



PSEO?

Things to consider...

1. PSEO takes more than academic strength—**this is college not high school**. To be successful, you should be an independent, flexible, disciplined learner, comfortable with adults, able to advocate for yourself, problem solve, handle new situations and be willing to access support services (Writing Centers/Math Labs/Tutors) if problems arise. Classes move quickly. **It is the student's responsibility to keep up.**
2. What are your goals? College classes are challenging whether CIS, PSEO or AP...straight A's are not the norm. CIS courses are taught by an SPCPA teacher and final grades are weighted, which gives your GPA a bump. **PSEO courses may be taught in large lectures with few assessments making it difficult to recover from a poor grade.**
3. What transportation options do you have? CIS course are taught at SPCPA. PSEO courses are elsewhere. How will you travel between SPCPA and your PSEO location? How will differences in school calendars impact J-Term options and vacation plans? Working your PSEO schedule around your Arts schedule at SPCPA can be frustrating. **PSEO courses do not excuse you from SPCPA requirements.**
4. Online PSEO courses may sound appealing, but the success rate in online classes is typically much lower than classes that require your presence. GPAs may suffer because this type of course "just doesn't seem real." **A NC in a CIS/PSEO course is a double whammy damaging your high school transcript and your college transcript.** If you aren't able to give these classes your fullest effort, consider another option.
5. PSEO requirements differ by institution, but...**the average GPA for PSEO students admitted by the University of Minnesota is 3.9. Community colleges require seniors to be in the top 50% of their graduating class and juniors to be in the top 70%. Metro State requires a 3.0 minimum GPA for seniors (3.25 juniors).**

Ready to proceed...

1. PSEO registration is the student's responsibility. **This is college.**
2. Deadlines typically range from April (U of MN) to May (St Paul College) to July (Century).
3. All community colleges and many 4 year institutions offer in PSEO options. To learn more **google search "(college name) PSEO."**
4. PSEO programs previously selected by SPCPA students include:

Century College -- <http://centurycollege.mnscu.edu/futurestudents/admissions/pseo.aspx>

Inver Hills -- <https://www.inverhills.edu/DegreesAndPrograms/CollegeForHSStudents/PSEO.aspx>

St Paul College -- <http://www.saintpaul.edu/prospectivestudents/Pages/pseoprogram.aspx>

Concordia University-St Paul -- <http://www.csp.edu/admissions/pseo/>

Metro State -- [http://www.metrostate.edu/admissions/undergraduate/post-secondary-\(pseo\)](http://www.metrostate.edu/admissions/undergraduate/post-secondary-(pseo))

Northwestern University -- <https://www.unwsp.edu/web/pseo-early-college/pseo-online>

U of MN -- <https://cce.umn.edu/post-secondary-enrollment-options-pseo>