

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION (PSEO) INFORMATION NIGHT

January 31, 2022



WHAT STUDENTS TAKE AP COURSES?

- Anyone at CFHS can take an AP course
- Willing to work
- Curious, creative, and committed
 - *“Many students can achieve success in AP if they are willing to do the work. [Collegeboard] highlight qualities like curiosity, creativity, and commitment that [they] hope students will recognize as strengths they rely on to be successful in other parts of their lives.”*
- www.exploreap.org



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT CFHS

- AP Literature and Composition
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Biology
- AP Physics I
- AP US Government and Politics
- AP United States History



ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES OFFERED AT CFHS

- AP World History
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Psychology (ITV)



HONORS HUMANITIES

- Option of 2 year course for Juniors and Seniors
 - Classical Humanities
 - Modern
 - Each course is ½ art and ½ English credit
- Why should I take this course?
 - Cultural literacy
 - Prepares you for college rigor
 - Integrated subject matter
- Intercultural experience
 - Europe trip on even years with successful completion of either course
- Why are we explaining this to you now?
 - So you can prepare your schedule
 - Budget for the possibility of traveling



WEIGHTED GRADES

- Courses where we offer AP Exams have weighted grades
- Students earn an extra 0.1 weight to AP courses



AUTHORIZATION TO REGISTER

- This is to ensure that students who register for an AP course know the expectations of the course
- If a students wants to take an AP course they will be allowed to regardless of teacher recommendations
- Courses can only be dropped and changed within one week of the start of the semester



AP EXAMS

- Students do not need to take an AP exam when they take an AP course
- AP exams are given a score of 1 through 5
- Most colleges award credit for a score of 3 or higher
- Check with the institution where you are applying for confirmation of the score needed on an exam for credit
- The exam fee for AP exams is \$94. The state of Minnesota has typically paid about 2/3 of the exam costs in the past
- Each student must register and pay for their AP exams online in the fall
- AP exams are proctored at CFHS in May on the date schedule by the College Board



POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION PSEO

- Students may earn college credits while in high school
- All students must inform the Counseling office by May 30 of their intent to enroll in PSEO classes
- PSEO courses are not weighted courses, they do not count on our local quarter GPA or Honor Roll
- Grade 10
 - Eligible for one Career and Technical Education class
 - If the student receives a C or higher grade they can take other CTE courses
 - A student must have received a “meets standards” or “exceeds standards” on the 8th grade MCA reading test to be eligible.



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PSEO

Most PSEO courses are open to high school students during their 11th- and 12th-grade year, with each participating college and university setting their own requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses and programs. Students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis.



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PSEO

Many two- and four-year colleges and universities in Minnesota offer online courses and some of them offer online degrees and certificates. Through the wide array of online courses offered in Minnesota higher education, it is possible for PSEO students in our state to complete the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements and/or other courses that could result in an award in addition to their high school diploma.



PSEO OPTIONS

- Each institution in Minnesota may have its own admission requirements and deadlines
- PSEO courses typically have varied forms of instruction: on campus, online, hybrid, and accelerated courses
- Students must submit transcripts to the counseling office to receive credit on their HS transcript. Higher Ed. Institutions will not share their grades with us or parents
- If a student fails a required PSEO class, that credit will need to be made up for HS graduation



PSEO OPTIONS

- Transportation is the responsibility of the student or parent
- Regardless of the type of enrollment, students may participate in HS events (sports, activities, clubs, dances)
- Make sure you are aware of who accepts PSEO credits. PSEO credits from MNSCU schools will transfer between MNSCU schools; however, many private colleges and professional colleges may not accept PSEO credits

AP AND PSEO COMPARISON

- Both AP and PSEO classes are college level classes.
- AP class curriculum is the same wherever you take it.
- PSEO curriculum often varies by the institution.
- Both AP and PSEO classes hold similar weight on college applications.



AP AND PSEO COMPARISON

- AP classes are freshman level college classes taught over the course of a year. That same course would be taught over the course of a semester in college, or as a PSEO course.
- A passing grade in a PSEO course guarantees credit for that course at that institution.
- You must also pass an AP exam at a 3 or higher level to get credit for an AP course at a college.

AP AND PSEO RESOURCES

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.exploreap.org
- <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/ccs/pseo>
- www.minnstate.edu
- www.getreadyforcollege.org



