

Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)



Is it a good fit for you?

What is PSEO?

- A program that allows students to earn college credit while in high school through successful enrollment in and completion of college level courses.
- Students will earn both high school and college credits for PSEO courses - dual enrollment.
- Can take PSEO classes part-time (in addition to some high school classes) or full-time (no high school courses).
- Colleges offer traditional on-campus PSEO classes and some colleges offer online PSEO classes.
- No tuition, fees or required textbook costs to the student (as long as textbooks are returned).

What does a PSEO student look like?

- **Mature**

- Can they handle the responsibility of being on a college campus?
- Will they be able to monitor themselves, prioritize and manage time as needed?

- **Independent**

- Can they seek out help or information on their own?
- Can they make their own informed decisions?

- **Proactive**

- Will they take the lead in meeting with professors and advisors as needed?
- Will they complete necessary paperwork and registration requests in a timely manner?
- Have they planned out classes they will take to meet graduation requirements and college admissions requirements?



GENERAL

High school vs. college experience

Class schedules (start/end dates, breaks, daily schedule) are different

If part-time, need to work within schedule limitations of both high school and college.

Transportation is not provided

May need to access to device at home or at college to complete PSEO work.



GRADING

PSEO grades will be posted on your high school transcript and your permanent college transcript.

- 3 or more credit college course = 1.0 MWHHS credit
- 1-2 credit college course = .5 MWHHS credit
- PSEO grades are the beginning of a student's official college transcript and GPA

Transferring PSEO credits to another college is dependent on the transfer rules of that college

- Transferology - <https://www.transferology.com>
- Work with PSEO advisor and check with colleges

Where can students take PSEO classes?

- All liberal arts, community or technical public colleges/universities and some private colleges/universities.
- The MN Department of Education updates a complete list of participating colleges each year at [this site](#).
- The most common choices for MWHS students are:
 - [Minneapolis Community and Technical College](#)
 - [Normandale Community College](#)
 - [University of MN Twin Cities](#)
- The admission criteria and process for each college/university will vary. Please refer to each school's website for most up to date information.



General Timeline for PSEO Application:

- December-February - review specific college PSEO websites, attend student/parent information sessions, visit college PSEO offices as needed.
- February through the application deadline (varies by school) - complete and submit application materials.
- Spring - admission decision is made. After admitted, discuss scheduling options with HS counselor.
- Summer - attend required orientation or registration meetings for PSEO.
- Fall - 2 weeks prior to the start of school - submit an official list of registered PSEO courses to HS counselor so that MWHS schedule can be adjusted and PSEO status updated.

How to get started:

1. Check the college's PSEO website

- a. Eligibility
- b. Deadlines
- c. Application steps

2. Schedule a visit

- a. Meet with PSEO staff to get questions answered
- b. Get a feel for campus
- c. Test the commute
- d. Placement testing (if needed)

3. Complete and submit an application

- a. Complete application - found on college website
- b. Request HS counselor to send transcript to college via email
- c. Submit PSEO Notice of Student Registration and Balance Sheet (U of M only) to HS counselor for completion. Send to college when complete.

Important Information to be Aware of:

- PSEO students must provide their MWHS counselor with a list of registered courses at the beginning of each college grading term and final grades/transcript at the end of each college grading term.
- PSEO students should work with their MWHS counselor regularly to make sure that graduation requirements are being met. High school diplomas are held until MWHS receives a PSEO transcript from the college to verify that all high school graduation requirements have been met.
- It is the student's responsibility to stay informed about information and deadlines at the high school (school website, school email, other students, social media, etc.)

Important Information to be Aware of:

- The post-secondary institution determines:
 - Admission standards/deadlines
 - Which PSEO courses can be taken
 - Eligibility to continue
- PSEO students/families must work with the post-secondary institution regarding academic progress, support options and/or attendance concerns in PSEO classes. MWHS has no jurisdiction over or access to that information.
- Students must attend PSEO courses according to the PSEO schedule, which means that they may attend PSEO classes even when MWHS classes are not in session.

As a PSEO student: Tasks to Complete Each Semester



Complete and submit a PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form prior to registering for PSEO courses each grading period.

Submit a list of PSEO courses registered for to HS counselor at the start of each term.

Submit a copy of final PSEO grades to HS counselor at the end of each term..

Communicate (via email or meeting) with HS counselor to ensure completion of high school graduation requirements.

Additional Questions?

Be sure to ask!

- Check with college PSEO office
 - Review the Minnesota Department of Education PSEO Reference Guide on their [website](#).
 - Meet with high school counselor
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