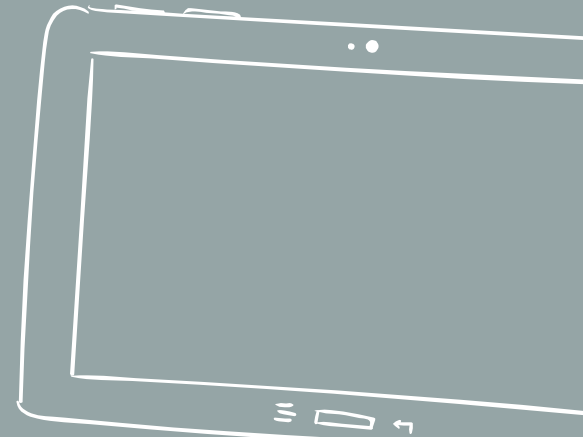
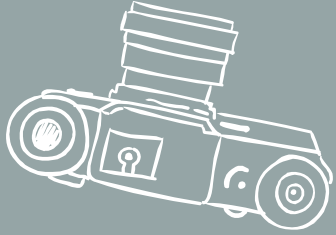


PSEO Information Night





Welcome Families!

Your High School Counselors:

- Laurel Molin: Last names A-D
- Tracy Caruso- Last names E-J
- Heather Vranicar- Last names K-N
- Tori Walsh - Last names O-Te
- Amy Knutson - Last names Th-Z



What we will Cover Today:

- What is PSEO?
- Qualifications
- Participating Schools
- Pros/Cons & Considerations
- Application Process

What Is PSEO?





What is PSEO?

Post Secondary Enrollment Options

- Students enroll in a college and take courses at that college in-person or online
- Earn college **AND** high school credit at the same time
- PSEO classes can satisfy HS graduation requirements - classes needs to be approved ahead of time by HS counselor
- PSEO **IS NOT** a high school program located at a college, **it is** college
- Part-time and full-time options

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Do I Qualify?



Qualifications:

- Current 10th and 11th graders can apply
- Current 9th graders can apply**
- Students should be on track for graduation, and able to transport themselves
- Each institution has its own requirements (it's your responsibility to find the right fit)
- Colleges decide on who they admit (Tartan is not involved)

Participating schools



Institution Requirements

Century College

- Juniors must be in 70 percentile of the class, and have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Seniors must be in the top 50% of their class, or have a 2.5 GPA
- July 1st deadline

