

# Welcome!

# Ridgewater College PSEO Orientation



Please go through the following information in detail. There will be a link to a short quiz at the end of this slideshow.

## WHAT WE WILL COVER...

- Getting acquainted with Ridgewater College services and staff
- Learning about college life at Ridgewater College
- Becoming aware of expectations we have for students





Setting **GOALS** 



Finding **BALANCE** 



Asking for **HELP** early



Knowing **POLICIES** 



#### **GOALS**



- What is your PSEO Goal?
  - To complete a transfer degree or take a few courses?
- Planning is the key.
- How will you make your goals happen?

As a PSEO student, we will first focus on the high school requirements that you have. After that we will look towards your future college degree goal and take courses that will apply towards your long-term education goal. You will work individually with your advisor on this.



#### **BALANCE**



- If you have work, sports, or any other extracurricular activities keep them to 25 hours, or fewer, per week.
- Study outside of class
- Stay organized
- Don't skip class

Classroom style changes from high school to college. For college courses you will have less classroom/lecture time and you will have more homework/individual study time.



### **ASKING FOR HELP**



- Communicate with your instructors!
  - Inform them of missed attendance for sick or vacation days
  - Ask questions about assignments
- Tutoring in the Campus Library is free for all students – online tutoring is also available through D2L (online hub for classes)
- Academic Advisor each student is assigned an advisor to help you with course registration.
- Counseling Office The college does have a counselor on each campus. Both academic and personal counseling are available - see front desk to schedule an appointment.

#### **STAY INFORMED**

Stay updated by using your **eServices** online student account...





#### **GRADES**

- Final/Official grades are accessed in eServices about 2 weeks after the end of the semester.
- Ridgewater College does not have Mid-term grades posted.
- Official Final grades are in eServices only.



#### **SCHEDULE**

- Find/print your schedule in eServices.
- Check for room changes or class cancelations before the first day of school



# DATA PRIVACY ACT

#### **POLICIES**



**DATA PRIVACY ACT** of 1972 and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

It is against the law for an institution of higher education to release private information or educational records without written consent of the student

This includes parents, siblings, and any other 3<sup>rd</sup> party. (An exception to this is that by signing the PSEO application, you give us permission to share academic information to your high school.)

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFO form:**

Students may fill out a form **ONLINE** giving others permission to access their information. Click below for that form:

https://inoweform.campus.mnsu.edu/imagenowforms/fs?form=RWC%20Auth%20to%20Release%20Info%20eForm

\*\*Forms are valid until cancelled by student



#### **Notice of Student Registration Form (NOSR)**

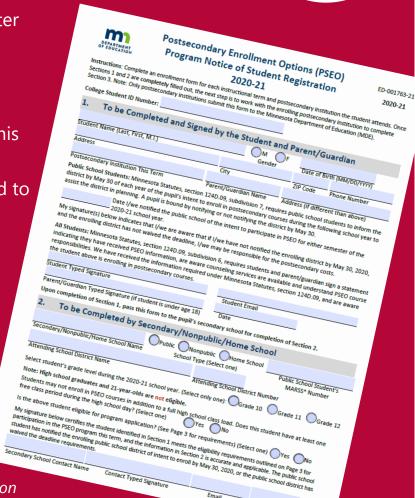
Minnesota Department of Education Billing Form (MDE)



Ridgewater College is required to submit the MDE Billing form or Notice of Student Registration (NOSR) form each semester for payment.

Both new and returning students must complete this form every semester. New students will submit this form as a part of the application process and returning students will submit this form for each semester they intend to register. This form must be completed by the student, the high school counselor, and signed by the parent.

If this form is not submitted by the deadline to Ridgewater College, students will either be dropped from their classes or will be responsible for tuition, fees, books, and materials.



Note: For NEW PSEO students, this form was included in your application process and we have collected your first semester's form before acceptance.

You must maintain

Satisfactory Academic

Progress to continue
enrollment.





GPA

Your overall GPA must be **2.0 or above** (This is the same as average grades of **C and above**)



#### **COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**

Finish **2/3 of the credits you start** (66.67%) **Withdrawing and failing** have a negative impact (more information on that coming up)



If you do not maintain one, or both, of these standards, you will fall here...



#### **ACADEMIC WARNING**

After your first semester below standard (previous slide), you are placed on warning.

You have the next semester to raise your GPA, and/or completion percentage to above standards.

If on warning, we encourage you to talk with an advisor.

#### **ACADEMIC SUSPENSION**

If you do not raise your GPA, and/or completion percentage above standard **after one semester** on warning, you will be suspended.

If you are suspended from Ridgewater, you are suspended from all Minnesota State colleges.



#### Adjusting your schedule:



# You have THE FIRST 10 BUSINESS DAYS OF THE SEMESTER to drop classes.

- This is extended for PSEO from our traditional add/drop day (5 days).
- To do this: Drop course in eServices yourself during the first week, email your advisor to drop courses during the second week and up to the 10<sup>th</sup> business day.

