

Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Is it a good fit for you?



What is PSEO

- A program that allows students to earn college credit while in high school through successful enrollment in and completion of college level courses.
- No tuition, fees or required textbook costs to the student.
- Students can take PSEO classes:
 - ◆ Part-time (in addition to some high school courses)
 - ◆ Full-time (no high school courses)
- Students will earn both high school and college credits for PSEO courses - dual enrollment.
- Colleges offer traditional on-campus PSEO classes and online PSEO classes.



**Strong time
management skills**

**Solid academic
foundation**

**Independent
learner**

**What does a successful
PSEO student look like?**

Critical thinker

**Proactive and
professional
communicator**

**Self-disciplined and
fully committed**

**Growth Mindset: sees
challenges as opportunities**



Things to consider: General

- High school vs. college experience
- Yearly schedules (start/end dates, breaks) are different for college vs. high school
- Transportation is not provided
- Ongoing communication with both high school counselor and PSEO advisor is necessary since the student is balancing schedules and expectations for both
- If part-time, need to be able to schedule needed or desired classes at the college around needed or desired classes at the high school.
- AP vs. PSEO:
 - ◆ AP classes offer college-level coursework within the high school, focusing on rigorous, standardized curriculum with potential credit based on exam scores. PSEO allows students to take actual college course for free, providing a real college environment and credits.
 - ◆ As long as a student passes PSEO courses, they earn college credit. However, AP credit can sometimes transfer better out of state or to private colleges because AP is a nationally accredited and recognized curriculum.
 - ◆ AP class options limited to options available at the high school, more choices for PSEO courses.



Things to consider: Grading

- PSEO grades will be posted on both the high school transcript and college transcript.
 - ◆ A PSEO grade of a 'B' for a 4 credit course will transfer to a student's WHS transcript as a 'B' for a full year high school credit and will factor into the high school cumulative GPA accordingly.
 - 3 or more credit college course = 1.0 WHS credit
 - 1-2 credit college course = 0.5 WHS credit
 - ◆ PSEO grades are the beginning of a student's official college transcript and will factor into the college GPA accordingly.
- Transferring PSEO credits to another college is dependent on the transfer rules of that college
 - ◆ Check with colleges and discuss with PSEO advisor
 - ◆ Transferology - <https://www.transferology.com>



General timeline for PSEO application

- December-February: review specific college PSEO websites and attend information sessions available.
- February - application deadline (varies by school): complete and submit application materials.
- Spring: admission decision is made. Have necessary conversations with high school counselor to prepare for PSEO registration.
- Spring/Summer: attend required orientation/registration meetings for PSEO and finalize PSEO class schedule.
- Summer - submit an official list of registered PSEO courses to HS counselor (WHS schedule will be adjusted accordingly and PSEO status updated).



Where can students take PSEO courses?

The MN Department of Education updates a complete list of participating schools each year at this site: [MDE PSEO](#)



- All public colleges/universities and some private.
- The most common choices for WHS students in the past have been:
 - ◆ Normandale Community College
 - ◆ U of M Twin Cities
 - ◆ Minneapolis College
 - ◆ Hennepin Technical College
 - ◆ Crown College
- The admissions criteria for each college/university will vary

Normandale Community College PSEO

Fall Application Deadline: June 1 (recommended earlier)

Application Steps/Materials:

1. Online application

- a. Do this step first
- b. Involves setting up a StarID - keep track of StarID and password

2. Supplemental documents uploaded through Document Uploader:

- a. High School Transcript - can be found on Skyward under REPORT CARD/PORTFOLIO tab
- b. 2026-27 MDE PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form - [Sample](#)
- c. If eligibility is not met by cumulative GPA, submit a test score: ACT, SAT, PSAT

3. Upon acceptance: Attend a mandatory PSEO Orientation

Who is eligible?

