

Earning College Credit at Fridley High School January 14th, 2026



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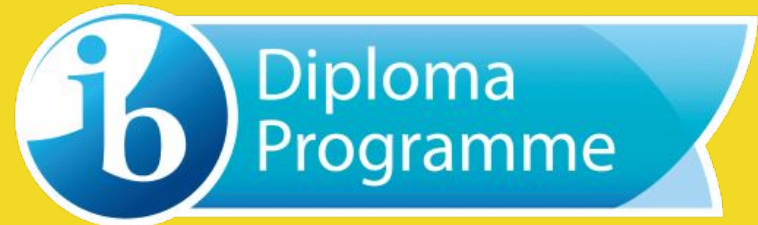
There are multiple ways to earn college credit at Fridley HS.

- Concurrent Enrollment
- CP/DP Classes + Exams
- Articulated Courses
- MN Bilingual Seal
- PSEO - Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

Students will receive information about these options during the registration process. Students will receive information about these options on February 2nd.



Earning college credit with International Baccalaureate (IB)





IB Career-Related Programme (CP) at FHS

This program combines rigorous college level Diploma Programme courses with career and technical education courses. This program is for students interested in challenging themselves in academics AND with hands-on learning in a career pathway.

Career Pathway
+
2 IB DP Courses
+
Community Engagement
Personal and Professional Skills
Reflective Project
Language and Cultural Studies

Upon successful completion, students will earn the Career-Related Certificate from IB.

Career Pathways:

Health Careers

- EMR/EMT
- CNA

IT Careers

- A+ Software and Hardware
- Intro to Computer Programming

Interdisciplinary Elective:

- Personal and Professional Skills



IB Diploma Programme (DP) at FHS

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a collection of rigorous, college-level courses that help students prepare for their post-secondary education. These courses also carry the potential to earn college credit. At FHS, there are 3 pathways for Diploma students - IB Diploma, IB Scholar, and IB Certificate

IB Diploma:

Full IB Diploma Candidates must complete the following requirements:

- 6 DP courses + exams
 - 3 HL and 3 SL
- Theory of Knowledge class
- Community, Activity, and Service (CAS project)
- Extended Essay
 - Up to 4000 word research essay on a topic that the student selects

Upon successful completion, students will receive their IB Diploma in July of their graduating year.

IB Scholar:

- 4 DP courses + exams
 - Any combination of SL or HL courses

Upon successful completion, students will be recognized at FHS graduation and have the potential to earn college credit in those DP courses.

IB Certificate:

- Any DP course + exam

Upon successful completion, students have the potential to earn college credit in that DP course.

IB Diploma Programme (DP) Courses at FHS

Language & Literature: Language & Literature SL and HL	Individuals & Societies: - History of the Americas HL - Business Management SL	Mathematics: - DP Math: Applications & Interpretation SL - DP Math: Analysis & Approaches SL Year 1 & Year 2
Language Acquisition: - Spanish SL - Mandarin SL	Experimental Sciences: - Biology HL - Environmental Systems & Societies SL	The Arts: - Music SL Interdisciplinary Elective: - Theory of Knowledge

SL indicates Standard Level and HL indicates Higher Level

College Credit Opportunities through DP Testing!

Institutions Accepting IB Credit	IB Test Subject	Higher Level IB Exams Required	Required IB Exam Score	Credit Earned for IB Exam
Augsburg College	Biology	Yes	5+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	Yes	IB exams not accep..	No credit awarded for IB exams
	History of the Americas	Yes	5+	4
Bethel University	Biology	No	Varies	Varies
	English A: Language & Lite..	No	Varies	Varies
	History of the Americas	No	4+	6
Concordia University - St. Paul	Biology	Yes	4+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	Yes	4+	4
	History of the Americas	Yes	Varies	Varies
Hamline University	Biology	Yes	5+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	Yes	4+	Varies
	History of the Americas	Yes	4+	4
Minneapolis Community and Technical College	Biology	No	4+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	No	4+	6
	History of the Americas	No	4+	4
Minnesota State University Mankato	Biology	Don't Know	4+	Varies
	English A: Language & Lite..	Don't Know	4+	Varies
	History of the Americas	Don't Know	4+	4
St. Cloud State University	Biology	Don't Know	4+	3
	English A: Language & Lite..	Don't Know	4+	3
	History of the Americas	Don't Know	4+	3
University of Minnesota Duluth	Biology	No	5+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	No	5+	4
	History of the Americas	No	5+	4
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Biology	No	5+	4
	English A: Language & Lite..	No	5+	8
	History of the Americas	No	5+	8
University of St. Thomas	Biology	Yes	Varies	Varies
	English A: Language & Lite..	Yes	4+	4
	History of the Americas	Yes	4+	4

DP Higher Level test scores in Biology, Lang/Lit, and History could possibly award students anywhere from **9-20 college credits**, depending on the college!

