

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY - Refer to Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.68, and section 124D.09

Any pupil in a Minnesota public, nonpublic, home school or American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, classified as an 11th or 12th grader and accepted by a postsecondary institution, may enroll either full- or part-time in nonsectarian courses at an eligible postsecondary institution. Eligible 10th grade students may enroll in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course offered by a Minnesota state college or university. Please review requirements below.

A. A student must be enrolled in school in the 11th or 12th grade;
OR

A student who is in the 10th grade may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for the purpose of enrolling in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course. The 10th grade student must have taken the 8th grade MCA reading test in the 8th grade and have met the composite proficiency level of meets or exceeds.

B. Limit on Participation:

- 1) A pupil who first enrolls in grade 9 may not enroll in postsecondary courses for more than the equivalent of four academic years.
- 2) A pupil who first enrolls in grade 10 may not enroll in postsecondary courses for more than the equivalent of three academic years.
- 3) A pupil who first enrolls in grade 11 may not enroll in postsecondary courses for more than the equivalent of two academic years, except for state approved Learning Year Programs pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.128, summer sessions are not included.
- 4) A pupil who first enrolls in grade 12 may not enroll in postsecondary courses for more than the equivalent of one academic year.
- 5) If a pupil in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 first enrolls in a postsecondary course for secondary credit during the school year, the time of participation shall be reduced proportionately.

C. For purposes of determining PSEO eligibility:

- 1) An academic year is equivalent to a school year. A school year is defined as July 1 through June 30.
- 2) If a pupil is in a learning year or other year-round program and begins each grade in the summer session, summer sessions shall not be counted against the time of participation.
- 3) A pupil who has graduated from high school cannot participate in a PSEO program.
- 4) A pupil who has completed course requirements for graduation but who has not received a diploma may participate in the program.

D. If a student first enters the program **during** the academic year, the time of participation is reduced proportionally.

E. If a student withdrew from high school for medical or other unavoidable reasons, prior to the beginning of the postsecondary institution's 2nd semester, and generated no general education revenue through the remainder of the school year after withdrawal, the student would be eligible to extend eligibility by one semester.

F. An institution shall **not** enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment options purposes, in sectarian, remedial, developmental, or other courses that are **not** college level unless the student is an alternative education student participating in an approved full-time early/middle college program designed to earn a certificate or degree.

G. In 2003, the PSEO law was amended so that the books are now returned to the college not the high school. Minnesota Statute, section 124D.09, Subdivision 20 (2002), is amended to read: "*Subdivision 20, **TEXTBOOKS; MATERIALS.** All textbooks and equipment provided to a pupil, and paid for under subdivision 13, are the property of the pupil's **postsecondary institution.** Each pupil is required to return all textbooks and equipment to the **postsecondary institution** after the course has ended.*"

For more detailed information on the program and its requirements, please view the [Postsecondary Enrollment Options School Finance](#) page MDE > School Support > School Finance > Postsecondary Enrollment Options on the Minnesota Department of Education's website.