12th grade eligibility: 2.6 GPA

11th grade eligibility: 3.0 GPA



Minneapolis College PSEO

Fall Application Deadline: Priority April 14th (Final June 13th)

Application Steps/Materials:

1. Submitted [online application](#)
 - a. Do this step first
 - b. Involves setting up a StarID - keep track of StarID and password
2. Submit your supplemental documents through the [Document Uploader](#)
 - a. High School Transcript - can be found on Skyward under REPORT CARD/PORTFOLIO tab
 - b. [2026-27 MDE PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form](#)
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Who is eligible?

12th grade eligibility: Upper half or 2.5 GPA

11th grade eligibility: Upper third or 3.0 GPA



University of Minnesota Twin Cities PSEO

Fall Application Window: February 16th - April 15th, 2026



Applicants per year



Average unweighted
GPA of admitted
students



Students who apply
to UMN PSEO are
admitted

Application Steps:

1. Assemble supporting documents:
 - a. High School Transcript - found on Skyward under REPORT CARD/PORTFOLIO tab
 - b. [2026-27 PSEO MDE Notice of Student Registration Form](#)
2. Request an Application (starting Feb. 16th) - will need 13 digit MARSS number from MDE form
3. You will receive an email with an application link
4. Use your application link to upload supporting documents
5. Watch for a confirmation email. Admission decisions will be sent by May 21st.

* U of M PSEO Information Sessions: February 18 and March 25 - register online through website



Hennepin Technical College PSEO

Application deadline: None posted, spring/summer, earlier the better

- [Informational video](#) on website
- Application steps:
 - Complete [online application](#) (StarID)
 - After application is received, an email will be sent to HTC email with link to the 2026-27 MDE PSEO Registration Form.
 - New process, where each party will be sent the form for signature in order of student, parent, high school.
 - Submit high school transcript - found in Skyward under REPORT CARD/PORTFOLIO tab
 - [2026-27 MDE PSEO Registration Form](#)
 - Mandatory online orientation
 - Register for classes



2026-27 MDE PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form

- State issued form that is used by all PSEO institutions.
- 3-part agreement that gets completed each semester as a student registers for new PSEO classes.
- It is submitted to the state to identify that these classes are being paid for under the state PSEO funding formula - no cost to the student/family.
- This form is required as a part of all new PSEO applications.
- Editable versions of the form on each website
 - ◆ Step 1: Student/Family complete section 1
 - ◆ Step 2: Communicate with high school counselor to complete section 2
 - ◆ Step 3: Send to college through preferred method



2026-27 MDE PSEO NOSR Form

Section 1: to be
completed by
student/family



Postsecondary Enrollment Options Notice of Student Registration Form 2026-27

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Instructions: Complete an enrollment form for each term and postsecondary institution (PSI). Work with the PSI for Section 3. Postsecondary institutions hold this form internally per their Internal Records Retention Policy.

MDE College Student ID Number: **Can leave this blank if new applicant**

1. Student and Parent/Guardian Complete and Sign This Section

<input type="text"/>	Male <input type="radio"/>	Female <input type="radio"/>	Unreported <input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>
Student Name (Last, First, M.I.)				Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address		City	ZIP Code	Phone
Name of the college		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Postsecondary Institution This Term	Parent/Guardian Name	Address (if different from student)		

Public School Students: Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.09, subdivision 7, to assist the district in planning a pupil must inform the district by October 30 or May 30 of each year the pupil's intent to enroll in postsecondary enrollment option (PSEO) courses during the following academic term. A pupil is bound by notifying or not notifying the district by October 30 or May 30.

I/we notified the district intent to enroll in PSEO, during academic term, school year 2026-27.

All Students: Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.09, subdivision 6: students and parent/guardian sign a statement indicating they have received PSEO information (including transportation reimbursement for qualified students); are aware counseling services are available; understand PSEO course responsibilities. We have received the information required under Minnesota Statutes 2024, Section 124D.09, and are aware the student above is enrolling in postsecondary courses.

