



Minnesota West Community & Technical College

GETTING READY FOR PSEO



MINNESOTA STATE





Welcome to Minnesota West PSEO Informational Session

Earn College Credits in High School.

- Concurrent Enrollment (REACH) – College courses taught in the high school by high school teachers, who have credentials within that field. No cost to student/parents.
- PSEO –No cost to the students/parents.
College courses taken online or at one of our six campuses:
 - ❑ Worthington
 - ❑ Jackson
 - ❑ Canby
 - ❑ Granite Falls
 - ❑ Pipestone
 - ❑ Luverne



Why Take College Courses in High School?

- It helps students be well-prepared for the demands of college and the workplace.
- Challenges students academically.
- Saves time and money for students.
- Allows students to explore different subjects that may lead to a desirable career for them.
- In some situations, it can create a more flexible schedule for students.
- Meet students from different schools.



Who is Eligible?

Sophomores –

- Have a minimum of a "proficient" score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) test for reading
- AND meet the assessment prerequisites set for the course that must be met by all students.
- PSEO students in 10th grade will be allowed to register for ONE CTE course during their first semester.
 - Not all Minnesota West courses are open for 10th grade PSEO students, please consult with a Minnesota West academic advisor to determine which courses qualify.
 - If the student is successful (C or higher) in their first course, they are open to register for more courses their second semester including General Ed. Courses



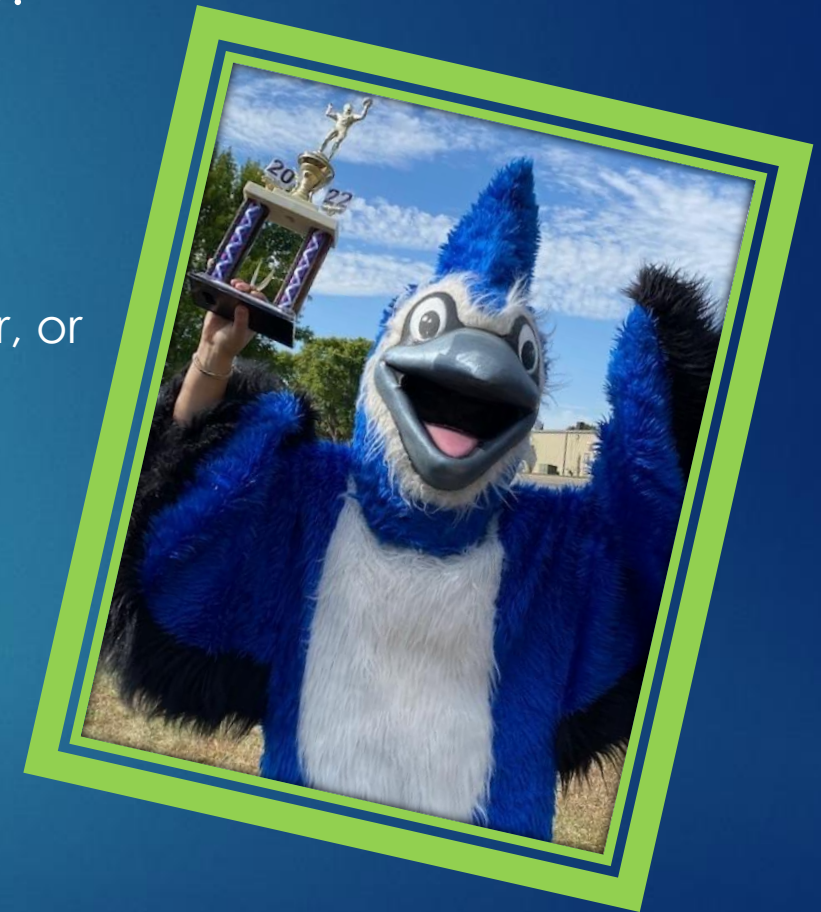
"Trying new things might seem difficult at first and you might not like it. But you'll never know until you try so don't be afraid to try new things."

CAMEEN | ELECTRICAL PROGRAM | PSEO STUDENT



Who is Eligible?

- **Juniors** must meet one of the following to qualify for PSEO:
 - ❑ Rank in the upper third of their class, or
 - ❑ 24 or higher in the ACT composite score, or
 - ❑ 560 or higher score in Reading on the SAT, or
 - ❑ 250 or higher score in Reading on the Next Gen Accuplacer, or
 - ❑ 78 or higher score in Reading on the Classic Accuplacer, or
 - ❑ 2.6 cumulative High School GPA or higher
 - ❑ Review of academic record by an academic advisor



Who is Eligible?

