

PSEO Guide: Determining if PSEO is Right for You and Next Steps

Is PSEO right for you?

- Determine your reasons for considering PSEO...
 - Financial: Are you interested in the dual credit option to earn free college credit?
 - Keep in mind that some colleges may not accept the transfer of any or all credits earned outside their institution.
 - Personal/Social/Emotional: Are you ready for a different academic environment than what you experience in your high school?
 - Academic: Are you ready for college academics and a faster pace?
 - Have you “topped out on” or “exhausted” all of the available higher level coursework at your high school? (Colleges tend to prefer to see that you have before taking PSEO classes.)

- Have you demonstrated responsibility by getting to classes and completing assignments on your own?

- Would you miss not being in high school?
 - Keep in mind there may be special events that take place during the school day that you would miss to leave for/attend your PSEO classes.

- Will you be able to be flexible, and will the schedule allow for us to arrange your schedule to get to your classes at your high school and at your college?
 - How long will travel time take to get from one school to the other?
 - What form of transportation will you use?
 - Are you taking high school class(es) that are only offered during 1 period of the school day?
 - Are you involved in activities at your high school that you must be present for?

- What requirements do you need to meet to graduate from high school?
 - If you enroll in PSEO classes that don't count toward your graduation requirements, you might not graduate on time.
 - If you withdraw from or fail a PSEO class that does count toward graduation requirements, you might not graduate on time

- What are your plans for after high school?
 - Often different colleges have different preferences for if high school students do PSEO or if they stay involved in their high school community
 - Do your research- talk with potential colleges/colleges you are interested in to learn what they'd prefer to see in your junior and senior year

Interested? You will need to follow these steps:

- (1) Determine if you and your parents/guardians believe PSEO is right for you
- (2) Apply for PSEO
 - Application on college's sites (links available at SWHS Counseling)
 - Do not pay the application fee at end of application
 - If required, complete admissions or placement testing (accuplacer or ACT)
 - Each college follows their own process, timeline: it's up to YOU to research the process
- (3) Complete all Required Forms/Paperwork
 - Complete any additional PSEO forms from college you're applying to (See college's PSEO site)
 - Complete State PSEO "Notice of Student Registration Form"
 - Requires Parent Signature
 - Requires Info from Counselor and Counselor Signature
- (4) Schedule an appointment with your counselor before registering for PSEO classes
 - Review any classes you need to meet graduation requirements
 - Confirm that your tentative PSEO course schedule will align with your high school schedule
 - Note: there may likely be limited flexibility with high school courses; if you are only doing PSEO part-time look for PSEO courses in mid-late afternoon or evening