
PSEO Student / Parent Information

Today, I will learn...

- ❑ What is required of me to earn a St. Francis High School diploma
- ❑ Information in the decision-making of participating in the PSEO Program
- ❑ The process in pursuing the PSEO program including:
 - ❑ Qualifications
 - ❑ PSEO Proces
 - ❑ Student Responsibilities
 - ❑ Additional Information
 - ❑ Tips for Parents



Graduation Requirements

You are responsible to know your credit status!

❑ To graduate you must have credits total:

57 Credits

- ❑ 8 English credits
- ❑ 8 Social Studies credits
- ❑ 7 Science credits
- ❑ 5 Math credits (2 tri's Geometry, 2 tri's Alg. 2, 1 tri Prob/Stats)
- ❑ 2 Physical Education credits
- ❑ 1 Futures Prep credit (unless you transferred here)
- ❑ 1 Health credit
- ❑ 2 Art Credits
- ❑ 1 CTE Credit (class of 2023 and beyond only)
- ❑ 22 Elective credits (optional **Activity Credit**- for class of 2021, 2022, & 2023 only)

PSEO Credit & High School Credit

5 College Credits =	2.5 High School Credits
4 College Credits =	2 High School Credits
3 College Credits =	1.5 High School Credits
2 College Credits =	1 High School Credit
1 College Credit =	.5 High School Credit

- **Credit Load-** Full Time PSEO students must be enrolled in a minimum 28-30 college credits per year. (4 college semester credits = 2 SFHS credits.) You are allowed to go part-time PSEO; taking classes at SFHS as well as the college of your choice.
- Utilize the College's PSEO Advisor for advice on obtaining an A.A. degree or completing MN transfer curriculum for your "Generals"

Qualifications for Some Colleges

Class Rank

- 11th grade : Top $\frac{1}{3}$ of class rank or score in the 70% on nationally standardized tests
- 12th Grade : Top $\frac{1}{2}$ of class rank or score in the 50% on nationally standardized tests

Placement Testing

- The PSEO institution may require you to take a placement test (ie: Accuplacer) to determine your readiness for college level courses. Ask about your ACT score and whether that will count in place of the Accuplacer.



PSEO Part-time - CIS Course Options

You are allowed to go part-time PSEO; taking classes at SFHS as well as the college of your choice.

St. Cloud State University	<u>Coll. Credits</u>	<u>High School Cr.</u>		Southwest Minnesota State University	<u>Coll. Credits</u>	<u>High school Cr.</u>
College Spanish	4	2		College Algebra	3	1.5
College Economics	3	1.5		College Trigonometry	3	1.5
College Geography	3	1.5		College Calculus	5	2.5
College Psychology	3	1.5		College Writing	4	1.5
College Physics	3	2		College Rhetoric	3	1.5
				College Biology	3	2



PSEO Part-time - AP Course Options

You are allowed to go part-time PSEO; taking classes at SFHS as well as the college of your choice.

- ★ **Advanced Placement Language Composition**
 - ★ **Advanced Placement Literature Composition**
 - ★ **Advanced Placement European History**
 - ★ **Advanced Placement Statistics**
 - ★ **Advanced Placement US History**
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- **More courses coming in the future**
 - **College credit dependent on AP Exam score**

Students Process / Steps:

1. Attend group meeting, obtain paperwork and go over credits with counselor
2. Return signed *PSEO Contract* to SFHS counselor
3. Apply online to PSEO institution of choice
4. Mail *Student Notice of Registration* to PSEO institution of choice
5. Request Transcript to be sent **directly to the College** via Parchment (www.isd15.org/hscounseling >Transcripts) There is a \$5 fee to send transcripts
 - i. DO NOT choose "Self-View"

Students Process / Steps:

Once accepted to the PSEO Program:

1. Attend Orientation at the PSEO institute
2. Take Accuplacer test at the PSEO institute (or use ACT score if possible)
 - a. If you do not pass the accuplacer, contact your counselor ASAP for SFHS college options
3. Register for classes with the College (Use the “PSEO Planner/Checklist” as you chose classes)
4. Provide a semester schedule to HS Counselor ASAP
5. Sign up for Enews and utilize our website www.isd15.org/hscounseling for important information

**this process may vary depending on institution*

PSEO Course Registration

Students planning to take core classes through the PSEO program must pay attention to the subject areas to ensure they are approved to meet their graduation requirement.

English	ENGL, CMST, WRTG, LIT, SPEECH
Art	ART, ARTH, THEATER, DRAMA, MUS
Social Studies	11th grade: ECON, GEOG 12th grade: HIST (World or European)
PE	PE 1 or 2: HPER1120/ ACTIVE courses only PE Elective: HPER / ACTIVE courses only
Science	Chemistry/Physics: CHEM, PHYSICS Earth & Space: ASTRONOMY, GEOLOGY
Math	Algebra 2: ALG (4 cr) Prob/Stats: PROB/STATS or PSYCH Stats

PSEO Student Responsibilities

- ❑ Notify SFHS by MAY 30th of intent to participate in PSEO (MDE Rule)

- ❑ Take 14-15 High School Credits (28-30 College Credits) per year to remain on track

- ❑ Make arrangements with your professors ahead of time to be at SFHS for required tests (MCAs & ACT)
 - ❑ MCA Reading Test (10th grade)
 - ❑ MCA Math Test (11th grade)
 - ❑ ACT (11th grade)

PSEO Student Responsibilities cont...

