

Eagle Ridge Academy

PSEO Guidelines and Information

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options

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 nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Each participating college or university sets its own requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. 11th- and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th-graders may take one career/technical PSEO course. If 10th- graders taking a CTE PSEO course earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional CTE PSEO courses. Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate, she/he may continue to participate in PSEO.

There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course. Enrolling in a PSEO course does not prohibit a student from participating in activities sponsored by the high school. Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students to participate in PSEO courses on college campuses.

Check the Minnesota Department of Education PSEO website for more information including an updated list of participating colleges and their requirements.

<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/CollReadi/PSEO/>

How to become a PSEO Student:

1. Follow the PSEO application directions found on the college's website.
2. You will be notified by mail by the college you have applied to whether you have been accepted or denied. Students will not be accepted until all paperwork listed by the college has been submitted.
3. Meet with the academic counselor to discuss appropriate college classes and to adjust your Eagle Ridge Academy schedule.
4. Students will be registered as a full-time Eagle Ridge Academy students until they meet with the academic counselor to adjust their schedule.
5. The deadline to inform Eagle Ridge Academy regarding the intent to enroll in PSEO is May 30 each year per state statute.
6. The academic counselor's office has limited hours in the summer. Please plan accordingly by being prepared with the Eagle Ridge Academy PSEO form completed to the academic counselor prior to May 30.

Points to Consider

- Students may participate as a full-time or part-time student.
- College calendars may differ from the Eagle Ridge Academy calendar, which means there can be overlap in terms/semesters.
- PSEO students may participate in Eagle Ridge Academy co-curricular activities, dances, etc.
- Some colleges prefer to see Advanced Placement classes on the applicant's transcript, rather than PSEO classes.
- It is the student's responsibility to obtain announcements, graduation materials, etc.
- It is the student's responsibility to get a transcript to the academic counselor at the end of each term so the credits can be added to their high school transcript.

- The exact grade assigned by the college is transferred to the Eagle Ridge Academy transcript. For most colleges, a 3-4 credit college course is equal to 1 high school credit.
- The Pass/No Credit and Drop Policies are followed according to the college's handbook.
- Students need a PSEO enrollment form filled out prior to each semester and submitted to the college by their deadline.
- PSEO classes grades are not weighted at Eagle Ridge Academy. The courses will appear on the students transcript and will be a part of the student's GPA. The standard 4.0 GPA scale listed in the student handbook will be used.
- Eagle Ridge Academy will allow a PSEO student reasonable access to the high school building, computers and/or other technology resources during regular school hours. For questions regarding this, please contact the school's academic counselor.