

PSEO

Informational Session



What is PSEO?

The PSEO program is a dual credit program that allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses on a college campus or online.

Why do PSEO?

- 1. Allows students to earn college and high school credit at the same time.**
- 2. Offers a greater variety of classes.**
- 3. Offers more challenging coursework.**
- 4. Free tuition**

Who is Eligible to do PSEO?

Each college or university sets their own eligibility requirements.

Typical Requirements of Colleges:

- **Students in grades 11 and 12.**
- **Have a 2.5 GPA or higher**
- **Are in the top half of their class**
- **Meet required scores on the Accuplacer**
(placement test used by colleges to determine student's abilities in math, reading, and writing.)
- **Have at least one open period in their high school course schedule.**

When Can Students Participate?

- **11th and 12 grade**
- **1st and 2nd Semesters of the regular school year.**
 - **Summer term is not covered by PSEO. Students are expected to pay their own tuition if they choose to take courses in the summer.**

Are there Any Costs?

Cost Covered by PSEO Program	Costs Student is Responsible For.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tuition● Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Basic Supplies● Transportation● Equipment used during the course and becomes property of the student when the course is completed.● Fees for textbooks or other equipment that is returned late or not returned after the completion of the course.

How do Credits Work?

4:1 conversion ratio

STEP Credits	College Credits
0.25 (quarter)	1
0.5 (semester)	2
0.75	3
1.0 (year long course)	4

What Courses are Available?

Students need to take courses that fulfil state and STEP Academy required high school courses and credit requirements.

A list of courses students can take to fulfil these requirements is posted on the STEP Academy website and available in the counselor's office. It is also included in the PSEO Information Guide.

What are the Course and Credit Requirements?

ELA- 4	ELA 9- 1cr	ELA 10- 1cr	ELA 11- 1cr	ELA 12- 1cr
Social Studies- 3.5	Civics- 1cr	U.S. History-1cr	World History- 1cr	Economics- 0.5cr
Math-3	Algebra II- 1cr	Geometry- 1cr	College Algebra-1cr or Pre-Calc- 1cr	
Science- 4	Physical Science- 1cr	Biology- 1cr	Chemistry- 1cr	Physics- 1cr
STEM/Art- 2cr	See current course offerings.			
Foreign Language- 2	See current course offerings.			
PE/Health- 1	Phy. Ed.- 0.5cr		Health- 0.5cr	
Elective- 4.5	See current course offerings.			

Determine Eligibility

1. Meet with Mrs. Tholen to:

- Find out GPA
- Class Rank
- Complete credit check to ensure student is on track for graduation.

2. Take Accuplacer tests.

How to Apply if Eligible

1. Student applies online through the college's website.
2. Meet with Mrs. Tholen:
 - a. Create a plan to identify which courses to take during each semester student is taking PSEO courses.
 - b. Complete *Notice of Intent to Enroll* Form (Deadline for Fall semester 2018/19 is March 1st).
3. Student submits all required paperwork to the college.

After Enrolment is Complete

- 1. Register for courses as determined by plan created with Mrs. Tholen.**
- 2. Complete PSEO Course Schedule form on STEP Academy Website.**
- 3. Meet with Mrs. Tholen by October 1st to check-in on course progress, plan spring semester courses prior to registering, and get *Notice of Intent to Enroll* form signed for spring semester.**

Testing

PSEO students are still required to complete ALL state standardized testing.

Students must keep track of when the testing dates are and are required to report to STEP academy to complete any required tests.

11th grade:

- **MCA Math, MCA Science if currently taking biology for the first time.**
- **ACT**