



Print Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Bemidji High School
Post-Secondary Enrollment Option(PSEO) Program
“Choosing Well-Choosing Wisely”

Introduction:

If you are an 11th or 12th grade student, the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act provides an opportunity for students who meet academic eligibility requirements to enroll in courses at many Minnesota postsecondary institutions. These institutions include technical and community colleges, state universities, the University of Minnesota and its branches, some private colleges and universities. Tenth grade students are limited to CTE (career technical education) courses only through PSEO. See your counselor for more information.

The purpose of the program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to high school students. Communication between the student, parents and school counselor will help to ensure academic success. **Keep in mind that all students must meet the high school graduation requirements in order to earn a high school diploma.**

How the PSEO Program Works:

Once you meet the academic eligibility of your institution of choice, you may enroll for up to 4 semesters (2 academic years) if you are entering 11th grade and up to 2 semesters (1 academic year) if you are entering the 12th grade.

Example Admission Criteria:

- Bemidji State University requires juniors and seniors to rank in the upper 25% of their graduating class to be eligible.
- Northwest Technical College-Bemidji, requires juniors to rank in the upper one-third of their graduating class and seniors to rank in the upper one-half of their graduation class to be eligible.
- Each postsecondary institution sets their own PSEO admission requirements.

All students must complete the PSEO Notice of Student Enrollment Application Form (including parent signature) and return to the Counseling Office. The deadline date to submit the Notice of Student Enrollment to the high school is May 30th. An official copy of your transcript will be attached and forwarded to the appropriate postsecondary institution for a PSEO admission decision. PSEO students must complete this form each semester, per Minnesota Department of Education.

You will be required to work with your school counselor to determine any unmet course requirements necessary to meet graduation standards. Keep in mind that postsecondary institutions may not be able to deliver all courses that you may need to graduate from high school as a PSEO student. PSEO students are not given priority registration and may run into closed courses and course conflicts.

Students will receive 1 high school credit for every 4 college credits in a semester system.

Courses completed through PSEO will not positively or negatively affect high school G.P.A. Courses completed through PSEO will not be factored into students' cumulative high school G.P.A. and class rank. Also, to be considered an Honor Graduate at Bemidji High School, 50% of his/her required courses must be completed at Bemidji High School. PSEO courses are not taught at BHS. See student handbook for more information.

The PSEO Program will cover the cost of tuition, fees and required textbooks. Students may need to pay for equipment/supplies such as tools, calculators and newspapers. **All textbooks are to be returned to the Office of Admissions immediately upon completion of the course. Failure to return all books will result in cancellation of the next term's courses, if you are continuing in the program, and a hold will be placed on your academic record.**

Students are not eligible for financial aid while enrolled in the PSEO program. In addition, this program is not available in the summer and only operates during the fall and spring semesters.

Students can attend a postsecondary institution either full-time or part-time. (1 high school credit = 4 semester college credits). Each semester, PSEO students must send their college schedule to their high school counselor and review their credits toward graduation.

Semester start and end date schedules will vary between the high school and postsecondary schools. Please make sure you are aware of the differences which can create scheduling challenges.

College level courses are more accelerated and academically challenging than high school courses. Students must work without supervision and have self-discipline both academically and socially. Please make sure you are ready for these responsibilities.

Bemidji State University will offer an orientation/registration program preparing students to register for college courses. Students may need to take an assessment in mathematics at that time.

Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for PSEO students whose families are at or below poverty level, as determined by the federal government. See your counselor for more information.

If you withdraw from the program, you must notify your high school counselor to develop a new schedule at the high school.

Make sure you stay connected with your high school by remaining involved in extracurricular activities and special events. In addition, there are many dates and deadlines students need to be aware of throughout their junior and senior year, particularly with regard to high school graduation, and the college/scholarship search and application process.

Special program fees beyond the fees attached to tuition are not covered by BSU's PSEO program. Examples of such fees are private music lessons fees and trips that are taken as part of a course. If a student registers for courses that have these types of fees attached (they will be indicated in the schedule of courses), the student/parent/guardian will be charged directly.

Off-Campus courses, such as study abroad, etc. are not offered under the PSEO program. If a student is granted special permission to take such a course, the tuition and fees associated with these credits are the responsibility of the student.

Items to be reviewed with each student:

- Discuss scheduling of classes at both campuses
- Prior to registering for PSEO courses at BSU, students should refer to the following website to see if there are open seats in classes, and if not, to make another schedule:
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/schedule>
- Credit equivalency for Bemidji High School – discuss credits needed to earn a BHS diploma
- Discuss student's ability to work and function independently
- Discuss emotional maturity and student responsibility
- Discuss future plans/career counseling
- Discuss transportation responsibility

I, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this information regarding the Postsecondary Enrollment Option Program, I am aware that counseling services are available and am aware of the responsibilities regarding participation in the program. It is my responsibility to keep in contact with the high school throughout the semester and if I do not maintain a grade point average of 2.0 (C average), I will not be allowed to continue in the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program.

Signatures:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Student: _____ Date: _____

