

Albert Lea High School

Registration information 2016-2017 Postsecondary Enrollment Options Eligibility

December 18, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian and ALHS student,

You are receiving this letter because the class rank of your student (Class of 2017 – top 1/2 of class; Class of 2018 – top 1/3 of class) **allows him or her to consider taking courses through the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program.** The Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Program allows high school juniors and seniors to take courses, full or part-time, at universities, colleges, community colleges or technical colleges for high school credit. The purpose of PSEO is "**To promote rigorous educational pursuits**" and "**To provide a wider variety of course options for students.**" The tuition and fees are at no cost to students and is borne by District 241. Should a family choose and be accepted by one of the 4-year universities or colleges, the family is responsible for the cost of room and board.

Current PSEO students – this letter is confirmation that you are eligible to be enrolled in PSEO courses for the 2016-2017 year. If your student is currently enrolled in a PSEO courses they do not need to re-apply to the institution they are currently attending. Some current PSEO students may be required to retake the Accuplacer to be enrolled in courses they did not qualify for previously. These students will be notified in a separate letter.

Newly eligible PSEO students – Next year's juniors and seniors who are **accepted by a postsecondary institution**, may enroll either full-or-part-time in nonsectarian courses at that institution. Each college and university has its own admissions standards.

All MNSCU colleges require that...

Class of 2018 "Juniors" must have a class rank of 1 – 88 (top 1/3 of their class)

Class of 2017 "Seniors" must have a class rank of 1 – 98 (top 1/2 of their class)

or by scoring in the 70th percentile on the PSAT or ACT test. You will need to score high enough on a placement test (Accuplacer) prior to being accepted. A student must earn the cut scores on the Accuplacer placement test or on the ACT and they must meet the criteria of the education institution of their choosing. Students not meeting the cut scores set by MnSCU (MN State Colleges & Universities) will not be eligible to enroll in PSEO courses for 2016-2017.

Accuplacer - We will have 3 dates at ALHS where students can test. If you are not able to test on those dates, you must make arrangements to take the test on your own at Riverland Community College. **If you have not met the cut scores by Friday, May 13th, 2016, you will not be allowed to register for PSEO classes for 2016-2017.**

Testing Dates:

January 28th

February 26th

March 29th

If you are interested in taking PSEO classes in 2016-17, please come down to the Guidance Office to sign up for a testing date.

If your student is interested in participating in PSEO please set up a meeting with their counselor. The purpose of this meeting will be to review past grades, coursework and attendance patterns and discuss the following: Eligibility requirements, appeals process, review of the institutions being considered, full-or part-time options, potential difficulties with blended days, school calendar differences, high school and college courses expectations: same and different (i.e. attendance, homework, papers, tests, etc.), and finally to assist families in determining whether this is in the student's best overall interests

If you have any questions regarding this process or PSEO classes please contact your student's counselor.

Sincerely,

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