

# Minnewaska Area Schools

## Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Information & Contract

### WHO CAN TAKE PSEO COURSES?

Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

*\*Sophomores are only eligible for CTE courses.*

### BENEFITS OF PSEO:

1. Provides opportunity for classes not offered at the high school
2. Provides opportunity to explore areas of special interest
3. *May* decrease time spent in college
4. Provides financial benefits (tuition and books are paid for by high school)
5. *May* have a more flexible schedule

Students who pursue PSEO are eligible to participate in Minnewaska High School Activities but scheduling conflicts may arise.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Call or email to schedule an appointment with the school counselor and [Check out the Minnesota Department of Education website.](#)

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### MDE INFORMATION

#### Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th graders are eligible to enroll in PSEO on a more limited basis (see note below). Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate, she/he may continue to participate in PSEO on a term by term basis.

By March 1 of each year, or three weeks prior to the date a student registers for courses for the following school year, schools must provide PSEO information to all students in grades 8-11 and their families. To assist the district in planning, a student must inform the district by May 30 (for fall enrollment) and October 30 (for spring enrollment) of each year of their intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year.



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There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course; however, students may incur fees for equipment that becomes their property when the course or program is completed, textbooks that are not returned to the postsecondary institution according to their policies, or for tuition costs if they do not notify the district by May 30 or October 30 and the district does not waive this date requirement.

Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students to participate in PSEO courses on college campuses. For more information on these funds, [access the PSEO Mileage Reimbursement Program Instructions](#).

Enrolling in a PSEO course does not prohibit a student from participating in activities sponsored by the high school.

School districts must allow a PSEO student reasonable access to the high school building, computers and/or other technology resources during regular school hours to participate in PSEO courses, whether on-line or on campus.

Each year, districts must publish their grade-weighting policy on their website, including a list of courses for which students can earn weighted grades.

All courses taken through the PSEO program must meet graduation requirements. Districts must transcript credits earned in PSEO by a ratio prescribed in statute. Districts have the authority to decide which subject area and standards the PSEO course meets. If there is a dispute between the district and the student regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the student may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision regarding the number of credits will be final.

Postsecondary institutions are required to allow PSEO students to enroll in online courses consistent with the institution's policy regarding postsecondary student enrollment in online courses.

Tenth-grade students may initially enroll in one Career and Technical Education (CTE) PSEO course if they receive a reading proficiency score of "meets" or "exceeds" on the 8th grade MCA. If 10th graders taking a CTE PSEO course earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional CTE PSEO courses. If the student did not take the MCA in 8th-grade, another reading assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution can be substituted. For students with disabilities, there is an alternative option to demonstrate reading proficiency.

For current information about the PSEO program, [visit the Minnesota Department of Education's Postsecondary Enrollment Options \(PSEO\) webpage](#).

*Any student planning to enroll in PSEO must meet with the High School Counselor to complete the Minnewaska Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Contract.*



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### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

Minnewaska Area High School partners with Alexandria Technical and Community College and Minnesota State Community and Technical College to offer the following college credit courses to our high school students here. Students who successfully complete these courses generate both high school and college credit from the partnering postsecondary institution. Minnewaska students are allowed to take four college courses per semester.

There is no cost to the student to participate in these courses, but there are entrance requirements. These courses provide high school students advanced skills today and greater flexibility when they enter the setting full-time. That may include pursuing second majors and internships or studying abroad.

### MINNEWASKA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES:

- General Psychology (MState)
- College Algebra (ATCC)
- Principles of Trigonometry (ATCC)
- Pre-Calculus (ATCC)
- Calculus (ATCC)
- Introduction to Statistics (ATCC)
- Composition I (ATCC)
- Composition II (ATCC)
- Introduction to Literature (ATCC)
- Public Speaking (ATCC)
- Fundamentals of Chemistry (ATCC)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (ATCC)
- Math Reasoning (ATCC)
- Constitutional Government (ATCC)

### AP COURSES

AP is a College Board program that offers high school students the opportunity to take rigorous, college-level courses and earn college credit while in high school. The content in AP courses is structured like college courses. Students who complete an AP course and take the end-of-course examination may qualify for college credit from postsecondary institutions, provided their score meets the institution's credit policy. These courses help prepare students for further education and many colleges look favorably on transcripts that include AP coursework.

### MINNEWASKA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES:

- AP Literature and Composition
- AP Language and Composition
- AP Studio Art (on rotation)
- AP World History

### ONLINE COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL (OCHS)

Online college in the High School (OCHS) offers students the opportunity to earn dual-credit while participating online in the high school setting. Minnewaska offers the following OCHS classes

- Biology I & II

*This information provided with the assistance of MREA, a statewide organization advocating for Greater Minnesota students.*



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**Students/families must notify the Minnewaska Counseling Department of their PSEO enrollment on or before May 30 (for fall enrollment) and October 30 (for spring enrollment) of each year to avoid tuition charges.**

Student's Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor or Counselor Assistant initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College Student expects to attend as a PSEO student: \_\_\_\_\_

### AS A PSEO STUDENT, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW AND ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING (PLEASE INITIAL):

\_\_\_\_ You will follow all Minnewaska Area High School policies, including maintaining full-time enrollment status between the high school and the college.

\_\_\_\_ The grade you receive at the college goes on your high school transcript and is averaged into your GPA.

\_\_\_\_ You are responsible for attending classes, even when the high school is on break.

\_\_\_\_ You are responsible for getting all appropriate forms to the Counseling Office in a timely manner. The Counseling Office requires a 24 hour notice to complete and return any forms you may need.

\_\_\_\_ You are responsible for checking your Minnewaska student email. All notifications will continue to go to this email address. The high school is not responsible for any events or deadlines missed if the student fails to check their email.

\_\_\_\_ All classes, including online courses, must be completed within the Minnewaska school year.

\_\_\_\_ You can participate in activities at either the high school or the college, but not both (per the Minnesota State High School league).

\_\_\_\_ You will be prorated .25 high school credits for every 1.0 college credit.



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\_\_\_\_\_ You must send or deliver your course list once you've registered with the college. This is to ensure you're meeting all graduation requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Colleges having varying drop deadlines. However, if you decide to withdraw from a college course beyond the 14-day drop period, you will receive a W on your college transcript but an F on your high school transcript (as noted in the Student Handbook).

\_\_\_\_\_ PSEO grades are weighted (see Student Handbook).

\_\_\_\_\_ Students will be required to send grade updates to Jen Ring twice a month to monitor progress.

**I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE EXPECTATIONS AND WILL FOLLOW THEM. IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THEM, I REALIZE THAT I MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE PSEO PROGRAM OR BE AT RISK FOR NOT GRADUATING ON TIME.**

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

**Below is the list of grad requirements a Minnewaska student typically takes during their junior and senior years. These must be completed at the post-secondary level along with any elective credits if applicable.**

### 11TH GRADE

- Sociology
- Economics
- Algebra II (equivalent or above)
- Chemistry or Physics
- English (full year)

### 12TH GRADE

- English (full year)
- American Government

