
Postsecondary Education Options (PSEO)

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A program allowing 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to earn college credit tuition-free while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college courses

- No charge for textbooks unless books are not returned at the end of the course.
- Supplies needed for a class, such as art and film supplies are also covered

PSEO Enrollment and eligibility options

10th graders may qualify and enroll in only 1 Career and Tech Ed (CTE) course for the first semester and if they earn a C or higher may take additional general education courses the following term.

- Students qualify with 8th grade MCA Reading score of “Meets” or “Exceeds”
- If they don’t have this, they need to take the Accuplacer Reading assessment
- Not all colleges offer PSEO for 10th graders

PSEO Eligibility Criteria

For 11th and 12th graders- each college sets their own eligibility requirements for enrollment.

Most of our students attend:

- Anoka Ramsey or
- St. Cloud State University
- [eligible postsecondary institutions in Minnesota](#)

PSEO at St. Cloud State University

St. Cloud State University

must meet any **ONE** of the following:

- Juniors: Top third of their class or 3.5 unweighted GPA
 - Seniors: Top half of their class or 3.0 unweighted GPA
- OR**
- a nationally standardized test score:
 - ACT: 23 or above composite score
 - Pre-ACT: 22 or above
 - PSAT: 1070 or above

PSEO at Anoka Ramsey CC

Anoka Ramsey Community College
must meet any **ONE** of the following:

- Juniors: Top third of their class or 3.0 unweighted GPA
 - Seniors: Top half of their class or 2.5 unweighted GPA
- OR**
- A national test score ACT/Pre-ACT/PSAT
 - Juniors at 70%
 - Seniors at 50%

Key information

- Full-time (12-18 credits)
- Part-time (11 or fewer credits)
- Flexibility - can take classes AM/PM or online
- Semesters vs. trimesters - scheduling issues
- Students can still participate in PHS activities
- Student maturity level - driving, transportation not available, you are not identified as a PSEO student to your professor, need to be a strong advocate, etc.
- Parents do NOT have access to college grades
- [Link: ARCC - Resource on Parent rights and responsibilities](#)

Transfer Credits

Credits taken through PSEO will be put on an official college transcript and high school transcript. This transcript follows you to future post-secondary institutions and may impact financial aid, GPA and your ability to receive scholarships.

Credit Transfer tools:

- [MinnState Transfer Pathways](#)
- <https://transferology.com/index.htm>

NEXT STEPS

1. High school registration process in **February-1st time** students interested in **PSEO must circle the three PSEO numbers (00596,7,8)** the other 15 numbers will be core and elective classes. (why? students change their mind, can't get into pseo or classes, easier to drop class at HS then add, and provides counselors opportunity to follow up with student).
2. **1st time** PSEO Students attend **mandatory** PSEO meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17th during their directed study paperwork and PSEO student/parent contract are necessary

NEXT STEPS

3. Decide on the college - look at the requirements and deadlines (all online) **remember- All** schools are different.
4. Think about PT or FT- you don't need to make a hard decision, things can change
5. Most first time PSEO students go PT. Depends on what you'd like to take at the HS, can also take AP and College in the school class with PSEO classes.
6. Parent meeting with student and [contract](#) reviewed

NEXT STEPS

7. Signed PSEO Participation contract needs to be given to your counselor

8. Apply for admission to the college online. There is no cost to apply.

9. Once you have applied- submit the following 2 documents-**You will NOT be accepted without these documents**

- PSEO Notice of Student Registration form (NOSR) needs to be filled out, including a signature from your school counselor and parent. The form allows for typed signatures and can be completed electronically. Found on the college website or we have some in our office.
- & High School Transcript

NOSR FORM AND TRANSCRIPT

- NOSR form - The student and parent will complete section 1 of the form
- Bring a **signed parent** NOSR form to the guidance office or send a digital one to your counselor.
- Counselor will complete section 2 of the form
- Gwen in the guidance office will send NOSR form and transcript to the college
 - The NOSR form **will be filled out every semester** the student attends PSEO, this is the state funding piece

You're ACCEPTED- Now What???

Pay attention to the email from the college!

