



Get a jump on college for free in high school!



Commonly Asked Questions

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What is Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)?

- PSEO is a program for MN 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to enroll in college-level courses at eligible participating post-secondary institutions.
 - Bachelors-granting institutions
 - Community Colleges
- In the state of Minnesota, tuition and books are free for students taking classes through PSEO (may be a small fee for lab based courses for equipment)



FREE

What type of student is the PSEO program suited for?

- Students who want to:
 - Get a jump on the post-secondary education
 - Save money and graduate college early
 - Improve their college applications
- Characteristics of a PSEO student:
 - Independent learner
 - Has their own transportation
 - Strong self-advocate (willing to seek help)
 - Handles rigorous college courses (time management skills)



Note: AP versus PSEO decisions come down to your learning style preference.

What are the requirements for a PSEO program?



- Every PSEO program has their own requirements
 - Check the colleges PSEO website for more information
- Some colleges require college **entrance exams** (ACT, ACT Aspire, PLAN, SAT, PSAT, etc.)
 - This can be a requirement before or after acceptance
- Note: The U of M's average PSEO student's **GPA** is 3.92, but the minimum GPA is 3.60.

What are commonly taken PSEO Classes?

Pick the classes that interest you the most and those that fit your skill level.

See the college website for a full list of PSEO classes they offer.



Full-time or Part-time student?

FULL-TIME:

- All classes taken at the college.
- Schedule alternates times & days
- Earn more college credits than attending part-time PSEO
- Could obtain an AA degree at the same time as high school graduation
- Can still participate in high school activities.

PART-TIME:

- Classes at EPHS **and** at the college
- Flexible scheduling:
 - Students can take 1 class at EPHS and the rest at PSEO, or 3 classes at EPHS and the rest at PSEO, etc.
 - Students can take morning classes at PSEO and afternoon at EPHS or vice-versa

How do credits transfer back to the high school?

- All PSEO credits will transfer back to EPHS as HALF of what they are worth in college. For example:
 - Freshman Composition is 4 college credits = 2 EPHS English credits
 - World History is 3 college credits = 1.5 EPHS credits



Do credits transfer to other colleges?

- It depends.
- Most PSEO credits will transfer to other public schools, but private schools vary.
- Always check with the colleges you're thinking about applying to and check their transfer policies.

Is Transportation Provided?

No!

Transportation reimbursement is available for qualified students. Talk to your counselor with further questions.



PSEO TIMELINE



Apply to the PSEO program at the college of your choice

Meet with the college PSEO advisor to choose classes.

If accepted, contact your EPHS counselor to create a plan.

Send EPHS counselor a copy of your PSEO schedule so they can adjust your EPHS schedule/registration.

The Benefits of PSEO

PSEO can save students a lot of time and money!

- It is cheaper than taking courses as a college student!

Just remember to **do your research** and make sure PSEO is the right fit for you.

Feedback from a current PSEO student:

“Having reliable transportation is an issue because if you don’t have a car, taking Metro transit is \$260 per year. Time management is very important. Independence, too. A good student that knows how to study and be prepared to do more work. College credits are harder to earn, so if you are a straight-A high school student, just be prepared to be challenged and take a lower grade. Be willing to directly work with actual college students and ask your professors questions. Making friends was difficult for me, but talking to people around you will help you learn better and have people to check your work with. Take advantage of the tutoring/writing centers. Spending extra time outside of lecture is also really important. Always make sure you are in contact with your high school counselor about graduation requirements and your connections teacher to keep updated with school.”

Additional Questions?

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/dual/pseo/>