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College Credits at DHS

Delano High School Counseling Department

[Check out the Guidance page of our Website!](#)

Purpose



To help students/families plan appropriately for an effective and successful educational experience and to learn how to successfully register for college credits while in HS.

Agenda:

Overview of Resources

Registration Guide

Ways to Earn College Credit

Graduation/Transcript/Post-High School Implications

Timeline / Deadlines

Overview of Resources



DHS Course Registration Webpage

- What is available under Registration Documents:
 - [Wright Technical Center](#) (WTC) video and information.
 - [High Honors Diploma Criteria Checklist](#) to plan and track classes within this path
- What is available under Earning College Credits in High School
 - [Process for requesting CIS & AP credits to be transferred](#) to a student's post-secondary institution.
 - [What To Know About PSEO Guide](#)
 - [CIS vs. PSEO: What's The Difference?](#) Side-by-side comparison of each early college credit earning option.
 - [PSEO Frequently Asked Questions](#)

DHS 2026-2027 Registration Guide

- What is available in the Registration Guide:
 - Course descriptions of all classes offered on-site at DHS, including CIS and AP classes.
 - WTC course offerings and descriptions.
 - Information about the PLTW track and offerings.

Benefits to Completing College Credits in HS



- Provides more academic rigor for those who are in need of a challenge.
- Students can improve their chance for college admissions by proving they can be successful in college courses.
- Potentially save money and time during their college career by completing credits early.
- Students will become more independent in their studies, preparing them for college.

Type of Student to Consider CIS/PSEO/AP

- Academically prepared for the challenge of a college-level course.
- A self-starter and good communicator
- Students who can work more independently
- For CIS classes: Juniors must be in the top 1/3 of their class. Seniors must be in the top 1/2 of their class.
- For PSEO: Students must meet the PSEO admissions criteria for the specific school(s) to which they are applying.

Ways to Earn College Credit



- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- College in the Schools (CIS)
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
- Wright Technical Center (WTC)
- Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

Found on Pages 8 and 9 of the Registration Guide

Advanced Placement (AP)



- College level curriculum strictly mandated by the College Board (PSAT & SAT Testing agency)
- Students must score a 3 or above to qualify for college credit
- College credit awards are decided by the university
- Classes are open to all students
- Students can take an AP test in AP classes they have not taken (must let the office know if you'd like to take the test (look at the AP website))
- There is a fee associated with the AP exam. Fees are yet to be determined for the following year (AP determines fees).
- We offer Art, Biology, Geography, Government, & US History classes (11 total college credits approximately)

College in the Schools (CIS)



- College courses taught in the high school, by high school staff functioning as adjunct professors for the respective college
- Application process:
 - Juniors top one third of class - Seniors top half of class
 - Register for CIS course on Skyward
 - GPA and class rank are determining factors
 - After confirmed
- Produces a college transcript
- \$75 administrative fee per course
- We offer Literature & University Writing (LA12), Creative Writing, Calculus 1 & 2, College Algebra, Introduction to Statistics, Chemistry with Lab 1 & 2, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, and Computer Science Principles (CSP) Mobile Computer Applications

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)



- Engineering curriculum specifically mandated by the PLTW organization
- Student must receive a 3 or above on the final assessment
- Student must complete paperwork and send in the paperwork to the specific college
- Different colleges give different amounts of credit based on the PLTW course(s) taken
- May be an additional fee determined by the college.
- We offer Intro to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Engineering Design and Development (total college credits depends on college)
- [List of Colleges](#)

Wright Technical Center (WTC)