Concurrent Enrollment + Articulated Courses

Concurrent Enrollment Courses at FHS -

What is concurrent enrollment?

- Students are enrolled in 2 places at once - the college & the high school
- Students apply to the college in their class
- Transfers to almost all public and private institutions, 2 year and 4 year colleges - examples:
 - Statistics transfers into UMN Twin Cities as Stat 3011*
 - College Algebra transfers into UMN TC as Math 1031*
- Free to students; need a C or better to get credit



Pine Technical &
Community College



Concurrent Enrollment Classes Offered at Fridley High School

Statistics (4 credits) -Offered to 12th grade students only

College Algebra (3 credits)-This class is embedded within DP Math Analysis SL Year 1 and Year 2

College Writing and Critical Reading (4 Credits)- DP Language and Literature 12 HL

Foundations of Education (4 Credits)- Offered to 11th and 12th grade students

American Government (3 credits) - Offered to 12th grade students only

Unifying Concepts in Biology (4 Credits)- 12th Grade DP Biology HL



Pine Technical &
Community College

Concurrent Enrollment Classes Offered at Fridley High School

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (3 credits)- Offered to 11th and 12th grade students

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (6 or 9 credits)- Offered to 11th and 12th grade students

Certified Nursing Assistant (4 credits) - Offered to 11th and 12th grade students



College in the Schools (CIS) Classes Offered at Fridley High School

Chinese 4

- **Beginning Modern Chinese II-CHN 1012**
- **5 Credits**

DP Mandarin 5

- **Accelerated Beginning Modern Chinese-CHN 1015**
- **5 Credits**

DP Mandarin 6

- **Intermediate Modern Chinese-CHN 3021**
- **5 Credits**

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

4 Credits
2.6 GPA

DP Lang & Lit HL 12

ARCC College Reading and Writing

3 Credits
Sophomores 3.0 GPA
Juniors 2.8 GPA

DP Analysis & App. 2-
ARCC College Algebra 1

4 Credits
2.6 GPA

Intro to Stats
ARCC

4 Credits
Juniors 3.0 GPA
Seniors 2.5 GPA

Nursing Assistant
Pine Tech

3 Credits
Juniors 3.0 GPA
Seniors 2.5 GPA

EMR- Pine Tech

6 Credits
Juniors 3.0 GPA
Seniors 2.5 GPA

EMT- Pine Tech

Concurrent Enrollment Classes GPA Eligibility



12th Grade DP Lang/Lit HL

2.6 GPA

Intro To Statistics

2.6 GPA

DP Analysis and Approaches

10th Grade: 3.0
11th Grade: 2.8
12th Grade: 2.6

12th Grade Government

2.6 GPA

12th Grade DP Biology HL

2.6 GPA

Foundations of Education

11th Grade: 2.8
12th Grade: 2.6

Certified Nursing Assistant

No GPA Requirement

Emergency Medical Responder

11th Grade: 3.0
12th Grade: 2.5

Emergency Medical Technician

11th Grade: 3.0
12th Grade: 2.5

Concurrent Enrollment

Plan ahead to earn college credit from FHS classes in 11th and 12th grades.

Options:

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (3 credits) - Pine Technical & Community College

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) (6 credits) - Pine Technical & Community College

Statistics (4 credits) - Anoka Ramsey Community College (12th grade only)

College Algebra (3 credits) - Anoka Ramsey Community College (This course is embedded within DP Math Analysis SL Year 1 and Year 2.)

CNA (4 credits) - Pine Technical & Community College

English 1121 - Anoka Ramsey Community College through DP Language and Literature 12 HL

Foundations of Education - ARCC (11th & 12th grade)

More commonly known as dual **enrollment**, refers to programs where students are **enrolled** in two schools simultaneously. ... Others are specially developed programs where students take classes to receive both high school and college credit from the same class at the same time

Articulated Courses – What are articulated courses?

Articulated courses help students explore career opportunities through high school courses. Completing the high school course with a B or higher (6/7/8) will earn the student 1-3 college credits.

