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# Dual Credit/PSEO Parent Information

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## Definitions

- *Dual Credit (DC): A student takes a course through a college and receives high school and college credit simultaneously.*
  - *PSEO: Post-Secondary Enrollment Options*
    - *A state program for MN residents that pay for the dual credit class.*
  - *Note: Non-MN residents can take DC courses, but must pay the tuition.*
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# Academic Requirements

- *SCLA requires students to have an ACT (or Pre-ACT) composite score of 20 or higher to be eligible for dual credit courses.*
  - *SCLA will also determine if students are eligible for dual credit courses based on a variety of factors, including academic ability and history of missing work.*
  - *Some institutions have additional requirements of applicants.*
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## **Taking courses**

- *Juniors: Online (must be asynchronous)*
    - *Must be electives*
    - *Core course exemption*
  - *Seniors: Online (asynchronous) or on campus if full-time.*
    - *Can take a DC core course.*
    - *Can be full-time, but must take Religion 12.*
  - *Popular schools*
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# Getting courses into the SCLA schedule

- *Sign up for all SCLA courses.*
  - *Fill out the DC/PSEO plan for 1st and 2nd sem and submit for approval.*
  - *Once registered for the course(s), provide a screenshot of registration to Rathje and then a Academic Study Hall will be substituted.*
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# Things Parents Should Know

- *College-level rigor.*
  - *Grades are permanent.*
  - *Schools will not contact you.*
    - *Be "in the know"*
  - *2nd semester registration warning.*
  - *Not all students are ready– and that is OK.*
  - *School-Life balance.*
  - *Future financial aid implications*
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## Rathje's Recommendations

- *Students should take an AP course before attempting a college course.*
  - *# of courses: 1, 2, or 4.*
  - *Carefully evaluate commitments outside of school.*
  - *"Trust, but verify."*
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# What do I do?

1. *Fill out the Dual Credit/PSEO Plan form and give it to Dr. Rathje for approval by April 15. If PSEO, fill out the PSEO Registration form also. Forms are available in the Academic Office.*
  2. *When your plan is approved by Dr. Rathje, follow the directions of the institution for enrollment, and meet the deadlines from the MN Department of Education PSEO website.*
  3. *Complete step 1 by APRIL 15. Students who miss the April 15 deadline will not be able to participate in dual credit/PSEO for the 21-22 school year.*
  4. *Once accepted by the institution, register for the approved class(es) and then provide proof of registration (screenshot or email) to Dr. Rathje and your SCLA schedule will be adjusted.*
    - *Application > Registration*
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## **Dates to Remember:**

- *March 12: ACT registration deadline for 4/17 test.*
  - *April 15: DC/PSEO Plan deadline.*
  - *April 17: Last ACT test date to qualify.*
  - *June 4: Confirmation of course registration due.*
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