

EARNING COLLEGE
CREDIT WHILE IN HIGH
SCHOOL





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Courses for College Credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Rigorous, college-level courses taught at your high school.

COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS (CIS)

Classes in your high school that are considered “dual enrollment” with a community college or University.

*aka Dual-Enrollment (DE) or
Concurrent-Enrollment (CE)*

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (PSEO)

Enrolling as a college student during high school.

ARTICULATION OR ARTICULATED CREDIT

Opportunity to take classes during high school that will transfer as credit at certain two-year technical colleges.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

- Nationally standardized curriculum, managed by *The College Board*
- Rigorous, college level courses
- Credit transferability will depend on your college choice after high school
- To qualify for college credit, students typically need to earn a 3 or higher on standardized AP exam (taken in May)
- COST: Fee for each exam is approximately \$65 (non-refundable if student drops course before exam or decides not to take the exam).

AP Courses at MHS

- BIOLOGY
- CALCULUS AB
- CALCULUS BC
- GOVERNMENT & POLITICS
- PHYSICS 2
- STATISTICS

**CHECK PREREQUISITES FOR AP CLASSES IN THE COURSE GUIDE

College in the Schools (CIS)

- Classes taught in our high school by our teachers, for college credit
- Credit transferability will depend on your college choice after high school-**Not Limited to Schools in MN**
- Transferology: Tool to confirm ability to transfer courses
- Grades: Permanent record on both your college & high school transcript
- Students will register for CIS courses at registration time
- Counselors will work with students to apply & register for classes
- **COST: FREE!**

CIS Courses at MHS

COURSES OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MN:

- INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE: POETRY, DRAMA, NARRATIVE
- INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC SPEAKING
- PSYCHOLOGY
- SPANISH 4 (1ST SEMESTER)
- SPANISH 4 (2ND SEMESTER)
- UNIVERSITY WRITING
- US HISTORY TO 1865
- US HISTORY SINCE 1865

COURSES OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY:

- CHEMISTRY (HUSKIES IN THE HS)
- PHYSICS (HUSKIES IN THE HS)

COURSES OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE:

- A'CAPPELLA CHOIR
- ECONOMICS
- FUNDAMENTAL MUSIC
- MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS
- PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
- WIND ENSEMBLE

COURSES OFFERED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
- FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION
- HUMAN RELATIONS AND MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
- INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE SCIENCE
- WEIGHT TRAINING
- WELLNESS FOR LIFE
- FITNESS WALKING

****SEE 2024-2025 COURSE GUIDE FOR MOST CURRENT OFFERINGS****

ARTICULATED CREDIT

College credit is earned if the student attends that specific school listed in the MHS Course Catalog and has successfully completed the classes with the grade requirement.

Courses at MHS

Course Name	Associated College
Certified Nursing Assistant	Colleges who offer CNA for credit course
Culinary 1	Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Normandale Community College
Culinary 2	Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Normandale Community College
Culinary 3	Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Normandale Community College
Interior Design	Century College, Normandale Community College
Intro to Business and Entrepreneurship	Anoka Ramsey Community College, Hennepin Technical Community College, Normandale Community College
Fashion Engineering and Design	Century College, Alexandria Technical and Community College, Normandale Community College
FACS Studio	Century College, Alexandria Technical and Community College, Normandale Community College
Marketing	Chippewa Valley Technical College - River Falls

PSEO

- “Posting Out”
- Register for and take classes on a college campus (traditional or virtual)
- Compete high school requirements concurrently with college requirements
- COST: FREE! (including books and lab fees)



MHS' Most Common PSEO Campuses

- ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY
- ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- NORTH HENNEPIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- ANOKA RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN, ST. PAUL
- UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

OR ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA THAT OFFERS PSEO

PSEO: Who Qualifies?

