

Postsecondary Enrollment Options

What is PSEO?

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that offers high school sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college-level courses that apply to both high school graduation requirements and a college degree. It is intended to increase the range and depth of academic options for high school students.

Who can take PSEO courses?

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors

PSEO Admission Requirements

Sophomores - Must have a minimum of a “proficient” score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) test for reading (or reading assessment substitute if no MCA score) and meet other institution eligibility requirements.

Juniors – Must meet eligibility requirements of postsecondary institution.

Seniors – Must meet eligibility requirements of postsecondary institution.

For instance: Minnesota West requirements are as follows:

Seniors must rank in the upper half of their class or score at or above the 50th percentile on an ACT or SAT test.

Juniors must rank in the upper third of their class or score at or above the 70th percentile on an ACT or SAT test.

Sophomores who are interested in career and technical courses may take one career and technical college level course taught by a college faculty member on a college campus, at their high school or online as early as grade 10. To be eligible to do so, they must be enrolled in a public school, have a minimum of a “proficient” score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) test for reading and meet the assessment prerequisites set for the course that must be met by all students. If a student successfully completes the technical course with a C or higher, the student can take additional career and technical courses as long as he or she meets the assessment requirement for those courses. Students who first enter PSEO programming through career and technical education can also begin to take PSEO general education courses in grades 11 and 12 by meeting the assessment prerequisites for the general education course they wish to enroll in, regardless of class rank or percentile on a nationally normed exam.

Where can I find more information?

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Check out the [Minnesota Department of Education website](#)

MDE Information:

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.

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. 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](#).