

What is PSEO?

(Post-Secondary Enrollment Options)

PSEO is a state program for juniors and seniors in high school that gives students an opportunity to complete high school requirements by taking courses at a participating college or university. Students have a chance through PSEO to take advanced level courses and other courses that may or may not be offered at the high school. PSEO students are not permitted to take courses that are not considered to be college level, which includes developmental and remedial courses.

Participation Criteria

A. Eligibility and Application Procedures

1. Each student must meet the standards and admissions requirements of the postsecondary institution.
2. Students must discuss participation in the program with their high school counselor and the PSEO counselor of the postsecondary school.
3. Students must complete the application form (provided by the postsecondary institution) and the Notice of Student Registration and submit them to the college.

B. Eligible Institutions

1. University of Minnesota and its branches
2. State Universities
3. Area Technical Colleges
4. Community Colleges
5. Private Colleges and Universities

C. Responsibility

1. The emotional maturity and level of responsibility of the student are major considerations for success in this program. Students should think about the academic classes and personal goals when deciding upon PSEO classes.
2. Students will not receive any supervision from the high school. Students need to pay attention to deadlines and are responsible for all information included in mailings and sessions at the college.

3. Students who drop courses must do so before deadlines and should complete forms necessary to prevent billings for a class they didn't complete. Each student may be responsible for tuition, fees, and book expenses incurred in the event he/she drops a course after the drop/add deadline.
4. Keep in mind, in class PSEO students will be treated as any other college student. He/she will have full responsibility for managing time and will have to study more than the typical high school class. Students will be expected to meet deadlines without being reminded and will have to take initiative to seek help when needed.

D. Scheduling

1. Students are responsible for registering at the postsecondary institution and setting up their own class schedule.
2. Each semester, students must take the equivalent of 6 high school classes (PSEO classes and high school classes).
3. Consider social security benefit criteria if you are presently receiving financial assistance. A student must be enrolled in high school 20 hours a week for benefit eligibility.

E. Program Costs

1. There is no charge to the student for the costs or tuition, textbooks, or fees.
2. Students will be required to pay for equipment which becomes the property of the student (i.e. tools, calculators, microcomputers, etc.), for use or rental costs of equipment or facilities, and for consumable materials such as computer disks or notebooks.