General Guidelines:

Note: admission criteria varies by institution

Juniors

- Top 1/3 of class
- 3.5 + GPA
- ACT Score above 23*

Seniors

- Top 1/2 of class
- 3.0+ GPA
- ACT Score above 23*



***REGISTER @ MYACT.ORG**

Successful PSEO Students:

HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK



HAVE STRONG STUDY SKILLS

HAVE GOOD TIME-MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION SKILLS

ARE SELF-DIRECTED, SELF-MOTIVATED, SELF-ADVOCATES

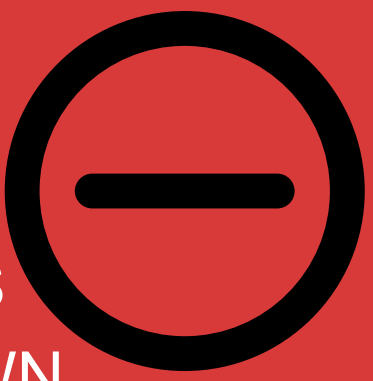


PSEO BENEFITS

- Save money on tuition and books
- Get a jump start on completing college level classes
- *May* reduce the time you spend in college
- *May* have a more flexible daily schedule
- Highly motivated students could earn an Associate's Degree (AA) concurrently with the High School Diploma



PSEO CHALLENGES



- MISS OUT ON HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES
- PSEO STUDENTS MUST MANAGE THEIR OWN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- MUST MAKE A FULL-YEAR COMMITMENT DUE TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SEMESTER/TRIMESTER SCHEDULE
- MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE CLASSES THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE (END UP TAKING ONLINE CLASSES)
- COMMUTING TO CAMPUS
- PERMANENT RECORD ON BOTH YOUR COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS (CONSIDER GPA IMPACTS)
- DROPPED CLASSES MAY RESULT IN AN "E" ON YOUR MHS TRANSCRIPT
- CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY WILL DEPEND ON YOUR COLLEGE CHOICE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
- NO PARENTAL ACCESS TO GRADES AND PROFESSORS
- MHS COUNSELORS DO NOT KNOW COURSE PROGRESS UNTIL THE END OF TERM

PSEO Credits

vs.

MHS Credits



CREDIT EQUIVALENCIES

4 college credits = 1.5 high school credit
3 college credits = 1.25 high school credit
2 college credits = .75 high school credit
1 college credit = .375 high school credit

PSEO CREDIT LOAD

- A "Full Time" PSEO student needs 12 credits/semester; although 15+ credits/semester will be necessary to earn an AA degree in two years.
- "Part Time" PSEO students take classes at MHS, as scheduling availability allows. (This may require students to choose online options).

This will be discussed in more depth at your personalized PSEO Advising Session



Example PSEO Schedule: Junior Year

Semester 1	Semester 2
College Composition & Rhetoric (4 credits)	Intro to Literature (3 credits)
College Algebra* (3 credits)	General Chemistry (5 credits)
Intro to Econ (3 Credits)	Career Planning (2 credits)
United States to 1865 (3 Credits)	United States Since 1865 (3 Credits)
Total: 13 credits	Total: 13 credits

**Or appropriate college-level math class, chosen in consultation with MHS Counselor & PSEO advisor.*

Note: Examples above fulfill requirements of a full-time PSEO student (12 credits). Students will need 15+ credits each semester to be on track to earn an AA degree and/or complete the MN transfer curriculum by high school graduation. Students will work with their university advisors to determine additional course requirements.



Example PSEO Schedule: Senior Year



Semester 1	Semester 2
Any Communication class (3-4 credits)	American National Government (3 Credits)
Other classes (to 12-15+ credits)	Other classes (to 12-15+ credits)
<p>Once the above courses are complete, students may choose PSEO classes according to their personal academic and career goals. Students must take 12+ credits to be considered a full-time PSEO student and <i>15+ credits each semester to be on track to earn an AA degree and/or complete the MN transfer curriculum by high school graduation.</i></p>	



Comparing Credit-Earning Options:

	Classes @ MHS	Available as Trimester courses	Classes on college Campus	No Cost	Full-Year Commitment	Generates a separate college transcript	May transfer to technical colleges	May transfer to 4-year colleges
AP	X	x					X	X
CIS	X	x		X		X	X	X
PSEO			X	X	X	X	X	X
Articulated Credit	X	x		X*			X	

*See applicable Course Fees



Comparing Credit-Earning Options:

Enrollment Considerations



	Program Prerequisites:	Additional Meetings (or steps) Required:	Course Registration Managed by:
AP	Course Sequencing		MHS
CIS	3.0 Jr. GPA 2.5 Sr. GPA	X	MHS
PSEO	3.5 Jr. GPA 3.0 Sr. GPA	X	Student/College
Articulated Credit	Course Sequencing		MHS

PSEO Next Steps:



APPLY DIRECTLY TO AN INSTITUTION

Carefully review application information and requirements on each school's website. You typically need to send an OFFICIAL transcript with your application. Many schools require meetings or testing prior to application. This is YOUR responsibility.

