POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Nonpublic and Home-schooled Students

How can my child earn college credits in high school?

The Postsecondary Enrollment Options program, often called PSEO, allows eligible students to take and complete a college course.

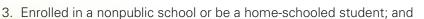
What are the benefits for my child?

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. In Grades 9-12:



4. Accepted by an Ohio college or other postsecondary institution.





Students may 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:

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. If a nonpublic student chooses 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 college receives payment from a specific amount of funds set aside by the Ohio General Assembly. There may not be enough funds to pay for all nonpublic and home-schooled students who apply. You also should check with the college about any general fees that your family would need to directly pay. If your child attends nonpublic school, your child and your family must meet with the school and sign a form indicating that you understand all of the responsibilities of participation.



How many PSEO courses can my child take and how are funds awarded?

Although students are eligible to take more than one class, this is the decision of your child, your family and the college. The number of courses for nonpublic students depends on the high school schedule. There is no maximum number of courses for home-schooled students. However, there are limited funds in the state budget for nonpublic and home-schooled students. Starting with seniors, students are awarded one unit (four credit hours), followed by juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Following the same class order, each additional round awards one unit to requesting students until funds run out. If there are not enough funds to award an entire grade level with one unit, a lottery is held to distribute the remaining funds among that grade.

What is the application process?

March 30: If your child is in a nonpublic school, he or she must notify the school counselor about the intent to participate in PSEO. The student and family must meet with the school to have the program fully explained and must sign a consent form that they understand and agree to the rules for participating. This requirement does not apply to home-schooled students.

April 1: The parent or guardian of a home-schooled student must notify the Ohio Department of Education of the student's intent to participate in PSEO for the following school year.

May 15 – June 15: Your child (nonpublic and home-schooled) must submit an application for funding in PSEO during the following school year to the Ohio Department of Education. Applications cannot be dropped off or delivered in person.

July 20: Notifications about PSEO awards are mailed to nonpublic and home-schooled students, nonpublic school administrators and college administrators.

Who should I contact for further information?

Talk to your high school guidance counselor or school administrator if your nonpublic 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.