

COLLEGE OPTIONS IN HIGH SCHOOL

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Presentation focus

- ▶ College in the Schools (CIS)
- ▶ International Baccalaureate (IB)
- ▶ Post Secondary Education Options (PSEO)
 - ▶ Admission criteria
 - ▶ Things to consider
 - ▶ Application deadlines/process

Questions to consider as you move forward in high school

- ▶ What are the different options for earning college credit?
- ▶ Do I qualify for any of the options?
- ▶ How do I know what is best for me?

Post Secondary Options (PSEO)

Post Secondary Education Options (PSEO)

- ▶ The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program allows:
 - ▶ Sophomores in high school to take Career/technical options only with a limit of “ONE” class
 - ▶ Juniors and seniors in high school to take full or part-time course load, at a liberal arts, community, or technical public college or a university for high school credit
- ▶ The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) benefits include:
 - ▶ PSEO provides students with an additional variety of class offerings and the opportunity to pursue additional challenging coursework.
 - ▶ Tuition, fees, and required textbooks are at no cost to students.

What does a PSEO student look like?



- ▶ **Mature**
 - ▶ Can they handle the responsibility of being on a college campus?
- ▶ **Independent**
 - ▶ Can they make their own decisions with regards to scheduling?
- ▶ **Self starter**
 - ▶ Will they take the lead to meet with their advisor on their own each semester?
 - ▶ Have they planned out their courses with their advisor for their major after high school?

PSEO Admission Criteria

- ▶ To qualify for PSEO:
 - ▶ Juniors need to be in the top 33% of their class
 - ▶ Seniors need to be in the top 50% of their class.
- ▶ Each College and University may have additional admission criteria, it is the student's responsibility to research it.

Things to consider

- ▶ Ongoing communication with high school counselor
 - ▶ PSEO is purposeful; as a student have you taken the time to learn about the process?
 - ▶ Level of support from school counselor
 - ▶ Process regarding PSEO:
 - ▶ PSEO forms are due by March 1, to the guidance office.
 - ▶ Ensure a better tracking system.
 - ▶ By May 30, (state law) student has to inform school if they are attending. Schools can deny a student request after May 30, 2022
- ▶ High school vs college experience
- ▶ Winter/Spring break
- ▶ Frequency of classes
- ▶ Part time vs Full time
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Adjustments to high school schedule (e.g., pep fests, coronation, Homecoming, SnoWeek, flexible learning time)-

Things to consider continued...

- ▶ Transferring credits to another college is dependent upon the transfer rules of that college - check with colleges.
- ▶ PSEO grades will be posted on your high school transcript and on your permanent college transcript.
 - ▶ Final Grades: If a student receives a “C” in a 4-credit college class they receive a “C” for the same course at Rockford High School.
- ▶ PSEO grades are not weighted unless they are equivalent to a college level course that we offer

Where to find PSEO information

More information can be found on the Student Services page -

<https://rhs.rockford.k12.mn.us/student-services/pseo>

Email - blooms@rockford.k12.mn.us

College Credit at Rockford High School

CIS & IB

College in the Schools (CIS)

CIS opportunities currently offered at Rockford High School:

- ▶ CIS Classes are now coseated with IB courses
- ▶ St. Cloud State
 - ▶ Juniors have to be in the top 33% of your class to receive college credit.
 - ▶ Seniors have to be in the top 50% of your class to receive college credit.

Course at RHS	Course at College	Credits
DP Lang & Lit HL / CIS Comp / CIS Classic Lit Year 2	ENGL 191: Intro to Rhetorical & Analytical Writing	4 Credits
	ENGL 201: Classics in Literature	3 Credits
DP Econ SL / College Economics	ECON 201: Intro to Econ	3 Credits
DP Biology HL Year 2 / College Human Bio	Biol 103: Human Biology	3 Credits
DP Physics SL / College Physics	Phys 103: Concepts in Physics	3 Credits

- ▶ UMD
 - ▶ Seniors must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Course at RHS	Course at College	Credits
DP European History HL Year 2 / College European History	HIST 1207: Dawn of Modern Europe	4 Credits
	HIST 1208: Europe in the Modern Age	4 Credits

International Baccalaureate

- ▶ Students have several opportunities for college credit through the International Baccalaureate program by sitting for an IB exam.
- ▶ If a course is not attached to CIS, students will be required to sit for the IB exam. Tests will be purchased by Rockford High School. Sharing scores with colleges is optional.

- ▶ SL College Credit Opportunities

DP Econ SL	DP A & I SL
DP Physics SL	DP Business Management

- ▶ HL College Credit Opportunities

DP Lang & Lit HL Year 2	DP European History HL Year 2
DP Analysis & Approaches HL Year 2	DP Biology HL Year 2
DP Film HL Year 2	DP Music HL Year 2
IB Spanish SL Year 2	DP Visual Arts Year 2

What are the benefits?

- ▶ Concurrent Enrollment classes are university level classes offered at the high school to junior and senior students during their regular school day. (High school students reduce duplication of classes and save time and money by earning both high school and university credits at the same time.)
- ▶ Students who successfully complete these courses generate both high school and transcribed college credit from the partnering postsecondary institution.
- ▶ In the CIS courses there is not a end of the year test to earn credit.
- ▶ CIS courses are guaranteed to earn credit at our MNSCU colleges and universities.
- ▶ Opportunity to access your teacher on a daily basis.
- ▶ The ability to earn college credit and save money before entering college.

What does an IB/CIS student look like?



- ▶ **Mature**
 - ▶ Can they handle the responsibility of a college course?
 - ▶ Can they make their own decisions with regards to scheduling?
- ▶ **Self starter**
 - ▶ Will they take the lead to meet with their advisor on their own each semester?
 - ▶ Have they planned out their courses with their advisor for their major after high school?

What is a weighted class?

Weighted HL Classes

DP Lang & Lit HL Year 1	DP Lang & Lit HL Year 2
DP European History HL Year 1	DP European History HL Year 2
DP Analysis & Approaches HL Year 1	DP Analysis & Approaches HL Year 2
DP Bio HL Year 1 (2022-23 school year)	DP Bio HL Year 2
	*DP Film HL Year 2
	*DP Music HL Year 2
	*IB Spanish SL Year 2
	*DP Visual Arts Year 2

Weighted SL Classes

DP Econ SL
DP Physics SL
*DP Applications & Interpretations SL
*DP Business Management

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FAQ's

- How do I know what type of IB/CIS classes to take?
How many should I take?
- What is Co-Seating?
- What are the benefits of DP? What type of classes are offered?
- What's the difference between HL and SL?
- What type of course(s) should my student take?
- Does my student have to do the Full Diploma to take IB classes?

How do I find out how credits transfer?

- ▶ In the state of Minnesota:
 - ▶ Transferology - <https://www.transferology.com/>
 - ▶ Create an account
 - ▶ Search for courses and match at each college and university
 - ▶ Download a transfer guide
 - ▶ Meet with an advisor at the college or university you plan to attend
 - ▶ Outside the state of Minnesota:
 - ▶ Student's responsibility to contact the admissions office of each college/university you are interested in attending.
- ▶ Students will need to contact each University for transcripts after grades are posted - not RHS.

Teachers

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Thank you for attending

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