, and try new things. What more could anyone ask from a school?"

-Parent of alumni

"I've noticed that they're (TCS students) the kids that are genuinely nice to other kids. They come with a sense of community that I don't know that all of the kids from other middle schools come with."

-OPRF teacher

"TCS made me comfortable in asking questions and working with others and keeping me interested in school."

-TCS Alumni

"Both kids excelled academically in HS, and enjoyed diverse and supportive friendships"

-Parent of alumni

"The biggest difference that I notice (between TCS kids and kids from other schools) is that TCS kids know how to advocate for themselves. They are also the kids that are willing to volunteer and help others."

-OPRF teacher

"TCS absolutely prepared our child for high school. Our child's grades, involvement in clubs and social groups all support the fact that he was well prepared academically and socially for high school."

-Parent of alumni