

# **PSEO Information Session**

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

**Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm**

**MRAZ Center**

**\*\*For attendance purposes there will be a sign-in for students  
on the night of the event\*\***



# Graduation Requirements

All Burnsville High School graduates must earn a minimum of 45 semester credits (Class of 2022 and 2023) and 46 semester credits (Class of 2024 and 2025) as listed below in grades 9-12.

All courses listed in the College & Career Core section can be used to meet the requirements listed below in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, Health, and Physical Education.

## SUCCESS 191

Success 191 is a one-semester course in which ninth-grade students will identify and develop skills that will help them be successful in high school and beyond. The focus of this class will be to support the transition from middle school to high school. Students will learn about themselves, their interests, and begin planning for their future while focusing on types of "literacy" that may not be directly taught in other classes, including career and post-secondary, citizenship, cultural and social justice, digital, and financial. Note: Beginning with the Class of 2024, this is a one credit graduation requirement.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

The graduation requirements for Language Arts in grades 11 and 12 have been updated to allow increased choice for students based on their interests. Courses have been organized as either Writing/Speaking-intensive or Literature intensive. To graduate, students must take one writing/ speaking course and one literature course in both 11th and 12th grades. Watch for these symbols next to course descriptions to see which requirement they satisfy.

- ☐ Grade 9: English 9 (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 10: English 10 (2 credits)

### Grade 11

Writing/Speaking (1 credit)

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Literature (1 credit)

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### Grade 12

Writing/Speaking (1 credit)

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Literature (1 credit)

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Writing/Speaking



Literature

Watch for these symbols, which indicate the courses that satisfy the writing/speaking and literature requirements, next to course

6 • Information listed in this catalog is current as of January 2021. It is available online at [www.isd191.org/coursecatalog](http://www.isd191.org/coursecatalog).

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- ☐ Grade 9: Human Geography (1 credit)
- ☐ Grade 10: World History (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 11: American History (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 12: American Government (1 credit)
- ☐ Grade 12: Economics (1 credit)

## MATHEMATICS

- ☐ Grade 9: Geometry (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 10: Algebra II (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 11: Functions/Trigonometry (2 credits)

## SCIENCE

- ☐ Grade 9: Earth Science 9 (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 10: Biology (2 credits)
- ☐ Grade 11: Chemistry (2 credits)

## HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- ☐ Grade 9: ITF (1 credit) Grade 10:
- ☐ Health (1 credit)

## ELECTIVES

Grades 9-12: (14 credits)

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## FINE ARTS

Grade 9-12: (2 courses) Any course identified as meeting fine arts requirement.

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Watch for this symbol next to course descriptions throughout the catalog. It indicates that the course meets the Burnsville High School Fine Arts requirement.

# What College Courses Fulfill BHS Credits

**Classes that are required for BHS are listed in RED, and the college courses that would fulfill that requirement are listed below the course title. (Please remember that college credits count back to BHS as half...so, if you wish to fulfill a 2 credit BHS course, the college course must be 4 credits, and so on.)**

English 11 - 1 Cr Composition, 1 Cr Literature

English 12 = 1 Cr. Composition, 1Cr Literature

American History - 2 BHS credits:

US History, American History, or approval

American Gov't & Politics - 1 BHS credit:

Intro to Political Science, Political Thought, Comparative Politics, American Democracy, US Politics, Political ideas & Ideologies (U of M) or approval

Economics - 1 BHS credit:

Micro Econ, Macro Econ, Consumer Econ, Personal Finance Econ., or approval

MATH - MUST have at least 4 credits at BHS and must be through Algebra 2 A&B:

College Algebra and/or Precalc (for Functions/Trig) or higher, Statistics is elective Math

SCIENCE - must have 2 credits in Biology & 2 credits in Chemistry:

Any Biology and Chemistry courses MUST include a lab.

