POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Public School Students

How can my child earn college credits in high school?

One of the ways your child can earn college credits is through the Postsecondary Enrollment Options program. Often called PSEO, this program allows eligible students to take and complete a college course.

What are the benefits for my child?

Your child can earn college credit after successfully completing the course and, depending on your selected program option, also receive high school credit toward graduation. It provides more options for your child to pursue rigorous academic coursework beyond the high school classroom. This can reduce later costs and time in college for the student.

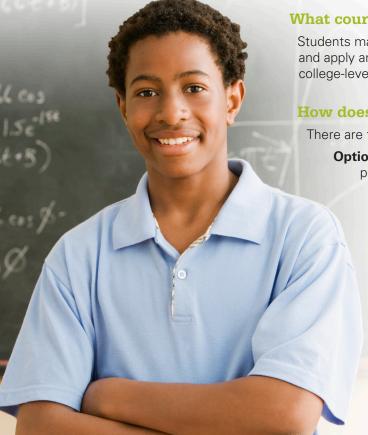
Can any high school student participate in PSEO?

Your child must be:

- 1. An Ohio resident:
- 2. A student in Grades 9-12:
- 3. A student enrolled in a traditional public school, community school or a STEM school; and
- 4. Accepted by an Ohio college or other postsecondary institution.







What courses can my child take as a PSEO?

Students may apply and enroll to college anytime during Grades 9-12; and apply and enroll in more than one college. Your child may enroll in college-level courses that cover non-sectarian (non-religious) topics.

How does a PSEO work?

There are two ways your child can participate in the PSEO program:

Option A – Under this option, your family pays the entire cost of the program directly to the college. Your child chooses to receive both high school and college credit or only college credit. By choosing the college credit only, the grade for the course is not factored into your child's high school grade point average.

Option B – Your child receives both high school and college credit. The traditional school district, community school or STEM school pays for the college credit. You also should check with the college about any general fees that your family would need to directly pay. Your child and your family must meet with your school and sign a form indicating that you understand all of the responsibilities of participation.

How many courses can my child take?

The number of courses depends on your child's high school schedule. Although students may be eligible to take more than one class, this is the decision of your child, your family, your high school and the college. The first step is to meet with your child's school counselor to discuss the possible benefits, risks and consequences.



What is the application process?

March 30: Your child must notify the school counselor or high school principal of his or her intent to participate in PSEO.

Who should I contact for further information?

Talk to your high school guidance counselor or school administrator if your student is interested in participating in PSEO. You can find more information on the Ohio Department of Education's website at education.ohio.gov. Use the search term "postsecondary." You may also send an email to Wendy Cantrell at wendy.cantrell@education.ohio.gov or Scott Bennington at scott.bennington@education.ohio.gov.

