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DELANO HIGH SCHOOL
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ABOUT PSEO

- Students attend college classes at any participating MN college or university, just like a regular college student.
- Full-time or part-time
Full-time PSEO means taking zero classes at the high school and any number of courses at the college. Part-time PSEO refers to a student who takes any combination of courses between the high school and the college.
- On-campus courses, online, or both.
- Students must have at least one open hour on their DHS schedule in order to go PSEO.
- Tuition, fees, textbooks/course materials are all paid for. Students order their own materials and books.
- Students are responsible for housing and transportation. Families who meet income guidelines may be eligible for mileage reimbursement.
- Students are eligible to be involved in all DHS extracurricular activities and events.
- PSEO students generate a college transcript at the college they attend.
- Courses and grades are transferred back onto students' DHS transcript.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PSEO STUDENT

Students must meet with their counselor prior to registering for PSEO to ensure they're taking the right PSEO classes to fulfill their DHS graduation requirements. Student is responsible for ensuring DHS receives their PSEO transcript in a timely manner. DHS communicates with PSEO students via email regarding graduation, scholarships, etc. Students are responsible for knowing deadlines, etc.

PSEO ELIGIBILITY

11th and 12th grade students may participate in PSEO. Eligibility requirements are set by the individual college. Look on a college's website under their admissions section – most have PSEO-specific information there.

10th graders are able to take PSEO classes in a very limited capacity if they meet admission criteria ("meets" or "exceeds" score on MCA Reading in 8th grade). 10th graders may take one Career & Technical Education (CTE) class first semester at participating colleges. A student who enrolls in a single eligible CTE course during the first semester of their 10th grade year and receives a "C" or better may enroll in additional postsecondary courses in the subsequent semester.

WHO IS A GOOD FIT FOR PSEO?

- Self-motivated
- Independent
- Solid time management skills
- Mature
- Able to handle higher academic stress
- Possess strong academic skills in that subject area (A or B in those classes)
- Confident self-advocate
- Strong work ethic
- Organized
- Checks email regularly (PSEO & DHS)

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BENEFITS OF TAKING COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Higher-rigor courses provide good preparation for college expectations.
- By completing some coursework through PSEO, students may need to spend less time in college.
- Saves families money - no cost to you.
- Students could graduate with their Associates degree at the same time they graduate with their high school diploma.

KNOW THE STATS:

Between 2015 and 2020:

- 46% of DHS students who went PSEO received at least one C.
- 23% of DHS students who went PSEO received at least D.
- 16% of DHS students who went PSEO received at least one F.
- Between 2019 - 2020, 10% of PSEO students received 2+ Fs in PSEO courses and 6% needed credit recovery.

POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS OF TAKING COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

- Dual-credit coursework is a permanent part of a college transcript. This can affect consideration for admission and competitive college majors/programs.
- Low grades or completion rate can result in students being placed on academic warning and academic suspension with the college. This can affect:
 - Ability to continue taking dual-credit courses
 - Ability to enroll in that college
 - Eligibility for financial aid after HS graduation
- It's not unusual for DHS students to graduate with a full year of credits under their belt, typically generals. Students will enter college ready to jump into the classes for their major. These students need to intentionally spend time considering their potential major/program.
- Not all programs require students to take a lot of generals.
- Failure can put high school graduation in jeopardy.
- Deadline to drop online college classes is seven days before the course starts.
- Due to quicker pacing and higher expectations, it can be more difficult for students to be absent frequently or for long stretches.
- Students are jumping ahead one or two years in rigor. This can be tough for some students.
- Due to data privacy regulations, college teachers **cannot** communicate with parents (unless the student signs a release of information).

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CIS AND PSEO?

CIS COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS	PSEO POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS
Offers class work time daily.	Offers class lecture time. Students are responsible for class work independently.
Teachers available to answer questions daily.	Questions usually answered via email or office hours.
Class with familiar peers to connect with and ask questions.	Class with college students or, if online, no physical contact with students to connect with.
Parents can communicate and receive communication from teachers.	Parents cannot communicate on behalf of student and cannot receive communication on behalf of student due to FERPA (unless student signs a release).
Challenging course work with support to transition to college life/rigor.	Students must be independent, self-motivated, and advocate for themselves when necessary.
Credits from classes will be applied to the student's high school and college transcripts.	Credits from classes will be applied to the student's high school and college transcripts.
Eligible for High Honors diploma.	Not eligible for High Honors diploma.
Weighted grades.	Non-weighted grades unless the course is equivalent to our CIS courses.

PSEO APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students and their parent(s) must first meet with a counselor to discuss PSEO. Students will apply directly to the college according to their procedure. Typically this will include:

- College's application for PSEO admission
- DHS transcript - your school counselor will send this to the college with your NOSR form.
- MDE Notice of Student Registration (NOSR) form. Bring this form to your counselor for completion of school section.

Deadline to notify DHS of intent to enroll in PSEO for the following school year (fall or spring semester) is **May 30th.**

QUESTIONS?

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For more information and forms, visit
<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/du al/pseo/>