Fridley Courses

- Microsoft Word
- Entrepreneurship
- Accounting
- Marketing
- DP Business Management
- A+ Programming Hardware & Software
- Advanced Graphic Arts
- Beginning Adobe Illustrator
- Computer Aided Drafting & Design
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Home Repair
- Child and Human Development
- Culinary Foods
- DP Business Management



Colleges we articulate with:

- Alexandria Technical & Community College
- Anoka Technical College
- Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Central Lakes College
- Century College
- Hennepin Technical College
- Lake Superior College
- Minneapolis College
- Minnesota State Community & Technical College (M State)
- Minnesota West Community & Technical College
- Normandale Community College
- North Hennepin Community College
- Northland Community & Technical College
- Northwest Technical College
- Northwood Technical College
- Ridgewater College
- Rochester Community & Technical College
- Saint Paul College
- South Central College
- St. Cloud Technical & Community College

See this website for more information:

<https://www.ctecreditmn.com/>

PSEO

PSEO Overview – What is PSEO?

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows students to earn college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible postsecondary institutions. Students generate both college credit and high school credit by successful completion of the course. ***Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses.*** 11th and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09.

Interested in PSEO?

1. Attend REQUIRED meeting during One Lunch (student meeting was earlier today)
2. Schedule a meeting with your dean after the One Lunch meeting - this is required; bring completed PSEO packet to this meeting
3. Apply to the PSEO institution of your choice and be **ACCEPTED** - you are applying for Fall 2026 (note: colleges don't follow HS schedules)
4. Request transcripts. PSEO programs need official transcripts from the high school. Fridley High School uses Parchment to send transcripts.
5. Complete PSEO state form with **PARENT SIGNATURE AND DEAN SIGNATURE**
6. Return completed forms, meet with college counselor and set up meetings about PSEO at the institution of your choosing

The deadline to do PSEO is May 30th, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**GPA
Recommendations:**

11th graders

3.5 GPA

12th graders

3.0 GPA

PSEO Requirements



1. Attend REQUIRED meeting during One Lunch - was earlier today
2. Meet with dean to go over completed PSEO packet
3. Apply to the PSEO institution of your choice and be ACCEPTED
4. Request transcripts. PSEO programs need official transcripts from the high school. Fridley High School uses Parchment to send transcripts.
5. Complete PSEO state form with PARENT SIGNATURE AND DEAN SIGNATURE
6. Send a copy of your college class schedule to your dean as soon as possible - this is required each semester

Note: you will still register for classes at the HS next year, even if you plan on doing PSEO. We will delete your HS classes after you send a copy of your PSEO schedule for the fall.

The deadline to indicate you want to do PSEO is May 30th, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS!

PSEO Requirements

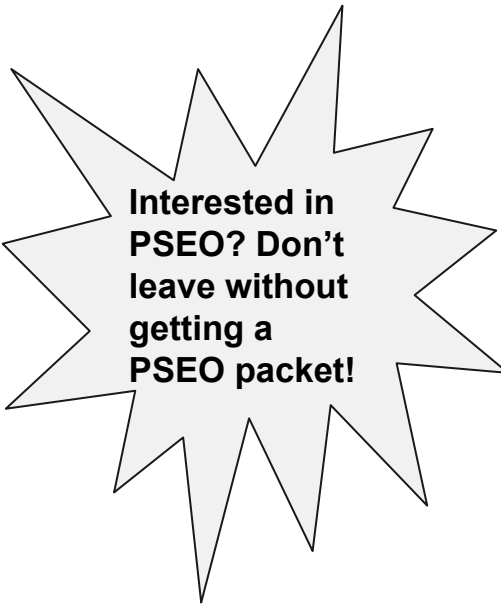
1. Students are responsible for registering for the required classes for graduation at the college; students must send a copy of their college schedule to their dean as soon as classes are scheduled.
2. Students provide their own transportation to & from the college

Message from the deans:

PSEO can be great - students are able to take a variety of classes, earn free college credits, challenge themselves, and grow as individuals.

Students have also made poor choices with PSEO. They have not registered for the correct classes, don't communicate with deans, have dropped classes, don't attend mandatory meetings, etc.

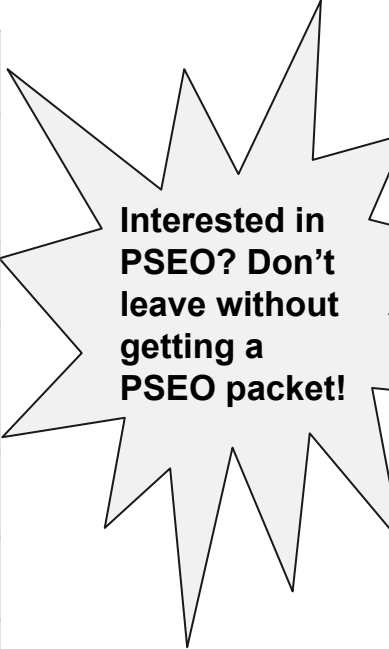
Choosing to do PSEO is a commitment for responsible learners.