MHS PSEO CONTRACT

This is required by the school and you will receive access to it when you attend an MHS PSEO Advising Session.

NOSR

A signed "Notice of Student Registration" (NOSR) is required by the COLLEGE and allows you to register for classes and authorizes the state to pay.

MHS PSEO ADVISING SESSION

Students and parents must attend a PSEO advising meeting AND complete the PSEO contract BY MAY 31 to receive a signed NOSR. NO EXCEPTIONS.

PSEO Next Steps:

SIGN UP!



SIGN UP FOR A MEETING

PSEO ADVISING SESSION DATES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 7:15AM
- 3:00PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 9:10AM (FLEX)
- 3:00PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:15AM
- 9:10AM (FLEX)





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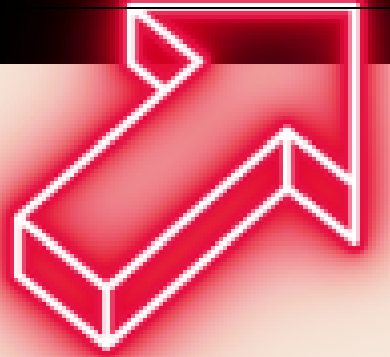
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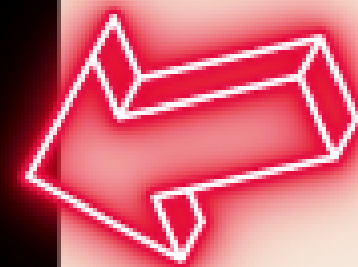
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**ORDERING
TRANSCRIPTS**



Transcript Requests

High School Transcript Request:

- Current and former students may request an electronic delivery or a mailed delivery to the destination[s] of their choice.
- There is a fee of \$4.40 for each **Official Transcript** ordered. Unofficial (Self View) Transcripts are free.
- Please be aware that ACT scores only appear on these transcripts for graduating class of 2017 and beyond. ACT scores will not be removed from transcripts. You will need to request your scores directly through ACT at actstudent.org if you are a 2016 graduate or earlier.

[Order credentials from parchment here.](#)

CIS and S2S Transcript Requests:

These must be requested through the college that the course was through.

[University of Minnesota Transcript Request](#)

[Central Lakes College Transcript Request](#)

[St Cloud State University Transcript Request](#)

Parchment Help Documents and Videos

[Parchment Quick Start Guide](#)

[Create a Parchment Account \(New Learner Account\)](#)

[Place an Order for your Official MHS Transcript in Parchment](#)

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**REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL
FOR ALL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS!**



UNIVERSITY
OF MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota- Twin Cities

PSEO VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS: JOIN VIA ZOOM TO HEAR FROM CURRENT STUDENTS AND PROGRAM STAFF ABOUT THE U OF M TWIN CITIES PSEO PROGRAM AND THE 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR ADMISSIONS PROCESS.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21: 5:30–6:30 P.M. (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27: 5:30–6:30 P.M. (ZOOM)

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- February 15, 2024: Application opens
- April 15, 2024: Application deadline
- May 22, 2024: Decisions sent

Admitted students are eligible for both fall and spring classes. There's no separate, spring-only admissions cycle.

St. Cloud State University.

Deadlines

Students should have ALL application materials submitted by the posted deadlines:

- **Fall Admission - *June 1***



St. Cloud Technical & Community College

Deadlines

Students should have ALL application materials submitted by the posted deadlines:

- **Fall Admission - *June 1***



North Hennepin Community College



Deadlines

Students should have ALL application materials submitted by the posted deadlines:

Fall 2024 Deadlines:

Priority: April 15, 2024

Final: July 1, 2024

NORTHWESTERN



**UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHWESTERN**
ST. PAUL

Fall 2024 Term

- Application opens: approx. February 1, 2024
- PSEO On-Campus application deadline: May 1, 2024 **New Deadline**

North Hennepin Community College



Deadlines

Students should have ALL application materials submitted by the posted deadlines:

Fall 2024 Deadlines:

Priority: April 15, 2024

Final: July 1, 2024

Anoka-Ramsey Community College



Deadlines

Students should have ALL application materials submitted by the posted deadlines:

Fall 2024 Deadlines:

Priority: April 15, 2024

Final: July 1, 2024

MORE QUESTIONS?

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