- **Seniors** must meet one of the following to qualify for PSEO:
 - ❑ Rank in the upper half of their class, or
 - ❑ 21 or higher in the ACT composite score, or
 - ❑ 500 or higher score in Reading on the SAT, or
 - ❑ 250 or higher score in Reading on the Next Gen Accuplacer, or
 - ❑ 78 or higher score in Reading on the Classic Accuplacer, or
 - ❑ 2.6 cumulative High School GPA or higher
 - ❑ Review of academic record by an academic advisor

- **Home School** juniors and seniors may only qualify using scores from the ACT, SAT, Accuplacer, or review of high school transcript.

Getting Started.

- Follow the State May 30th deadline to notify your HS of your intentions to register for PSEO classes.
- Apply to Minnesota West CTC www.mnwest.edu.
 - ❑ Make note of your Star ID and Password!
- Complete PSEO Registration Form or Notice of Student Registration form, depending on your high school. *(The Registration form needs to be submitted each Semester attending)*
- Request your high school transcript (with class rank & GPA) be sent to Minnesota West.
- Send ACT results or take FREE Accuplacer test at MN West if needed.
- Register for your college courses.
 - ❑ Work with your HS counselor to make sure you are meeting your HS graduation requirements.
 - ❑ Meet with your MN West Advisor for college advising via in-person, Zoom, or by phone to assist you with picking courses to meet your needs. <https://www.mnwest.edu/advisory-services/advising/advisors>
 - ❑ Utilize the [Minnesota Transfer Curriculum & General Education Guide](#) and your Student Planner when picking courses.



Now What?

➤ Minnesota West Email

- Visit the mnwest.edu website to set up your Minnesota West email address.
- Communication from the college will go to your Minnesota West email **NOT** your personal email- check it regularly!
- New student emails are set up 90 days prior to the start of the semester after having registered.

➤ Book Ordering

- Visit our On-Line Book Store August 1st – August 30th weeks prior to the start of the semester: <http://worthingtonbookstoremnwest.com/merchandise>
- Books or access codes will be shipped to your home or a code will be emailed to you Minnesota West email account in order to access your on-line books/materials.

➤ D2L which is our on-line learning platform that will be used to complete your courses.

- Log into your D2L to watch student orientation videos to help you prepare for what is expected and learn about resources available to you.
- Download the “Pulse” app to your phone to make your classes more accessible.
- All Students will need to complete the “Sexual Violence Prevention Training”, found in your D2L courses.



Odds and Ends.

➤ FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- Parents that contact the college will be very limited in the information they have access to, unless the student has filled out an electronic “Authorization to Release Student Information” form.

➤ Accessibility & Disability Services

- Students that have an IEP, 504 plan, or meet other requirements may qualify to receive reasonable accommodations for their college courses. To learn more or request these services contact a college advisor or the Accessibility & Disability Coordinator at brian.reynolds@mnwest.edu

➤ Minnesota West Tutoring Services and Tutor.com

- These resources are free and available to all students found in D2L and our website.

➤ Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator

- **Kathy Gruis**, is a licensed professional clinical counselor and can assist students with situations from stress management to anxiety and depression. She also provides students tools and skills on how to manage life and college and is available to meet in person, over the phone, or through zoom. To learn more about these services contact kathy.gruis@mnwest.edu



Join Us.



PSEO ORIENTATION

Learn about post-secondary enrollment and what you need to know to get started at Minnesota West.

Join us Virtually!

**August 14, 2024
12-1PM & 6-7PM**

www.mnwest.edu | 800-658-2330



Q&A SESSION

Learn what Minnesota West has to offer and get your questions answered

Join us Virtually!

Attend any of our Q&A Sessions

**MAY 1 | 12 - 1 PM
JUNE 5 | 12 - 1 PM
JULY 3 | 12 - 1 PM
AUGUST 7 | 12 - 1 PM
AUGUST 21 | 12 - 1 PM & 6 - 7 PM**



PSEO Scholarship Opportunities:

A \$2,000 Bluejay PSEO Student Scholarship will be awarded to any Minnesota West PSEO or Concurrent Enrollment student who completes the following criteria:

- Graduate from high school in May/June 2024 with nine (9) Minnesota West college credits earning a “C” or better]
- Enrolled in 9+ credits in fall 2024 and 9+ credits in Spring 2025
- Earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA or better each term at Minnesota West
- Complete the Bluejay PSEO/REACH Scholarship Application below by August 1, 2024



PSEO/REACH
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

APPLY TODAY!

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Tell us how we're doing?

- ▶ Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/qgAUcEQe1w>



Q & A Time.



That's a wrap!