**Interested in
PSEO? Don't
leave without
getting a
PSEO packet!**

PSEO Considerations

Tuition is covered	Decreases HS experiences
Early start on college	College transcript AND HS transcript impacted
Flexible scheduling	No parent/guardian from the college
Fail 1 HS class? Make up 1 HS class	Fail 1 PSEO class? Make up <u>2</u> HS classes - stakes are higher
More electives than the HS	Only the HS student has access to grades
	Student provides own transportation
	Attendance is required - very little flexibility for attendance at the college
	Have to declare college major earlier!



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PSEO Considerations

We strongly recommend that students don't do PSEO unless they meet the following GPA requirements:

3.0 for students going into 12th grade

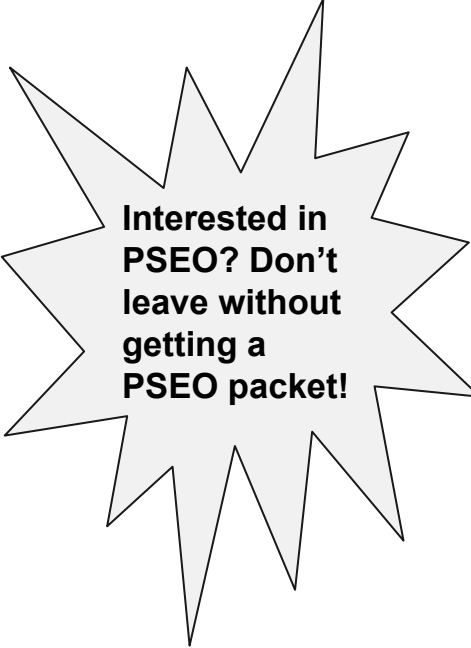
3.5 for students going into 11th grade

Are you academically ready?

Are you mature enough to work with adults for group work?

Are you ORGANIZED?

Can you advocate for yourself?



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Transferology[®]

Tool to help students identify which college classes will transfer to other colleges and universities!

Transferology.com

The screenshot displays the Transferology interface for Century College. At the top, 'Century College' is highlighted with a red box. Below it, there are three tabs: '16 Matches' (selected), '6 Maybe', and '35 Taken Here'. A paragraph explains that matches indicate specific courses awarded after completing and transferring, assuming a passing grade. Below this, a section titled 'Courses from: Bemidji State University' lists three matches, each with an information icon. A red bracket on the left side of the list highlights the first two matches. An 'Expand all notes' link is visible on the right.

Century College

16 Matches | 6 Maybe | 35 Taken Here

The matches below indicate specific courses you may be awarded after completing and transferring, assuming you earned a passing grade in the transferred course. Matches may change depending upon your major.

Courses from:
Bemidji State University [Expand all notes](#)

- BUAD3351 Management 2018 → BMGT*** ⓘ
- BUAD3361 Marketing 2016 → MKTG2050 ⓘ
- BUAD3467 Advertising Management 2019 → MKTG2063 ⓘ



Honors Criteria for Graduation

Honors & High Honors

Honors:

Students have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.25 to 3.49.
Academic Letter & Gold Honor Cord

High Honors:

Students have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5 to 3.74.
Academic Letter & Gold Honor Cord

Highest Honors

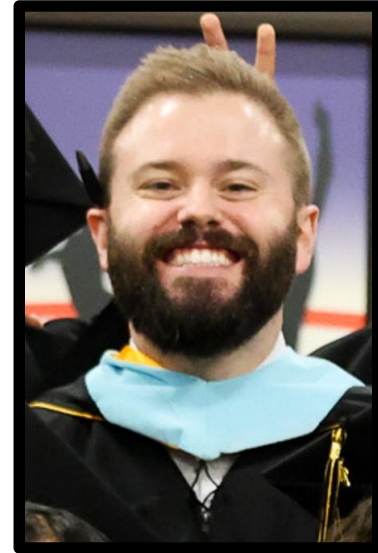
Students have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.75 and above AND have taken a minimum of 4 semester credits in three IB Diploma Courses with external assessments OR have received at least 15 college credits through PSEO

Academic Letter & Gold Stole

Presidential Scholar

Students have a cumulative weighted GPA of at least 3.5 AND has received a score placing them above the 80th percentile on a nationally standardized achievement test (SAT) or nationally standardized college admission test (ACT) (31).

College & Career Readiness



Mr. Kiefer
College & Career Specialist



Registration Information - Website



Use this QR code to access the registration handbook/guide.

This is a wonderful resource for students and families.

Note: the guide for 2026/2027 is not updated online yet.