- ❑ Schedule an appointment with SFHS counselor before registering for classes each semester
 - ❑ Complete the 3-part form
 - ❑ Once registered for the semester, make sure to give your SFHS counselor a copy of your college class schedule
- ❑ If you are failing a PSEO class, contact your high school counselor **immediately** to discuss:
 - ❑ making up the credits
 - ❑ whether continuing with PSEO is appropriate for you as loss of credits may impact graduation status.
- ❑ Sign up for [Enews](#), visit the [Senior Saints website](#), and check the high school website to stay up to date with important information and high school events

Weighted Grades

Weighted grade scale for SFHS CIS/AP courses and approved PSEO courses

Grade Symbol	Un-Weighted Value	Weighted Value
A	4.0	4.5
A-	3.7	4.2
B+	3.3	3.8
B	3.0	3.5
B-	2.7	3.2
C+	2.3	2.8
C	2.0	2.5
C-	1.7	1.7
D+	1.3	1.3
D	1.0	1.0
D-	0.7	0.7
F	0.3	1.3

Weighted Grades Policy for graduating classes of 2019 and beyond:

Grades will be weighted on a 4.5 scale for CIS and AP classes offered at SFHS. ISD 15 will also weight grades for PSEO courses that are **equivalent** to the CIS and AP courses offered at SFHS.

Example:

	CIS/AP Course	PSEO Course
Equivalent	SCSU Psych 115 - Introduction to Psychology	Anoka Ramsey Psych 1110- General Psychology
Not Equivalent	SCSU Psych 115 - Introduction to Psychology	Anoka Ramsey Psych 2250 Abnormal Psychology

PSEO classes that exceed or are not equivalent to CIS / AP courses currently offered at SFHS will not be considered for weighted grades. If students have a question about whether or not a class they plan to take through PSEO will be weighted they should consult their School Counselor prior to registering for the course. There will not be an appeal process for courses that do not meet the requirements outlined by this policy.

Weighted Grades Policy: Additional Considerations

Additional considerations for Weighted Grades for CIS/AP and PSEO:

- Students must receive a final grade of C or higher in the course to receive a weighted grade.
- 4.5 Scale
- Classes must be 3-5 credits per course because that is equivalent to what is offered at SFHS

*Criteria only for determining weighted grades eligibility. This has no impact on what is accepted for high school credit.

Schedule Information

- **Trimester / Semester Systems**
 - College (semesters) and high school (trimesters) calendars do not typically align
 - Part-time PSEO students are responsible to make arrangements that will work for both schedules.

- **College Schedule**
 - College schedules must be turned into the high school counseling office before the start of each semester.

Additional Information

- **College Student**
 - Students will be treated like any other college student and must have the ability to work and function independently.
- **Transportation**
 - Students are responsible for transportation.
 - Families may be reimbursed for transportation costs (as determined by the state of Minnesota) if the family's income is at or below the poverty level as determined by the federal government.
- **Books and fees are covered under the PSEO program**
 - Books must be returned at the end of the semester to the PSEO office on campus. Costs of room, board, transportation and parking fees are the student's responsibility.
- **Extracurricular Activities**
 - PSEO students are allowed to participate in activities. College classes (and commuting time) should be scheduled around activities.

Additional Information (cont.)

- **Full time PSEO students can be on SFHS property during the school day** with a scheduled appointment or to study in the IMC. This must be done in advance and PSEO students must check in and out with the greeter or main office and have their PSEO pass on hand at all times.
- **Part Time PSEO students** are allowed on SFHS property during their assigned class times within the school day or to study in the SFHS IMC. Those who plan to drive to SFHS are required to purchase a parking permit from the high school if they wish to park in the school lot (PSEO student passes are discounted) **Do NOT park in the staff lot.**
- **Remedial College Courses** - Students are responsible to pay for any remedial college courses taken or any courses that are not PSEO approved. (These are not PSEO approved and you will not earn college credit)
- **Graduation Ceremony-** Students graduating in 2018 and beyond must earn a minimum of 57 SFHS credits in grades nine through twelve in order to graduate and participate in graduation commencement ceremony.

Tips for PSEO Students:

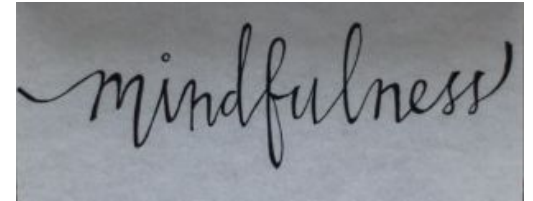
- **Parents are encouraged to ask their child for password and academic progress information**
 - Parents and High School Counselors **do not** have access to PSEO grades or Attendance due to FERPA laws.
- **Give parents/guardian a copy of your students college schedule**
- **If you are academically struggling, be sure you:**
 - Utilize professors office hours at the college
 - Utilize the tutoring center at the college
 - Contact his/her PSEO Advisor
 - If you are failing, please contact your high school counselor as it can affect your graduation status
- **Be aware of course drop and withdrawal deadlines**
 - Communicate and notify your High School Counselor and parent right away if you drop or withdraw from a course as it can affect your graduation requirements.

Stress Management

- Find your organizational tool:
 - Planner
 - “To Do” lists etc
- Make time for FUN! (School / Life Balance)
- Don't Over Do it
- Seek out your resources
 - Professors, Counselor, Advisor, Parents, Classmates
- BREATHE



What will you choose to do to manage stress?



NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Turn in PSEO Contract to HS Counselor
- ❑ APPLY ONLINE and complete College's PSEO entrance requirements
 - ❑ [Google Anoka Ramsey PSEO](#)
- ❑ Mail in "Student Notice of Registration" (White Form)
- ❑ Request transcript through Parchment
- ❑ Provide college schedule to HS Counselor