

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY - Refer to Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09 (2012).

Any Minnesota public, nonpublic, home school or American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant student classified as an 11th or 12th grader and accepted by a postsecondary institution, may enroll either full- or part-time in nonsectarian courses or programs at an eligible postsecondary institution. Beginning fall semester of 2102, eligible 10th grade students may enroll in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course. Please review additional requirements below. Foreign students participating in cultural exchange programs are not eligible.

- A. A student must be enrolled in school in the 11th or 12th grade;
OR
 A student who is in the 10th grade may apply to an eligible postsecondary institution for the purpose of enrolling in a Career and Technical Education (CTE) course. The 10th grade student must have taken the 8th grade MCA reading test in the 8th grade and have met the composite proficiency level of meets or exceeds.
- B. A student who enters the program:
- 1) At the **beginning** of the 10th grade year may continue in the program for the equivalent of three academic high school years, except for state approved Learning Year Programs pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.128, summer sessions not included.
 - 2) At the **beginning** of the 11th grade year may continue in the program for the equivalent of two academic high school years, except for state approved Learning Year Programs pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.128, summer sessions are not included.
 - 3) At the **beginning** of the 12th grade year a student may continue in the program for the equivalent of one academic high school year.
- C. For purposes of determining PSEO eligibility, the student must have reduced instructional time in the secondary setting. Students cannot access PSEO on top of a full course load at the high school.
- D. In either case, if the student first enters the program **during** the academic year, the window of opportunity is reduced proportionally.
- E. If a student, withdrew from high school for medical or other unavoidable reasons prior to the beginning of the postsecondary institution's 2nd semester and generated no general education revenue through the remainder of the school year after withdrawal, the student would be eligible to extend eligibility by one semester.
- F. An institution shall **not** enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment options purposes, in sectarian, remedial, developmental, or other courses that are **not** college level.
- G. In 2003, the PSEO law was amended so that the books are now returned to the college not the high school. Minnesota Statute, section 124D.09, Subdivision 20 (2002), is amended to read: "*Subdivision 20, **TEXTBOOKS; MATERIALS.** All textbooks and equipment provided to a pupil, and paid for under subdivision 13, are the property of the pupil's **postsecondary institution.** Each pupil is required to return all textbooks and equipment to the **postsecondary institution** after the course has ended.*"

For more detailed information on the program and its requirements, please [view the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program information](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/CollReadi/PSEO/index.html) (<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/CollReadi/PSEO/index.html>) on the Minnesota Department of Education's website.