University of Concordia, St. Paul

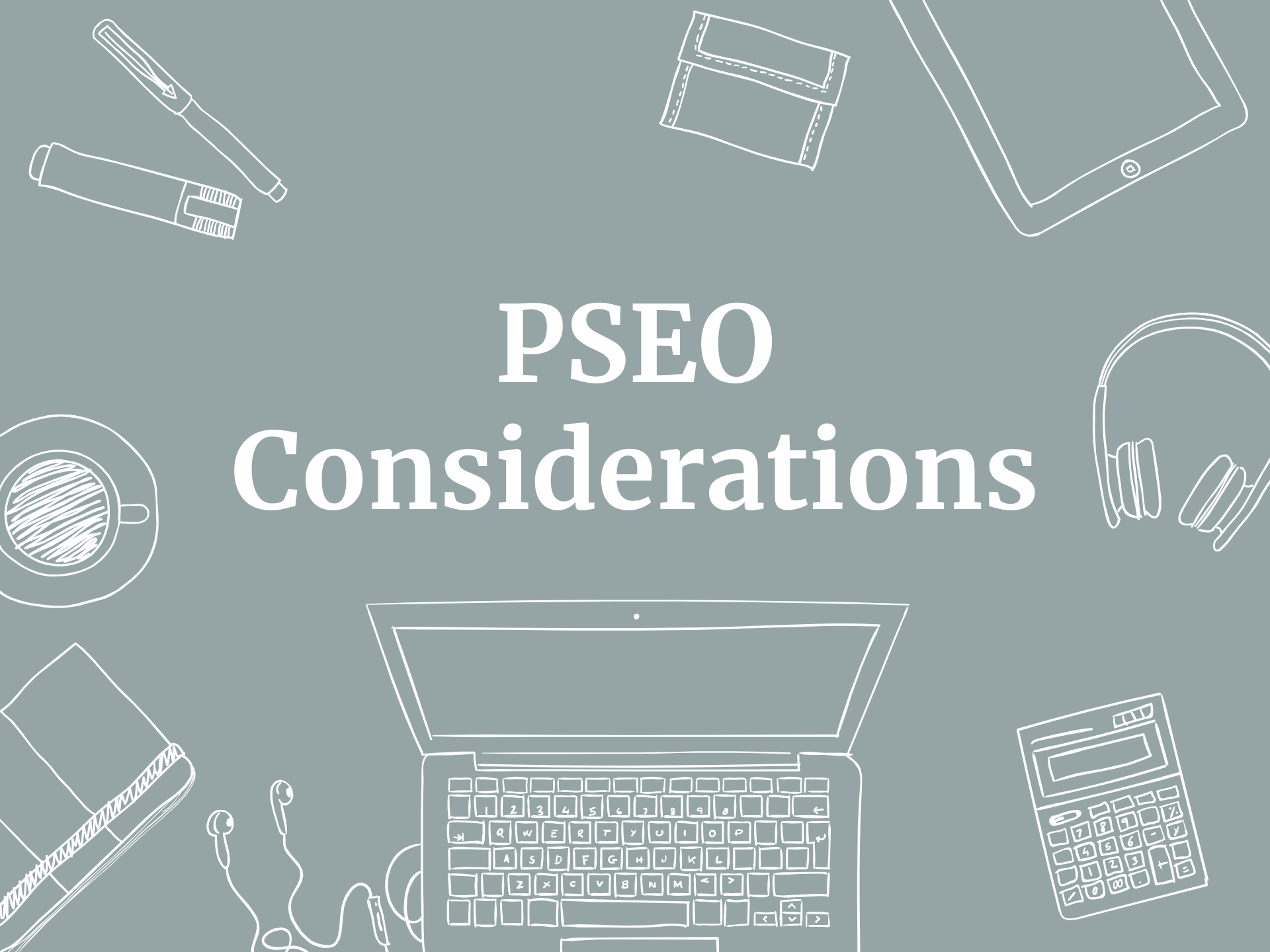
- Students should have a 3.25 GPA or higher
- May 5th deadline

University of MN - Twin Cities

- Minimum of 3.6 unweighted GPA to apply
- Avg GPA is 3.93
- 11th and 12th grade only
- April 17th deadline

Minnesota Department of Education PSEO

PSEO Considerations





Considerations of PSEO Enrollment

- Variety of college courses
- Faster pace of classes
- Flexible schedule
- College credits for free
- Dual Credit
- A way to get a college experience before graduating from high school
- Doing well in PSEO looks good on college applications
- Support from PSEO Advisor at the PSEO Institution