Phy Ed: Approval

Health: Approval

Fine Arts - 2 credits: Anything from Music, Visual Arts or Photography

**\*\* Please note that any college courses taken during summer are not covered by PSEO tuition agreement, and therefore would be at the cost to the student and family. AS WELL, any summer courses taken at the college can NOT be used to fulfill any BHS requirement.**

**\*\*If you are wanting to have a course approved for fulfilling a requirement that is not listed on the previous page:**

- 1. Please compare the course description of the desired PSEO course with the required BHS course description in the BHS registration guide.**
- 2. IF they seem similar, student must submit complete course syllabus to Ms. Marshall**
- 3. Ms. Marshall will then submit to department head of the academic area for decision (2-4 weeks' time)**



## High School or PSEO 'A Shift in Responsibility'

### HIGH SCHOOL

### COLLEGE

Others help you to manage time (parents, teachers, counselors)	You need to manage your own time
Others remind you of responsibilities and how to prioritize	You are expected to know what your responsibilities are and how to prioritize them
Others arrange your classes and schedule	You create your own schedule and classes
You may study 0-2 hrs per night for your entire class load that day	You will need to study 1-3 hrs for <u>each class you have that day</u>
Teachers typically outline what you need to learn from the lesson	Professors assume that you have read and understand the assigned material...or have come in for help <u>prior</u> to class
Teachers check your completed work	You check your own work and initiate contact for help if you need it
Teachers approach you if they sense you are struggling or falling behind	Professors expect that you are aware of your progress in class and if you are struggling that you approach them for help
Teachers are most often available for help before, during, or after school	Professors have office hours you need to reserve. Help centers are available on campus
Teachers remind you of due dates and test dates	Professors expect that you have the syllabus and have marked the dates yourself
Teachers often arrange test dates to avoid other school conflicts	Professors arrange test dates without regard for other outside activities.

## ~RESPONSIBILITIES~

- PSEO students are 100% responsible for keeping up on events happening at BHS. These events include but are not limited to:
  - adjusting schedules
  - school dances and assemblies
  - athletic events
  - **Graduation**
  - **Commencement details - ordering Cap and Gown**
  - **Senior Class Party .... etc...**

Students can access this information by having the Schoology announcements emailed to them, checking the BHS web page, and checking in at the BHS main campus.

- As a PSEO student, please know the following:
  - **YOU** are in charge of completing your assignments, projects, tests, and all other requirements of the PSEO course (s) you are enrolled in.
  - **You must take the course for a letter grade - you cannot take it Pass/Fail!**
  - You must receive a passing grade in your PSEO course to receive credit at BHS. As well, if you Fail a PSEO course, you will be put on Academic Probation by the college, and possibly not allowed to continue in the program. BE CAREFUL!!
  - If you are a part-time student, and you are having attendance issues at BHS, OR have any behavioral issues at BHS - there will be a meeting with counselor, you, and parents to determine if you will continue in the PSEO program.
  - **Students can't be on BHS campus unless they are there for academics, an activity, or athletics. Students MUST sign into the main office when they arrive if they are not scheduled to be there.**

## **If You Wish to Move Forward to Participate:**

- ✓ Attain applications from the college(s) you wish to apply to. You **MUST** let your BHS counselor know of your intentions to apply by **May 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to participate.
- ✓ Schedule a 15-minute appointment with your counselor to obtain your State form, official transcript, and to review your BHS credits and graduation requirements. (contact counseling secretary to schedule)
- ✓ Submit your applications and paperwork to the college(s), and take your College Readiness Assessment.
- ✓ **IF** you are admitted, schedule your orientation date with the college.
- ✓ Schedule your course registration date with the college.
- ✓ Meet with your counselor to adjust your BHS schedule.





