

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Guidance for Schools

State law allows Ohio students in Grades 9-12 to take and complete a college course while in high school.

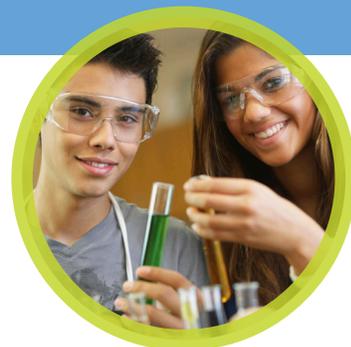
What is the benefit to the student?

Students can earn both high school credit toward graduation and college credit when successfully completing the course. It provides more options for students to pursue rigorous academic coursework beyond the high school classroom.

Can any high school student participate in PSEO?

The student must be:

1. An Ohio resident;
2. In Grades 9-12;
3. Enrolled in a traditional public school, a community school, a STEM school, a nonpublic school or a home-schooled student; and
4. Accepted by an Ohio college or other postsecondary institution.



What courses can a student take as a PSEO course?

Students may apply and enroll in more than one college. Students may enroll in a college-level course that covers non-sectarian (non-religious) topics.

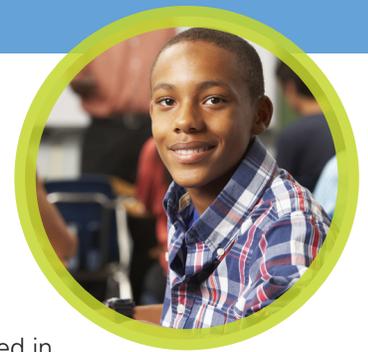
How does a PSEO work?

If the student is in a public school, the school district pays for the college credit. If the student attends a nonpublic high school or is home-schooled, 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.

How many PSEO courses can a student take?

Students cannot take more than a full high school course load. If the course load enables the student to take more than one college course, this is a decision of the student, family, high school (public and nonpublic students) and the college. 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 public and nonpublic school's responsibility?

Your public or nonpublic school must meet with the student and family to fully explain the PSEO program. This information includes, but is not limited to:

1. If the student fails or does not complete the PSEO course, he or she might not have enough credits to graduate from high school;
2. The grade earned in a college PSEO course, if taken for high school credit, will be included in the student's high school grade point average;
3. If the student fails or does not complete the course, the family must reimburse the district or state for the amount of funds paid to the college; and
4. There is limited state funding for nonpublic and home-schooled students, which may limit the number of students and/or the number of courses that students can take.

The student and family must sign a form indicating that they understand all of the responsibilities of participation. This requirement does not apply to home-schooled students.

What is the application timeline?

Important Dates	Required Actions	Nonpublic Schools	Home Schools	Public Schools
No Timeframe	An eligible student enrolled in a traditional, community or STEM school may apply and enroll in a college anytime during Grades 9-12.	X		X
March 30	All students must notify their counselor or high school administrator of their intent to participate in the program.	X		X
April 1	Parent or guardian of a home-schooled student must notify the Ohio Department of Education of their student's wish to participate in the following school year.		X	
April 1	Chief administrator of the nonpublic high school must notify the Ohio Department of Education that the school wishes to participate in the program during the following school year.	X		
May 15 – June 15	Students choosing option B must submit an application for funding in PSEO during the following school year to the Ohio Department of Education.	X	X	
July 20	Students, nonpublic school administrators and college administrators receive notification about awards by mail. Home-schooled students and college administrators receive notification about awards in the mail.	X		

Who should I contact for further information?

You can find more information by searching for "postsecondary" on the Ohio Department of Education's website at education.ohio.gov. Your school finance area coordinator also is a good resource. To find the area coordinator for your county, go to the department of education website and search for "area coordinator." You may also send an email to Wendy Cantrell at wendy.cantrell@education.ohio.gov or Scott Bennington at scott.bennington@education.ohio.gov.