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Considerations Continued

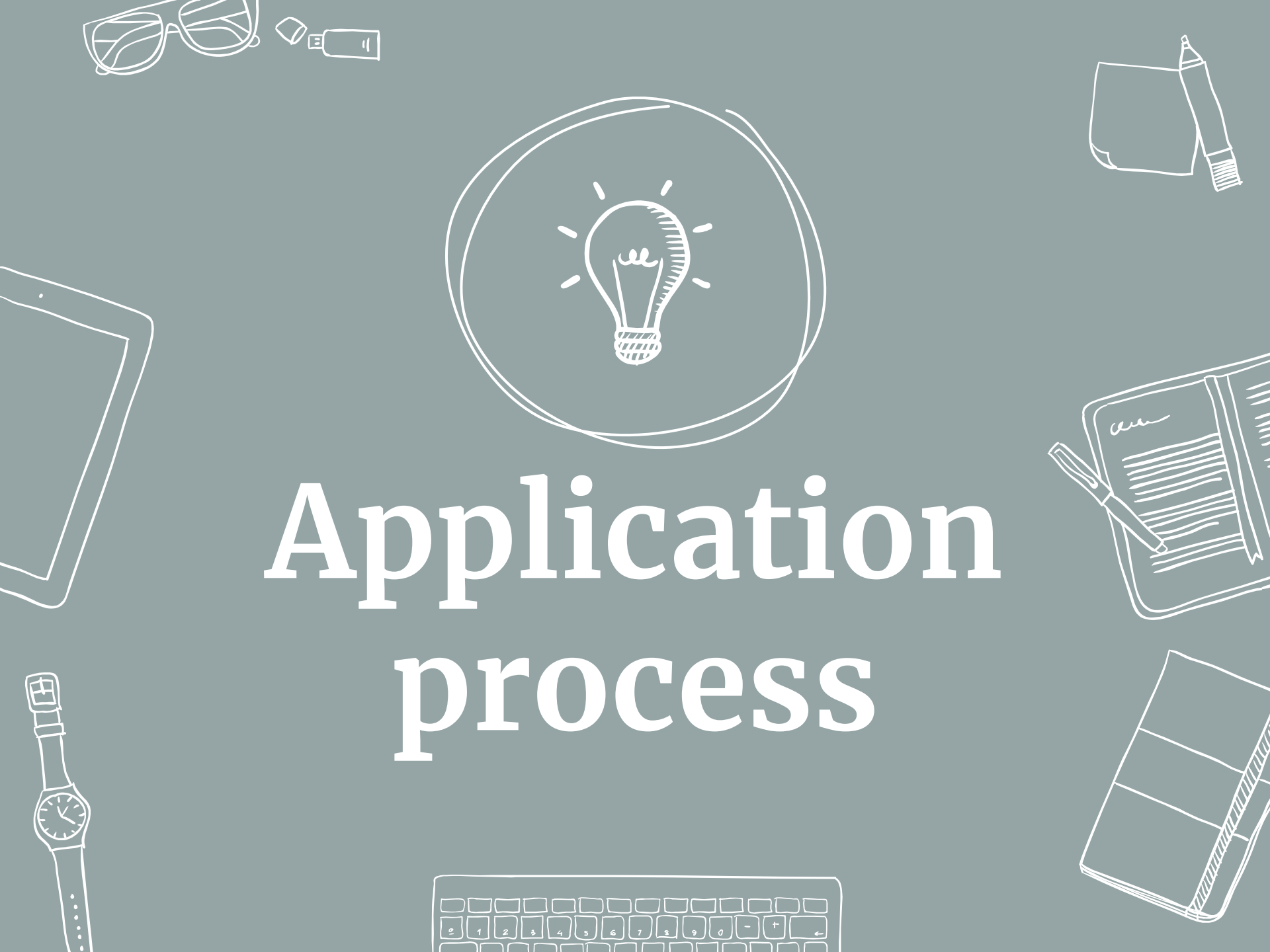
- **Loss of high school social experience**
- **Less access to high school academic resources**
(ex. Attendance, in progress grades cannot be accessed; HS Tartan teachers won't be able to help with PSEO courses, etc)
- **Transportation to/from campus**
- **Doing poorly, failing, or withdrawing automatically goes on a college transcript which could negatively impact GPA, graduation, and hurt college application.**
****Failing or withdrawing from classes COULD result in loss of financial aid for future college enrollment. Students need to pass 2/3 rds of the college credits they are enrolled in.**
- **Follow College Calendar--days off may be different**
- **Transferring credits to another college is dependent upon the transfer rules of the college. Check with colleges**

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Right fit:

- Wanting a Faster pace or exhausted rigorous coursework at Tartan
- Comfortable working with college-aged students and adults as classmates
- Academically mature
 - All grades are final and will be permanent on your HS and College Transcripts
 - You will need to follow the COLLEGE's policies. Excused absences, test retakes, and late work, etc. often not allowed or more limited
- Excellent communicator: will need to communicate and coordinate your PSEO education



Application process



How to Become a PSEO Student

1. Research PSEO Programs & attend informational sessions offered at various colleges
2. Complete college PSEO Application, MDE Notice of Student Registration, and sign & return PSEO Contract
3. College will make an admissions decision
4. Make an appointment with your high school counselor to discuss PSEO Enrollment
5. If offered, attend an orientation at the college & register for courses with your PSEO Advisor.
6. PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR REGISTERED/SCHEDULED COURSES TO YOUR COUNSELOR BEFORE THE START OF THE COLLEGE SEMESTER.