- You will receive Acceptance information via an email from the college, approx. 2- 4 weeks. It will only come to the email you used for your star ID, **counselors do not receive notifications**
- Make sure you read all the information because it tells students **NEXT STEPS**
- Students will receive information about Course Placement - colleges may go off of student GPA for this or student may need to take the accuplacer placement test

You're ACCEPTED- Cont'd

- Orientation and Registration- Depending on the college- this may be done at the same time or the student completes orientation first, online or in person, after, student will set up a time with the college counselor to register for classes- either way the student will need to set up the times to complete these processes in order to enroll in classes. **Classes fill up, so it is important to complete these steps upon receiving acceptance notification from the college.**
- First year PSEO students- meet with their HS counselor and fill out advising form to help with course planning- this is done before they meet with their advisor to register for classes

PSEO Classes

- Students can enroll in any college class that they meet the criteria for, with an exception of a few fee based courses
- Students typically take classes at the college that will substitute or replace for one at the high school, e.g. Economics= Anoka Ramsey: Econ 1100, Micro 2205 or Macro 2205 (3 credits) these classes are considered “General Courses” that meet an AA or AS degree
- Each college semester credit is equal to .75 high school credits (3.0 college credit= 2.25 high school credits)

PSEO Classes

- There is a General List of classes to take at the college that will substitute for required high school class in the guidance office. Courses will be titled differently at different schools, but this list gives you an idea of “General Class” for “AA Degree”
 - [See Minnesota Transfer Curriculum \(MnTC\)](#)
- Students meet with HS counselors to help determine what classes they would like to take at the college and/or keep at the high school. This is when we fill out the planning sheet.
- **When will students register at the college for classes?**
 - Anoka Ramsey-may happen during school year or summer
 - SCSU-takes place in the summer for 1st time students
 - Depends on the school

What to Take for PSEO

Each college has its own Minnesota Transfer Curriculum sheet that emphasizes the goal areas to be met as part of an AA degree. Below are classes at Anoka Ramsey Community College and St. Cloud State University that you should plan to take to meet your high school and goal area requirements.

Anoka Ramsey Community College:

English Classes

- English 12
 - ENGL 1121 - College Writing/Critical Reading 4 credits
- English 11
 - CMST 1110 - Introduction to Communication 3 credits
 - CMST 2215 - Public Speaking 3 credits
 - CMST 2220 - Interpersonal Communication 3 credits

Social Studies Classes

- World Studies - HIST 1103, 1111, 1121, or 1141 - HUM 1200
- Economics - ECON 1100, 2205, or 2206
- U.S. Government - POLS 1111, 1121, or 1131
- Personal Finance - BUS 2141

St. Cloud State University:

English Classes

- English 12
 - ENGL 191 - College Composition and Rhetoric 4 credits
- English 11
 - CMST 192 - Introduction to Communication Studies 3 credits
 - CMST 211 - Public Speaking 3 credits
 - CMST 220 - Interpersonal Communication 3 credits

Social Studies Classes

- World Studies - HIST 101, 110, or 111 - GLST 190,
 - Economics - ECON 201, 205, or 206
 - U.S. Government - POL 101, 111, 191, or 192
 - Personal Finance - ECON 110
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Registering for classes

- **When will students register at the college for classes?**
 - Anoka Ramsey-may happen during school year or summer
 - SCSU-takes place in the summer for 1st time students
 - Depends on the school
 - Counselors need to receive a copy of what the student enrolls in at the college.
- **Counselors are not at school in June or July** and will not respond to calls, emails- students need to make sure to have met with the before the end of the year, this is the students responsibility and create a plan/discuss options/fill out any forms before leaving

Registering for classes

- AUGUST: Counselors are BACK!!
- Students email their counselor a copy of what they are registered for at the college. Students should also let the counselor know what classes they want to keep at the HS.
- Counselors will adjust student HS schedules in August and reach out to them with any questions or conflicts.
- PSEO classes will start before the HS classes. Chromebooks will be available for pickup usually the week before college starts- information is sent in welcome back letters

Timeline and Wrap-Up

Timeline:

- Check the colleges timeline for enrollment and deadlines
 - *SCSU- June 1*
 - *Anoka Ramsey -July 1-Counselors are not in the building*
- **AGAIN: 1st year students** will need to attend a PSEO session on Tuesday, Feb. 17th

Questions in the chat??

PSEO additional links

- [PHS link to PSEO](#)
- [MDE link to PSEO](#)
- [First Time PSEO Checklist](#)