

PSEO THROUGH ROSEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT IS PSEO AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Description of the Program

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Each participating college or university sets its own requirements for enrollment in PSEO courses.

Eligibility

To increase the likelihood of student success, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has set the following standards for admission to PSEO:

- Requirements vary by campus (e.g. U of M-Twin Cities has more rigorous requirements than local community and technical colleges)
- Successfully test into college level courses via ACCUPLACER where applicable (typically at community and technical colleges)
- **PSEO law states that students must notify their high school by May 30 if they want to participate in PSEO for the following school year. October 30 is the deadline for Semester 2 participation.**
- **Students and parents must attend one of the mandatory PSEO group meetings which will take place during the registration process for the next school year (typically in January or February).**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does it cost the student anything to participate in the program?

The PSEO program covers all course tuition, fees and textbooks. It also covers consumable supplies that are required specifically for a class, such as art supplies, film, etc. The program does not cover general school supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, etc., or non-consumable supplies such as calculators, instrument rental, uniforms, etc. The cost of on-campus housing is not covered by the program.

Will the courses taken at a Minnesota state college or university count toward the student's high school graduation requirements?

Minnesota law specifies that students who satisfactorily complete PSEO courses or programs are "not required to complete other requirements of the academic standards corresponding to that specific rigorous course of study." In other words, PSEO courses that are approved by your counselor as being equivalent to requirements at high school will count towards graduation from high school.

Will PSEO credits count toward college credits?

An official college transcript will be established with all PSEO credits and grades. Most public colleges and universities in **Minnesota** accept credits earned through PSEO. Private institutions in Minnesota and public and private institutions in other states may or may not accept credits earned through PSEO as well. It is up to the student to check with colleges both inside and outside of Minnesota regarding the extent to which PSEO courses are accepted at any given college.

What if a student does not successfully complete a college-level course?

That is a risk for students in this program. If a class required for high school graduation is not successfully completed, the student might not be able to graduate with his or her high school class. In addition, there will be a permanent college or university transcript on which the grade is recorded.

Can PSEO students attend summer sessions?

No, the PSEO program is only for regular academic year classes.

How should I handle registration for next year?

You must register for courses at RHS as if you are not doing PSEO just in case you are not admitted to a PSEO program or some other issues arise. It is always easier to drop classes you have signed up for if PSEO works out than it is to add classes at the last minute if PSEO does not work out. **Also- remember to "register" online for PSEO and check it off on your RHS registration card (Course #2040) or email your counselor to add course #2040 if the online RHS registration has ended.**

THINGS TO CONSIDER...

- **This IS college.** Once you register for courses, you have started a college transcript. PSEO students in general tend to be successful in the college setting, but it is important to consider the implications not doing well would have on your college transcript, high school transcript and college career.
- Consider the academic classes, extracurricular and social activities high school offers. PSEO can influence your ability to be involved. You can do PSEO full-time or part-time: it is wise to reflect on what will be gained and lost by participating in PSEO.
- You will have a college counselor who is responsible for providing feedback on the appropriateness of college courses and help with selecting college courses.
- Colleges/universities will be on a semester schedule and RHS is on a trimester schedule. Scheduling needs to be planned accordingly.
- Final grades at some colleges are not complete before the RHS graduation ceremony. If the classes do not fulfill graduation requirements and you will have a sufficient number of credits, you will still be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. **However, diplomas will be withheld until final grades of required classes are awarded by the college.**
- **Questions to ask yourself:**
 - How many credits and what courses do I need for high school graduation?
 - Will I attend the college as a full-time or part-time PSEO student?
 - What classes will I take at the college and what classes at RHS?
 - How would the logistics work out? Can I get to and from the college in a way that is reasonable for my schedule?

ROSEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL PSEO POLICIES

1. Although you are participating in PSEO, you are still responsible for meeting the graduation requirements of your high school.
 - a. **Work closely with your high school counselor to ensure your class selections meet those requirements and the number of credits necessary for graduation.**
 - b. **Colleges do NOT communicate with the high school- it is the student's responsibility to keep us informed of any change in coursework. Any changes made without consulting your counselor puts you at risk for not graduating.**
 - c. **Students are responsible for their own attendance and academic progress in college classes. They are responsible to communicate directly with college instructors if assistance is needed.**

2. If students withdraw from a course at the college, they must let the postsecondary institution and the high school know immediately. **PSEO students should expect to be subject to the same procedures and/or penalties as any other high school student when withdrawing from or failing a course. This may differ from the policy of the college. If the college awards a “W” on the college transcript when students withdraw from college classes may result in a grade of “F” on the high school transcript. Always consult with your high school counselor prior to making schedule changes at the college.**
3. All grades earned in PSEO will be averaged into the student’s cumulative GPA. Courses taken outside RHS do not count toward RHS Honors designation at graduation.
4. The responsibility for student behavior, transportation, class attendance at both the high school and college, supervision and meeting all requirements for a successful academic experience is that of the student and his/her parent/guardian.
5. Courses considered to be remedial will NOT be paid for by District 196 or the state of Minnesota and are not allowed through the PSEO program.
6. **Seniors enrolled in PSEO are responsible for contacting the RHS main office, checking Schoology and RHS Announcements regarding all senior and graduation related events**
7. Students are required to communicate with their counselor prior to the start of each semester they are enrolled in PSEO to provide a copy of the college PSEO schedule and to verify progress towards graduation. **Students are required to provide a PDF of their college PSEO enrollment to their counselor as soon as possible and before the start of each semester.**
8. **Students must have at least 1 open period at RHS to participate in PSEO. This open period can be a study hall or a condensed day period 1 or period 7.**

Advanced Placement (AP)	Concurrent Enrollment (CIS-U of MN & InCollege-Inver Hills)	Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
What is it?		
Advanced Placement offers college level courses in subjects such as Art, Computers, English, Science, History, Math, Music and Languages. Classes are taken at the high school and are generally year long.	College In The Schools (CIS-U of M)) and InCollege (Inver Hills) are Concurrent Enrollment options that allow students to take college-level courses at their high school through partnerships between RHS and local colleges and universities.	Postsecondary Enrollment Options allow highly motivated students to take college courses at a college. Students attend class and complete the same assignments required of regular college students. Note: PSEO grades are not used in honors rank.
What are the benefits?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. • The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you will know what to expect. • You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls. • Grades are used in honors rank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. • The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you will know what to expect. • You take college-level courses in your high school. This gives you a taste of college within the safety of your high school walls. • Grades are used in honors rank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may earn both high school and college credit. This can save you time and money when you actually get to college. • The course work is college-level. You may do better in college classes later because you will know what to expect. • You can take college-level courses on a college campus. • Explore subjects that are not offered at RHS
Who is eligible to participate?		
It is your decision to take an AP course. Students are encouraged to talk with their teachers, parents, and counselor to make sure you are prepared for the rigor of AP courses. It is not required to take the AP exam.	RHS offers concurrent enrollment courses through the University of Minnesota's College in the Schools program. Specific courses have a GPA requirement for eligibility.	Any public high school student may apply. Applicants should begin the application process by early spring of the current school year and must meet college's PSEO admission requirements and deadlines. A parent/student informational meeting is required.
Who teaches the course?		
High school teacher	High school teacher	College professor
Where is the class held?		
Rosemount High School	Rosemount High School	College or university campus or online
How much does it cost?		
Classes are free. AP Exam is approx \$85	Free	Free (textbooks are included)
How do I earn college credit?		
You take an exam which is graded on a 5-point scale. Most colleges award credit for scores of 3 or higher but some require scores of at least 4.	You earn high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course, which is based on multiple and varied assessments over the entire term of the course.	You earn high school and college credit upon successful completion of the course, which is based on multiple and varied assessments over the entire term of the course.
Do all colleges and universities accept these credits?		
Acceptance and transfer of credits for each of these programs varies by college but is recognized by most post-secondary institutions in the U.S. in some form. Credits may be directly transferred toward college graduation requirements, exempt a student from taking a required class, or allow placement into a higher level course. Check with specific colleges about their individual policy.		