How will I know if I'm accepted?

You will be notified by email/mail from the college if you have been accepted or denied. If you have questions about your application, you will need to contact the college.



General timeline & Next steps

- March – May: apply to PSEO at a college
**colleges will have their own deadlines for application
- No later than May 30th: follow-up email with your Tartan counselor
- August: Send a copy of your college enrollment schedule to your counselor.

Counselors will not change students high school schedule until they receive copy of college enrollment schedule (typically late August)



College PSEO INFORMATION NIGHTS Starting Now!

- ✕ [Century College In-person/Virtual PSEO Info Session](#)
- ✕ [St Paul College Virtual PSEO Information Nights](#)
- ✕ Northwestern
 - Please contact an admissions counselor for a personal appointment by phone at (651) 631-5126
- ✕ [Bethel](#)
- ✕ [University of Minnesota PSEO Information Nights](#)

You can find more information on the [Tartan website!](#)



Summary of Today:

- PSEO can be a great opportunity!!
- Lots of pros and cons to consider when applying
- Be ready to make some tough, and mature decisions
- Up to you, the student and your family to initiate the process
- Be mindful of deadlines
- Lots of great resources through Tartan's website, and colleges' pseo websites!

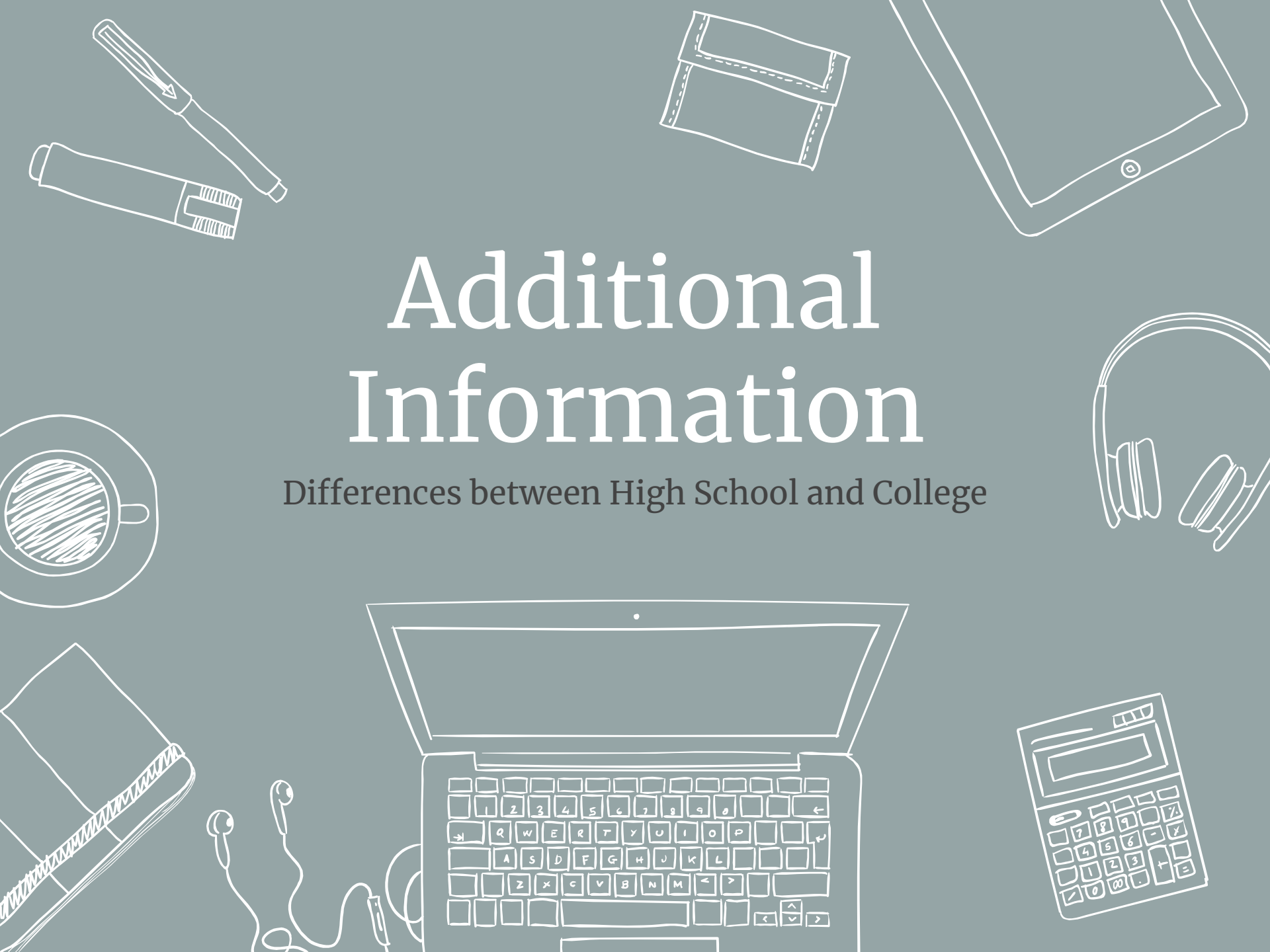


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Any questions?

Additional Information

Differences between High School and College





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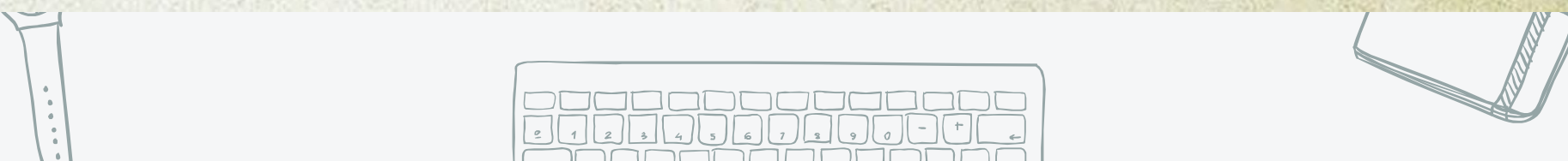
FOLLOWING THE RULES IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Attending high school is mandatory and is usually free.
- Your time is structured by others.
- You need permission to participate in co-curricular activities.
- Adults will remind you of responsibilities and help you set priorities.
- You are not responsible for knowing what it takes to graduate.
- You are usually corrected if your behavior is out of line.

2

COLLEGE

BEING RESPONSIBLE IN COLLEGE

- Attending college is voluntary and is expensive.
 - You manage your own time.
 - You must decide whether to participate in co-curricular activities.
 - You balance your own classes with the help of an advisor.