- Classes are offered at Wright Technical Center in Buffalo.
- All classes are free to Delano High School students.
- Student can receive certain certifications or college credit based upon the specific class.
 - Classes that offer college credit are: Automotive Technology, Construction Technology, Cosmetology Careers, Early Childhood and Elementary Careers, Graphic Communications, Health Science & Technology and Nursing Assistant, Horticulture Careers, Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Responder, and Welding Technology.
- If students are interested in applying:
 - They need to fill out an application during DHS enrollment.
 - Placement in a class is not guaranteed. Enrollment is limited based on number of seats open for DHS.
- If students attend a WTC class, they must take the bus from DHS to WTC and back (the bus leaves at 7:20 and all students are gone for 1st and 2nd period). The bus will return students in time for 3rd period on all days except early release.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (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. Full-time enrollment status is defined by the college and varies by campus (usually 12-18 credits). Part-time PSEO refers to a student who takes any combination of courses between the high school and the college.*
- On-campus or 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 - work with your college advisor
- Students are responsible for housing and transportation
 - *Families who meet income guidelines may be eligible for mileage reimbursement*
- PSEO students are not eligible for financial aid and scholarships while they attend via PSEO

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)



- Students are eligible to be involved in all DHS extra-curricular activities and events, and have reasonable access to DHS to work on classes
- Students and a parent must meet with their counselor to go over PSEO expectations and to ensure they're taking the right PSEO classes to fulfill their DHS requirements
- All aspects of the course registration, transcripts, tutoring, curriculum, student needs, and attendance are through the college
- PSEO students generate a college transcript at the college they attend
- Course and grades are transferred back onto their DHS transcript
- Student is responsible for ensuring we receive their transcript/grades in a timely manner
- DHS communicates with PSEO students via their DHS e-mail and the Daily Bulletin regarding important student information, such as graduation, scholarships, college rep visits, etc.
- If a student wishes to pursue a High Honors diploma while attending PSEO, they must have course syllabi approved by DHS Department Chairs of that subject area

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)



Eligibility:

- 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 limited capacity if they meet admission criteria
 - *The student must have received a passing score (proficiency level of "meets or exceeds") on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) in reading. If the student did not take the 8th grade MCA, another reading assessment can be substituted if accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution.*
 - *One career & technical education 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.*
- Students will apply directly to the college according to their procedure. Typically this will include:
 - College's application for PSEO admission
 - DHS transcript - sent by your counselor
 - MDE Notice of Student Registration form (send to counselor for completion of school section)
- **Deadline to notify DHS of intent to enroll in PSEO is May 30th or Oct 30th**
(Depending on the upcoming semester).

Graduation/Transcript/Post-High School Implications



- CIS and PSEO grades will reflect on both the student's high school and college transcript.
 - Watch your GPA and attend all classes. Remember that these grades will be a permanent part of your college transcript and will follow you through college graduation.
- PSEO and CIS students are considered college students and should take ownership of their applications and communication with the college and the high school. Colleges will not be able to communicate with parents regarding student grades and attendance unless a FERPA waiver is signed.
- College AND high school emails must be checked on a daily basis, even if the student is not attending DHS in-person.
- Graduation requirements must be met through PSEO classes being taken. Students need to contact their Counselor before PSEO registration to understand what is needed.

Graduation/Transcript/Post-High School Implications



- PSEO students should keep track of add/drop deadlines. If students withdraw (W) from a class after the add/drop deadline, the W is considered an “F” on their high school transcript.
- All PSEO class changes must be discussed with the student’s counselor first.
- Make sure all credits are received by the high school prior to graduation
 - Diplomas can only be given out after we receive official transcripts
 - All transcript grades must be reported on the official transcript
- Students will need to request official transcripts from their CIS or PSEO institution to be sent to their college. Students are responsible for transcript fees through the colleges.

Critical Deadlines



Self-Registration is due February 10th! - *Students intending to pursue PSEO must still register for a full schedule's worth of DHS classes for the following year.*

PSEO Deadline - May 30th! - *Students and a parent must meet with your counselor BEFORE the deadline, if you are interested in pursuing PSEO.*

CIS Applications - Stay Tuned!

Questions?



Get in touch with a school counselor or administrator...763-972-7601

We encourage you to thoroughly review the Registration Guide, Guidance and Counseling Web Page, and watch the informational videos.

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