My signature indicates I/we are aware if I/we have not notified the enrolling district by October 30, 2025, for Semester 1, or May 30, 2026, for Semester 2, and the enrolling district has not waived the ~~deadline, I/we may be responsible for PSEO costs.~~

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Student Signature	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under age 18)	Date

2026-27 MDE PSEO NOSR Form

Section 2: to be
completed by
high school
official

2. To be Completed by Secondary/Nonpublic/Home School

Public Nonpublic Home School

Secondary/Nonpublic/Home School Name _____ School Type (Select one) _____ Public School SSID*Number _____

Attending Public School District Name _____ Attending Public School District Number (xxxx-xx) _____

Student grade level during the 2026-27 school year. Grade 10 Grade 11 Grade 12

Eligibility Note: High school graduates are not eligible.

Students may not enroll in PSEO courses and take a full high school course load. Does this student have at least one free class period during the high school day? Yes No

Is the above student eligible for program application? (See Page 3-4 for requirements) Yes No

My signature certifies the student in Section 1 meets PSEO eligibility requirements, pages 3-4, for PSEO participation this term, and information in Section 2 is accurate. The student notified the enrolling district of intent to enroll in PSEO by May 30 or October 30, for enrollment the following term, or the district has waived the deadline requirements.

Secondary School Contact Name _____ Contact Signature _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Date _____



2026-27 MDE PSEO NOSR Form

Section 3: leave blank, will be completed by college after official course registration



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Page 2 - PSEO Notice of Student Registration :

Student Name (Last, First, M.I.)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	MDE College Student ID Number
3. To be Completed by the Postsecondary Institution		
Name of Postsecondary Institution	PSI Number (xxxx-xx)	City of Postsecondary
Term of Attendance (Must Select one)	Semester 1 <input type="radio"/>	Semester 2 <input type="radio"/> Qtr 1 <input type="radio"/> Qtr 2 <input type="radio"/> Qtr 3 <input type="radio"/>
Postsecondary Institution Contact Name	PSI Contact Email	Telephone
Courses Taken for Secondary and Postsecondary Credit	Course Number	Course Credits
Course #1		
Course #2		
Course #3		
Course #4		
Course #5		
Course #6		

Other items to be considered:

- PSEO students must provide their high school counselor with a list of registered courses at the beginning of each college term and final grades/transcript at the end of each college grading term.
- PSEO students should work with their high school counselor regularly to make sure that graduation requirements are being met.
- High school diplomas are held until WHS receives a PSEO transcript from the college to verify that all high school graduation requirements have been met.
- It is the student's responsibility to stay informed about information and deadlines at the high school (school website, school email, other students, social media, etc.). Check high school email and website.



Other items to be considered

- The post-secondary institution determines:
 - ◆ Admission standards/deadlines
 - ◆ Which PSEO courses can be taken
 - ◆ Eligibility to continue
- PSEO students/families must work with the post-secondary institution regarding academic progress and support options in PSEO classes. WHS has no jurisdiction over or access to that information.
- Students must attend PSEO courses according to the PSEO schedule, which means that they may attend PSEO classes even when WHS classes are not in session.
- Once admitted, PSEO students do not need to reapply each year within the same institution.



Tasks to complete each semester

- All students must complete and submit a new PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form prior to registering for PSEO courses each grading period.
- All students must submit a copy of their course registration/schedule to their HS counselor at the beginning of each semester.
- All students should submit a copy of their final PSEO grades to their HS counselor at the end of each grading period.
- All students must communicate (via email or meeting) with HS counselor to ensure that they are on track with completing high school graduation requirements.



PSEO Stats

2024-25 School Year



- 94 students taking PSEO courses 2024-25
- Grade breakdown
 - ◆ Roughly 48% 12th grade
 - ◆ Roughly 52% 11th grade
- Part-time vs. Full-time
 - ◆ Roughly 77% part-time
 - ◆ Roughly 23% full-time

PSEO Stats

2024-25 School Year



→ 170 PSEO classes taken in Fall 2025

→ Grade distribution

◆ A - 108

◆ B - 27

◆ C - 15

◆ D - 6

◆ F - 8

◆ NG - 7 (Withdrew or did not finish)

Additional Questions?

Be sure to ask!



- Check with college: website or PSEO office
- Review the Minnesota Department of Education PSEO Reference Guide on their [website](#)
- Meet with high school counselor