 - Graduation requirements may change, and you are responsible for knowing what applies to you.
 - You are expected to take responsibility for your actions as well the consequences for your decisions.
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HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

- You have limited class choices and the school creates your schedule.
- Generally classes have no more than 35 students.
- You proceed from one class directly to the next.
- You usually spend six hours a day in classes.
- Attendance is taken.
- Textbooks are provided at little or no expense.
- Required classes are the same for all students.
- Modifications that change course rigor, volume or outcomes may be offered based on an IEP.
- You will do most of your studying in class.

COLLEGE CLASSES

- You choose your classes and set your schedule.
- Classes may have more than 100 students.
- You often have several hours between classes which may be scheduled throughout the day and evening.
- You attend 2-4 classes per day, usually 12-16 hours per week.
- Attendance may or may not be taken, but professors know who misses.
- Textbooks are expensive. The cost is your responsibility.
- Classes are based on a field of study and requirements vary.
- Modifications that change rigor, volume or outcomes will not be offered.
- You will do most of your studying outside of class, at least 2-3 hours outside of class for each hour in class.



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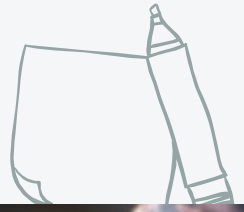
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

- Teachers remind students of incomplete work.
- Teachers approach students if they feel they need help.
- Teachers are often available for conversation before, during or after class.
- Teachers have been trained in teaching methods to assist in imparting knowledge to students.
- Teachers provide you with information you may have missed if you were absent.
- Teachers present material to help you understand what is in the textbook.
- Teachers often write information on the board to be copied in your notes.
- Teachers impart knowledge and facts, sometimes drawing direct connections and leading you through the thinking process.
- Teachers often take time to remind you of assignments and due dates.
- Teachers bear much of the responsibility for your learning.

