

# PSEO

POST-SECONDARY  
ENROLLMENT OPTIONS  
2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

This is current information as of November 2016. Dates and requirements may change after this date. Please check with your college.

## What is the Post-Secondary Enrollment Option?

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level, nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Each participating college or university sets its own requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th graders may take one career/technical PSEO course. If they earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional PSEO courses.

You have a chance, through PSEO, to take advanced level courses and other courses that may or may not be offered at your high school. You are not permitted to take courses that are not considered to be college level; this includes developmental and remedial courses.

### Who Is Eligible?

You are eligible if you are in **grades 11 or 12 in a public high school and meet the admissions requirements of the postsecondary institution you wish to attend.** The college will determine if you are eligible. Students participating in a cultural exchange program are not eligible.

### What Colleges Can You Attend?

You can apply to a community college, a technical college, a state university, the University of Minnesota, a private, two or four-year liberal arts college, a non-profit two-year trade and technical school that grants associate degrees, or a North Central accredited opportunities industrialization center, located in Minnesota.

## What Do You Need to Consider?

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This is not an opportunity to try out college, this is college. Once you register for courses you have started a college transcript. How well you meet the challenges of college level work will appear on your transcript, including dropping out of or failing a course. However, you should know that PSEO students, as a group, tend to earn grades high or higher than typical college freshman. Attending college is an important life decision; consider it carefully.

Although some of the colleges restrict the number and kinds of courses PSEO students may take, in class you will be treated as any other college student. You will have full responsibility for managing your time. You will have to study more outside of class with fewer instructions on how and what to study. You will be expected to meet deadlines without being reminded. You will have to take the initiative to seek help when you need it. You will be competing for grades with students who have completed high school and who are older than you. Are you ready this challenge?

Once you decide you want to participate, visit your high school counselor to get the PSEO forms you need to complete. It will be necessary to have your parent or guardian sign the form before you register. You will need your application form and an official, current high school transcript when you meet with the staff advising PSEO students at college you have chosen. PSEO forms are also available at the college, or online.

### What Will It Cost?

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There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course. Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students to participate in PSEO courses on college campuses. Schools must provide information to all students in grades 8-11 and their families by March 1, every year. Students must notify their school by May 30 if they want to participate in PSEO for the following school year. For current information about the PSEO program, [visit the Minnesota Department of Education's Postsecondary Enrollment Options \(PSEO\) webpage.](#)

You will be responsible for paying for non-consumable tools and equipment. The books are to be returned to the college unless you decide to purchase them.

Transportation is your family's responsibility. There are funds available to reimburse some of your transportation costs, if your family's income is below the federal poverty guideline. Ask your counselor for a qualification form.

## How Do You Find Out More About PSEO?

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Your high school is responsible for informing all sophomores and juniors about the program by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Roseville Area High School includes information about PSEO in the student registration handbook. If you think you would like to participate, talk with some students who have taken part in the program and your counselor. Let your Counselor or Mr. Tillberry know that you intend to participate next year.

This may seem early, but it is important for you and the high school administration to plan for your participation as you both look toward next year.

**NOTE** that some colleges have an April registration deadline.

**YOU SHOULD COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS *BEFORE* SCHOOL ENDS IN JUNE.**

Additional source of information from Univ. of Minnesota:

<http://www.cce.umn.edu/postsecondary-enrollment-options/>

## Why Work Closely With Your Counselor...

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You will be responsible for meeting the graduation requirements of your high school. Working with your counselor ensures that the college courses you take will meet those expectations. You should be able to take courses that are comparable to those required for graduation.

If you qualify for High School Graduation Incentives, you may attend an Area Learning Center and may enroll in PSEO from the Area Learning Center.

Frequently, high school and college schedules make it difficult to balance your desired schedule of courses between the two schools. Working with your high school counselor and your college advisor or contact person can help you arrive at a solution that supports your goals.

You may take courses at the college on a space available basis. Regular college freshmen have priority in registration, so you may not always get your first choice. If you must substitute a chosen course for another, check with your high school counselor to ensure your requirements are still being met.

You are between two worlds when you leave your high school to take courses at a college. If you find any reason you must drop a course, notify your counselor at once. Dropping a college course during the high school trimester may put you in jeopardy. You may not be allowed to enter a high school class after a specified period for days and could receive a failing grade.

It is essential that you talk with your college advisor and immediately follow the appropriate procedures at the college for canceling or dropping a course, otherwise you will receive a failing grade for the course and the college will still expect state payment for the course you did not take.

Final exams at some colleges are **not** completed before your high school graduation ceremony. If you have been successful in completing previous college course work and satisfied the graduation requirements, your high school should allow you to participate in the ceremony even though your final grades are not yet available. The high school can withhold your diploma until you turn in your final grades, if your graduation requirements have not been completed before the final trimester.

### **Important to Remember:**

**You** are the one responsible for getting your college transcript to your counselor at the end of each semester. If you want your grades recorded for graduation, this is crucial to remember.

The books you get for your college courses belong to the college. You are required to return your textbooks to your college advisor or other designated person.

The Minnesota High School League rules allow you to participate in extracurricular activities or athletics covered by the League at either the high school **or** the post-secondary institution, but **not both**.

#### **Trimesters vs. Semester**

Colleges will continue to operate on a semester schedule. Coordinating schedules with other schools has been, and will continue to be, a concern for some students. For students who participate in PSEO full-time, the schedule should not make any difference.

Students who participate part-time will need to plan more carefully. One suggestion would be to decide in advance to participate in RAHS in the morning and in PSEO in the afternoon, or vice versa. Those who begin PSEO second semester (the middle of our second trimester) may result in several weeks with no courses. Students who participate only first semester may be faced with a similar dilemma.

#### **POST-SECONDARY CREDIT CONVERSION**

**College Semester Credits      =      RAHS Trimester Credits**

<b>1</b>	<b>.5</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>3.0</b>