

PSEO Eligibility

PSEO is an acronym for Post Secondary Enrollment Options which is a program that allows 10th, 11th and 12th grade students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school, tuition free. MNOHS encourages students to challenge themselves with PSEO courses. If you are hesitant, we encourage you to try just one PSEO course in a subject where you feel confident and are already succeeding.

Action Item: If you are interested in PSEO, contact your MNOHS counselor to make a plan!

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10th Grade Students: If you have met the proficiency level of “meets or exceeds” on the 8th grade MCA reading test, you can enroll initially in one Career and Technical Education (CTE) course through PSEO. An example of a CTE course could be “Career Exploration” or “Intro to Coding” but ultimately the college determines what qualifies as a CTE course. If you earn a grade of C or higher in this first course, you are eligible to take additional CTE courses while in 10th grade.

11th and 12th Grade Students: Admissions requirements are different at each college. Contact the college you are interested in before applying. A common requirement for colleges to require is a 3.0 GPA. If yours is lower, please discuss your options with your MNOHS counselor.

If you need an extra year in high school: Students who do not graduate with their age cohort can be eligible for the Extended PSEO Eligibility program. This opportunity is one year in length past your missed graduation date—and is a great way to make use of the extra time!

Students with disabilities: There are alternate reading assessments that will qualify you to take



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Career and Technical Education Courses (CTE) through PSEO. All students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) can receive reasonable modifications on course work in the college setting.

PSEO Guide to Scheduling

Students can choose to attend PSEO full-time or part-time while meeting the MN state high school graduation requirements.

- Full-time means you take all of your courses for one or more semesters at the college level
- Part-time means you can choose which courses to take at the college level and which courses to take at the high school level. Any combination of courses will count toward your high school graduation requirements.

When deciding which courses to take at the college level and which courses to take at the high school level, it is helpful to know that 1 High School Credit = 4 PSEO Credit. At MNOHS, students receive final grades each quarter. In a college setting, you will most likely receive final grades per semester. A 1 credit course at MNOHS is a year in length whereas a 4 credit PSEO course is a semester in length. Yes, that means you could have a year's worth of high school math completed within a semester in the college setting!

Example: Jen has met with her counselor who has explained that she needs the following courses this year.

Chemistry: 1 credit MNOHS **or** 4 credit PSEO

Algebra II: 1 credit MNOHS **or** 4 credit PSEO

Economics: .5 credit MNOHS **or** 2 credit PSEO

US Government: .5 credit MNOHS **or** 2 credit PSEO

Art: .5 credit MNOHS **or** 2 credit PSEO

Elective: .5 credit MNOHS **or** 2 credit PSEO

If Jen were a **full time MNOHS** student, her schedule would look like this:

Quarter 1 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 2 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 3 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 4 (.25 Credit)
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Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
World Literature	World Literature	World Literature	World Literature
Economics	Economics	U.S. Government	U.S. Government
Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II	Algebra II
Graphic Design	Graphic Design	Psychology	Psychology

If Jen were a **full time PSEO** student, her schedule would look like a variation of this:

PSEO Fall Semester	PSEO Spring Semester
Chemistry 101 (4 credits)	World Literature (4 credits)
U.S. Government (2 credits)	Economics (2 credits)
College Algebra (4 credits)	Art (2 credits)
	Intro to Acting (2 credits)

If Jen decided to be a **part time PSEO** student, her schedule would like a variation of this:

MNOHS Courses

Quarter 1 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 2 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 3 (.25 Credit)	Quarter 4 (.25 Credit)
Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Economics	Economics	Graphic Design	Graphic Design

PSEO Courses

PSEO Fall Semester	PSEO Spring Semester
U.S. Government (2 credits)	World Literature (4 credits)
College Algebra (4 credits)	Intro to Acting (2 credits)

Your MNOHS counselor, will work with you to develop the best plan, based on your strengths, interests, and needs.