2 COLLEGE

COLLEGE PROFESSORS

- Professors may not remind students of incomplete work.
- Professors are usually open and helpful but most will expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance.
- Professors expect and want you to attend scheduled office hours.
- Professors have been trained as experts in their particular areas of research.
- Professors expect you to get from classmates any information you may have missed when absent.
- Professors may not follow textbooks. You are expected to read on your own. Lectures enhance information from the book.
- Professors may lecture non-stop, expecting you to identify the important points in your notes. When professors write on the board, it may be to amplify the lecture, not to summarize it. Good notes are a must.
- Professors expect you to think independently and make the connection between topics.
- Professors expect you to read, save and refer to the course syllabus to keep track of due dates and assignments.
- You bear the responsibility for your learning while professors serve as guides, mentors and resources.

**1**

HIGH SCHOOL

STUDYING IN HIGH SCHOOL

- You may study as little as 0-2 hours per week and this may be to get ready for a test.
- You often need to hear or read material only once to learn all you need about a topic.
- You read short assignments that are then discussed in class and often retaught in class.
- You are frequently told what you need to learn from assigned readings.

2

COLLEGE

STUDYING IN COLLEGE

- You may need to study at least 2-3 hours for each hour of class.
- You will need to continually review class notes and text information to learn course materials.
- You may be assigned large amounts of reading and writing that may not be discussed in class.
- It is up to you to understand what must be learned from reading assignments. Lectures and assignments proceed from the assumption that you have already read the material.



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HIGH SCHOOL

TESTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material.
- Makeup tests are often available.
- Teachers may rearrange test dates to avoid conflict with school event times.
- Teachers frequently conduct review sessions.
- Mastery is usually seen as the ability to reproduce what you were taught in the form in which it was presented to you.

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COLLEGE

TESTS IN COLLEGE

- Tests may be infrequent and cover large amounts of material and could be cumulative. You, not the professor, organize the material to prepare for a test.
- Makeup tests are often not available.
- Professors in different courses usually schedule tests without regard to the demands of other courses or outside activities.
- Professors usually do not offer review sessions, and when they do, they expect the student to come with questions and be an active participant.
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HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES

- Grades are given for most assigned work.
- Good homework grades may help to raise poor test scores.
- Extra credit options are usually available to raise your grade.
- Initial tests are usually not counted, especially if they are low.
- You may graduate as long as you have passed all required courses with a grade of D or better.