What courses are available to me at RHS?		
AP Biology AP Chemistry AP US History AP European History AP World History AP Psychology AP Government & Politics AP Macro & Micro Economics AP Calculus AP Statistics AP English Language and Composition AP English Literature and Composition	AP Computer Science AP Physics AP Studio Art AP Music Theory	CIS Physiology CIS French CIS German CIS Spanish CIS Mandarin Chinese CIS Intro to College Composition CIS Intro to Fiction CIS Communication Studies CIS Problem Solving CIS Intro to Animal Science In College English (11th grade)
*PSEO students are eligible to take most courses that are available at a given college. *Some restrictions may apply so check with individual postsecondary institutions for specific course availability. *Students must reduce RHS course load by at least one class per trimester to participate in PSEO.		
For More Information		
www.collegeboard.com/ap	Check with your school counselor	MN Department of Education

CREDIT CONVERSION CHART
COLLEGE CREDITS TO HIGH SCHOOL TRIMESTER CREDITS

College Semester Credits	RHS Credits
1	0.75
2	1.5
3	2.25
4	3.0
5	3.75
6	4.5
7	5.25
8	6.0
9	6.75
10	7.5
11	8.25
12	9.0
13	9.75
14	10.5
15	11.25
16	12.0
17	12.75
18	13.5
19	14.25
20	15
21	15.75
22	16.5

ROSEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL PSEO REGISTRATION PROCESS CHECKLIST

Students must complete the following steps to enroll in the PSEO program. **The student is responsible for all steps of the PSEO registration and application process.**

- _____ 1. Contact college regarding information about admission, orientation & registration.
- _____ 2. Complete the college PSEO application process for the college that you are applying to by the PSEO college deadline. You will find the application & additional information on the college website.
- _____ 3. Complete Part 1 of the PSEO Program Notice of Student Registration Form (NOSR form), including parent signature **by May 30**. This form can be obtained online through the college or MDE website or the RHS counseling PSEO webpage.
- _____ 4. When Part 1 of the NOSR form is complete, save the form as a PDF, email as an attachment to your RHS counselor. Your counselor will complete Part 2 and return to you .
 - It is the student's responsibility to have this form completed for **each** semester that the student participates in the PSEO program and attends college. **This form must be completed by May 30 in order for the state to pay for the tuition. If this form is not completed and returned to the college it will be the student and/or parent/guardians responsibility for payment.**
- _____ 5. Student submits completed PSEO NOSR Form with completed college PSEO application and transcript directly to the college. It is the responsibility of the student to submit these items directly to the college.
- _____ 6. Acceptance into the college for PSEO is entirely determined by the college. If accepted into the program, the college will notify the student directly regarding dates for assessment exams, course registration and orientation. The student is responsible for making these arrangements.
- _____ 7. Provide a copy of the college PSEO schedule to your RHS counselor EACH semester. Students who have not registered for classes at a college must follow their original RHS schedule. **No RHS schedule will be changed until the college class registration/schedule is received by your counselor. Student must indicate if they are doing PSEO full-time or part-time. Part-time PSEO students will indicate which classes/periods they wish to keep at RHS. Students must have at least one open period each trimester to participate in PSEO.**
- _____ 8. Schedule periodic meetings with your RHS counselor to verify continued progress toward graduation. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are taking the proper amount of credits and the necessary courses required for graduation.
- _____ 9. PSEO students must seek the advice of the PSEO college advisor regarding questions on the appropriateness of the college courses they are considering and with any questions related to the transfer of college credits..
- _____ 10. Once RHS receives the college transcript, PSEO college credits will be converted into trimester credits and are added to the high school transcript (see credit conversion table in this packet). A diploma hold may be given if official transcripts are not delivered before graduation.
- _____ 11. Juniors are still eligible to participate in taking the free District ACT test when/if offered by District 196 (March or April of junior year). It is your responsibility to notify your RHS counselor if you want to take the free District ACT test.