

Frequently Asked Question About the PSEO Program

What is the Accuplacer assessment test?

Inver Hills uses a computerized assessment called Accuplacer that provides immediate results that predict college readiness. The tests are not timed and usually take approximately two hours. It is free of charge, and students do not need to schedule an appointment. The Testing Center is located on the upper level of the College Center building, Room CC290. Students must present a government-issued picture I.D. in order to take the assessment. For more information or to confirm the hours for testing, please call (651) 450-3687 or visit our Testing Center web page: <https://www.inverhills.edu/LearningSupport/TestingCenter/index.aspx>

Who pays for the tuition and fees for courses taken through the PSEO Program?

The tuition and fees for approved courses are paid by the Minnesota Department of Education or by a contract with the High School through the PSEO Program. PSEO students may not register for certain courses including developmental courses not considered college level (numbered below 1000), non-credit courses, and courses that incur travel expenses. Students may not register for selected courses determined by the college, including courses in special programs or courses that have a higher rate of tuition or additional fees.

Who pays for the required textbooks and supplies for courses?

Funding for the PSEO Program covers the cost for students to use required books and supplies. These books and supplies belong to Inver Hills Community College. The costs of certain items are not covered by the program such as computer software programs and equipment or supplies that become the property of the student. The program does not cover general school supplies such as notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. All books and supplies must be returned to the Inver Hills Bookstore during the book buyback period/final exam week at the end of each semester. If you do not return the borrowed materials, you will be billed for the cost of the books and supplies. If you drop or withdraw from a class, you must return all books and supplies to the Bookstore within 5 business days. We ask that you do not open shrink-wrapped textbook bundles and do not activate online access codes until your class begins so that you are sure you will be taking the class.

What is the maximum number of credits I can register for each semester?

Students in 11th and 12th grade that are eligible to take General Education courses AND Career and Technical Education courses are allowed to take up to 16 credits each semester. Credit hours indicate the hours of class time per week. For example, sixteen credits would mean the student spends approximately 16 hours in class per week. A student that is registered for 12 semester credits or more is considered to be a full time student.

How many classes can I take if I am eligible to take ONLY Career and Technical Education Courses?

All 10th grade students, or 11th or 12th grade students admitted to our PSEO Program with the restriction of taking only Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, may enroll in one CTE course during their first semester. If the student receives a grade of C or better in the course, the student will be allowed to take additional CTE courses in subsequent terms. Students must meet all course prerequisite requirements established by the college.

How often do I meet with my high school counselor?

You must meet with your high school counselor every semester to have them complete the Notice of Student Registration Form. You need to work closely with your high school counselor to ensure that the college courses you take will meet your high school graduation requirements.

Who helps PSEO students choose classes and register?

PSEO students are required to meet with an Inver Hills Academic Advisor at their PSEO orientation session. Students are highly encouraged to meet with an Inver Hills Academic Advisor every semester or as needed.

Do I have to maintain a certain GPA?

PSEO students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and complete 67% of credits attempted in order to remain in satisfactory academic standing. If a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is not maintained, or if a student falls below 67% completion of credits, the student will be placed on academic warning for the following semester. If satisfactory academic progress is not met for two semesters, the student will be placed on academic suspension.

Is coursework more difficult than high school?

Generally, college courses are more challenging than high school courses. The responsibility of learning is primarily on the student. For every hour of class, the student should plan to spend two hours outside of class studying. For example, a three credit class requires three hours of class time per week and six hours of independent studying per week. A total of nine hours per week should be devoted to a three credit course.

What if a PSEO student fails a class at Inver Hills?

This is one of the risks a PSEO student takes in this program. If a class which is required for high school graduation is not passed, the student may not be able to graduate with his or her high school class. In addition, the student's permanent college transcript will record the failing grade. It is important for students to realize that PSEO courses and grades appear on their college transcript and become part of their permanent college record.

What if a student withdraws from a course?

A student may withdraw from a class by completing the necessary form in the Enrollment Center. Students should consult with their instructor, their high school counselor, and an Inver Hills Advisor prior to withdrawing from a course. Students may NOT withdraw from a course after the last date to withdraw that is shown for a specific course. If it is a class that is required for high school graduation, the student may not be eligible to graduate.

Does a PSEO student have to take classes during both semesters?

Students can take classes at Inver Hills during one semester or both (fall and spring semesters). Semester courses conclude each semester and new classes can be taken during the next semester.

Is a student eligible to take courses through the PSEO program during the summer?

No. If a high school student takes classes during the summer, he or she is responsible for tuition, fees, and books. The student completes a Non-PSEO Enrollment Form to register for summer semester classes.

What is expected of a PSEO student at Inver Hills Community College?

Inver Hills Community College is committed to the success of our PSEO students. We believe students need to be accountable in order for their educational experience to be meaningful and productive. We expect the student to:

- Attend classes regularly – if you are not in class, you will not be successful!
- Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA each term in order to remain in satisfactory academic standing.
- Use the services that are available to all students – peer tutoring, math center, writing center, and library.
- Keep in contact with the high school counselor to ensure high school graduation requirements are met.
- Meet with an Academic Advisor for questions regarding academic success or program requirements.

Where can PSEO students eat on campus?

The Fresh Stop Café is located on the lower level of the College Center building. Payment can be made by cash, check or debit/credit card. An ATM machine is located in the College Center, near the Fresh Stop Café.

Where do students park?

PSEO students are allowed to park in any lot they choose. We do not use parking permits, and the parking fees are covered by student fees that are included in the PSEO funding.

Is transportation provided for PSEO students?

No, it is the student's responsibility to provide their own transportation. Inver Hills is on the Metro Transit bus route and offers the College Pass discount. Reimbursement for transportation expenses may be available through the school district if the family's income level is at or below the federal poverty guidelines.

Can PSEO students participate in campus clubs and organizations at Inver Hills?

Yes! We encourage involvement to enrich the college experience. Students have organized and participate in clubs such as the Student Senate, Art Club, Gaming Community, Spanish Club, VIBE, Math Club, Theater Club, and Phi Theta Kappa, just to name a few. Club activities include planning and organization, meeting to resolve concerns, and developing activities for members of the college community. Intramural sports include basketball, disc golf, dodgeball, ice hockey, soccer and volleyball.

Who can I contact if I need more information?

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