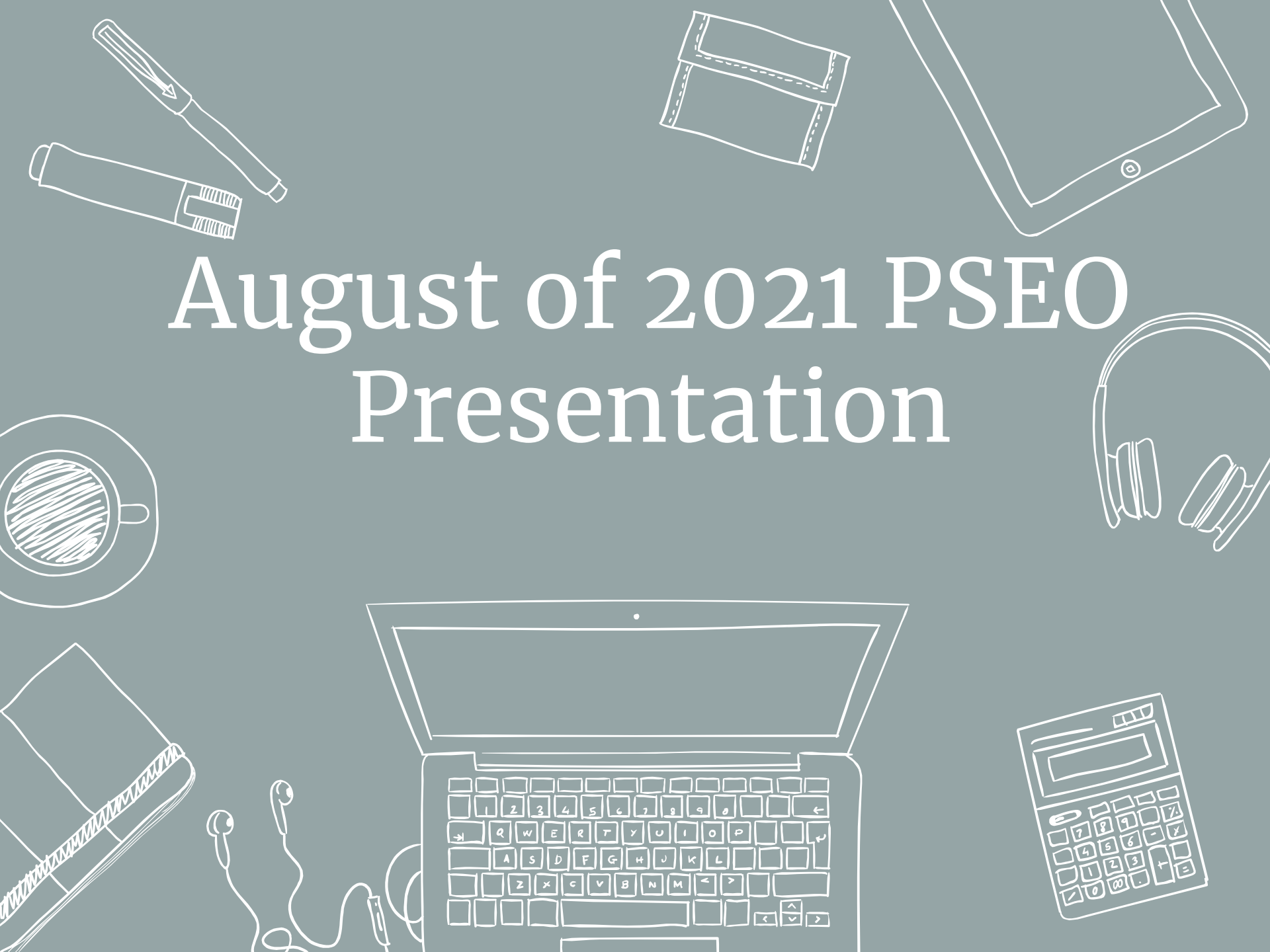
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COLLEGE

COLLEGE GRADES

- Assigned work may or may not be graded.
- Tests and major papers provide the majority of the grade, but a grade may be lowered if homework is not done.
- Extra credit options are usually not available to raise a course grade.
- First tests reveal expectations of the instructor and are usually a part of the final grade.
- You may graduate only if your average in classes meets the departmental standard—typically a 2.0 (C) or better.

August of 2021 PSEO Presentation



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- ✘ Take a mixture of required and elective courses at PSEO college



Overview of PSEO process (once accepted)

✖ Registration for courses:

- Student informs Tartan counselor of courses planned at Tartan vs. PSEO
- Tartan counselor gives student parameters to look for in those pseo classes (# of credits, curriculum, etc.)
- Student registers with support from their college advisor
- Student sends pseo registration to tartan counselor
- Tartan counselor adjusts tartan schedule to remove them from pseo equivalent courses and/or electives

✖ Credits

- At the end of a college semester – college will send transcripts to the Tartan counselor
- Tartan counselor then adds classes/credits to tartan hs transcript
- HS GPA updates automatically



Credit Equivalencies

A year-long class at Tartan = 3 Credits

(Ex: 3 Credits of US History Required)

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A Semester-Long Class in College = 4 Credits

(Ex: 4 Credits PSEO US History Class Required)

1 PSEO credit x 0.75 = Tartan credits

4 PSEO credits x 0.75 = 3 Tartan credits



Roles and Responsibilities for PSEO

You, the PSEO student!

PSEO College Advisor

Tartan HS Counselor

After you are accepted:

- ★ Complete the placement test at the college. (Students may be able to substitute ACT exam score)
- ★ Attend orientation and registration – attendance is required before PSEO registration (Bring placement test results or ACT exam results to your orientation and registration session).
- ★ Send your college schedule to your School Counselor and let them know which, if any, THS courses you would like to keep in your high school schedule.

