Career and College Readiness Resources

In today's global economy, students must be well prepared for the demands of college and the workplace. Ulen Hitterdal School provides support to assist students as they transition from middle school to high school and into an increasingly wide array of postsecondary options. Each of the options is described below.

For questions on any of these resources, please contact the school counselor, Kimberly Skjold, at 218-596-1805.

ECHS and Concurrent Enrollment

Ulen-Hitterdal School partners with Minnesota State Community and Technical College to offer the following college credit courses to our high school students. Students who complete these courses generate both high school and college credit from the partnering postsecondary institution. There is no cost for students to participate in these courses, but there are entrance requirements. These courses provide high school students with advanced skills today and greater flexibility when they enter the university setting full-time. That may include pursuing second majors and internships or studying abroad. Ulen-Hitterdal School offers the following Concurrent Enrollment Courses: College Math (2- 4 credit courses), College English (2 -3 credit courses), College American History (2- 3 credit courses), College Western Civ (2-3 credit courses). Concurrent courses are open to students in 10th-12th grade if it works in their schedule and as long as they meet GPA requirements and have met their most recent MCA's. ECHS courses are online courses through Mstate and are open to 11th- 12th grade students who meet the GPA requirements and have met their most recent MCA's.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options

PSEO is a program through the Department of Education 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 any eligible postsecondary institution in Minnesota. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. To assist the district in planning, a student must inform the district/charter school by May 30 (for fall term enrollment) or October 30 (for spring term enrollment) of their intent to enroll in postsecondary courses. The district/charter school must provide counseling services to students and their parents or guardians before the student enrolls in courses to ensure that the students and their parents or guardians are fully aware of the risks and possible consequences of enrolling in postsecondary courses.

Student Eligibility for PSEO

11th- and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis. Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment in the PSEO courses, such as GPA.

10th-grade students are eligible to enroll in **one** Career and Technical Education (CTE) course if they receive a reading proficiency score of "meets" or "exceeds" on the 8th-grade MCA. Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment in the PSEO courses, such as GPA. If a 10th-grade 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. A 10th-grade student who enrolls in one CTE course and earns at least a grade C in the first term of enrollment may take additional postsecondary courses in the subsequent term, not limited to CTE. Access the list of postsecondary institutions offering approved CTE courses to 10th-grade students.

If the district/charter school determines a student is academically not on track to graduate, the student may continue to participate in PSEO on a term-by-term basis beyond their cohort graduation date.

Tuition and Fees

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 the date requirement.

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

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