## Guidelines for Postsecondary Enrollment Options Students

- **Your first priority as a PSEO student is meeting your high school graduation requirements or standards.** Because M State does not track or verify high school requirements, you are responsible for meeting with your high school counselor or principal to ensure your selected college courses will meet your high school graduation requirements. If you plan to make changes to your selected college courses, notify your advisor to verify PSEO eligibility.
- **M State cannot guarantee classes will be available for PSEO students.** Class availability is the same for PSEO students as regular M State students. Course registration is open to all students on a first-come, first-served basis, although some M State programs and courses are not open to PSEO students. Consult with your PSEO advisor for course and program eligibility.
- **College courses are different from high school courses.**
  - The majority of your learning is accomplished during study time outside the classroom, not during the classroom setting.
  - Expect two to four hours of homework weekly for each course credit.
  - Your class syllabus will contain a course outline and assignment deadlines; instructors rarely grant extensions or remind students of assignments.
  - Choose your classes wisely, because you will be expected to complete the courses you enroll in (the state of Minnesota pays for eligible PSEO classes and wants to make a good financial investment). All students have the first three days of the semester to add a course. Only PSEO students are able to drop courses through the first two weeks of the semester. For courses that begin mid-semester, the add/drop period ends one business day after the first class meeting. Meet with an M State advisor and your high school counselor before deciding to drop a course.
  - After the drop period ends, there is a withdrawal process that must be followed. Withdrawing from a course will result in a grade of a W on your transcript. Failure to follow the withdrawal process will most likely result in a failing grade, which will negatively affect your high school and M State GPAs. Check the academic calendar for the published “last day to withdraw from full-term classes” date. You also can find the last day to withdraw from a specific course by checking your class schedule in eServices.
- **PSEO students do not have to pay to enroll in fall and spring semester courses,** but they are responsible for tuition and fees if they choose to enroll in summer classes.
- **The grades you earn as a PSEO student are part of your permanent college transcript,** so it is important to do your best in all courses. If you have academic questions or concerns, please contact us immediately so we can connect you with the needed resources.





- **You are responsible for meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards each semester.** Under our SAP policy, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a completion rate of 66.66 percent (withdrawals, incompletes and failing grades would all adversely affect the successful completion percentage) to stay off academic warning. Once on academic warning, you have one semester to raise your GPA and completion rate or you will be placed on academic suspension. This policy changes for students who have taken fewer than 24 total credits. If you are concerned about your grades at any time, please contact your PSEO advisor or high school counselor.
- **Each semester, bring a completed PSEO Minnesota Department of Education form to your M State advising appointment.** You will need to meet with your high school counselor/principal to complete the form. The Minnesota Department of Education form is found at [minnesota.edu/forms](http://minnesota.edu/forms) under PSEO Forms. The Minnesota Department of Education form confirms you have met with your high school to verify high school graduation requirements and ensures eligible college course tuition and book fees are covered.
- **Be conservative when you enroll for classes and plan your time wisely.** Start and end dates for college courses are likely to vary from those of your high school. Please refer to your class schedule and the academic calendar for start and end dates each semester. If you anticipate conflicts that could interfere with completing a course, it would be best not to enroll in that course. Instructors will expect students to be in class, take exams on time and turn in all assignments by due dates.
- **Email is our official means of communication at M State.** Both staff and instructors will communicate with you via email. We recommend that you check your institutional student email account daily as some of these emails may require action on your part. You will receive an institutional student email account after registering for courses.
- **PSEO students borrow textbooks.** Books for on-campus courses can be picked up at the campus bookstore by showing your M State student ID and class schedule. Books for online courses can be ordered via the online bookstore (located within SpartanNet by selecting "Bookstore"). Order your books **three weeks before the semester start date**. Order your books online by selecting "Financial Aid/Agency/PSEO" from the drop-down payment menu.
  - You will receive a letter in the mail with instructions for returning books and/or course materials that have been covered by the PSEO program. Follow the instructions in the letter, or you will be charged for any items that are not returned.
- **PSEO students are considered an "eligible college student" under the Family Education and Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).** No matter the age of the student, M State cannot release any information, with the exception of directory information, to anyone other than the student unless a release of information is on file. If you wish to complete a *Release of Information Request*, visit [minnesota.edu/forms](http://minnesota.edu/forms)>Records Office Forms>eForms. A Release of Information Request is valid until rescinded by the student.
  - The high school counselor/principal is considered an "extension of the college staff" while the student is enrolled in PSEO. If there is not a release of information on file, parents may direct questions to the high school counselor, who in turn may communicate with the college.
- **Attendance is key.** It is up to you to show up and be prepared for class. Absences for vacations or any other reason will not count as excused absences, as they do in high school. If you need to miss a day of class, be sure to contact your instructor by phone and/or email, and get notes from a fellow class member.