#### If you DROP a course:

- The class will not show up on your transcript
- You are not financially responsible for those credits
- It will not impact your GPA and/or completion rate

# Talk to you advisor and high school counselor before dropping a class!



#### Adjusting your schedule:



AFTER THE 10<sup>th</sup> BUSINESS DAY of the semester, if you do not want to finish a class, you must WITHDRAW:

#### **WITHDRAWING:**

- Does not affect GPA, but DOES affect completion rate
  - Remember you need to complete/pass at least 2/3 of your classes
- Class will show up as a 'W' on your transcript

Talk to your advisor and high school counselor before withdrawing from a class!



## PSEO STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Meet with **ADVISOR** 





Communicate with **HIGH SCHOOL** 

Discuss what **courses** you need to graduate high school & any other **responsibilities** with the high school.



Avoid PSEO **EXEMPT COURSES** 

### Tuition and fees NOT covered for:

- Applied music/high fee courses
  - Courses numbered below 1000
- Click <u>here</u> for a full list of Exempt Courses



- PSEO students can take advantage of the same RESOURCES available to non-PSEO students.
  - This includes student life activities and events
     (An exception to this is that PSEO students are unable to participate in College Sports)

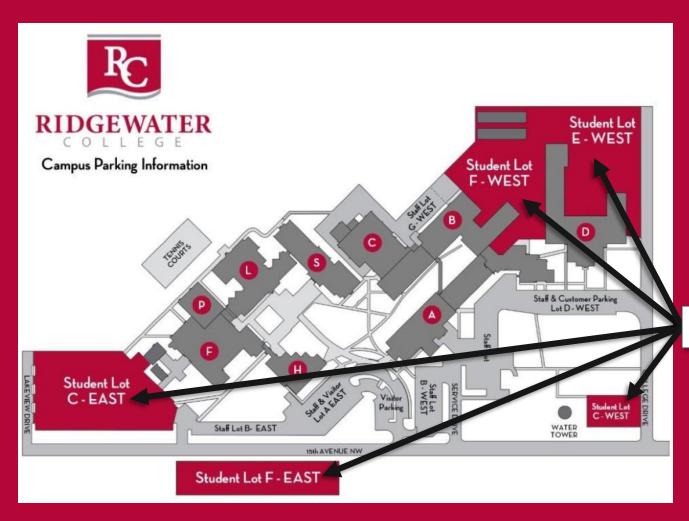
- **SCHEDULING** between **HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE** sometimes vary. You must be in attendance when we have scheduled class days.
  - Example different spring break weeks

 TUITION AND FEES for allowable courses are covered by the PSEO program. Any non-covered courses must be paid for by the tuition due date.

■ **REQUIRED BOOKS** for **REQUIRED COURSES** are covered by the PSEO program and must be **RETURNED TO THE BOOKSTORE** at the end of the term.



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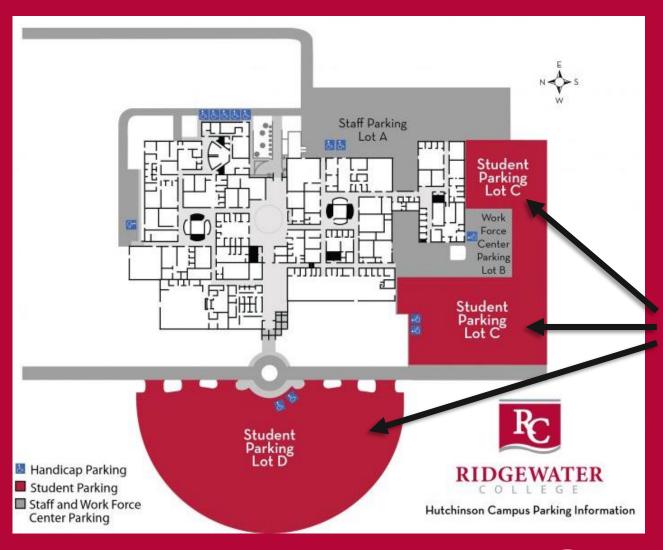
Parking is include in tuition and therefore covered by the PSEO program.

Please make sure to only park in designated student lots to avoid parking tickets and fees not covered by PSEO.

**Student Parking** 



### **HUTCHINSON CAMPUS PARKING**



Parking is include in tuition and therefore covered by the PSEO program.

Please make sure to only park in designated student lots to avoid parking tickets and fees not covered by PSEO

**Student Parking** 

The cost of your textbooks is covered by PSEO.



#### How to get your books....

- In the BOOKSTORE (This may change due to COVID-19, Keep an eye on your Ridgewater Email for updates)
- Available starting 2 WEEKS BEFORE CLASS
- Must have PICTURE ID when picking up books
- Bring a copy of your CLASS SCHEDULE from e-services

ONLINE ordering is an option - contact advisor or bookstore for more info.



#### What does PSEO cover from the bookstore?

#### **Covered:**

- REQUIRED BOOKS for courses you are registered for
  - Should be USED BOOKS
  - You may only get new books if there are no used books available
- Books must MATCH courses on your SCHEDULE

#### **NOT Covered:**

- OPTIONAL textbooks (including study guides)
- **TOOLS** (Cosmetology, drafting, welding, electrician, etc.)
- NON-RETURNABLE ITEMS

  (Chemistry goggles, safety glasses, micromasks, face shields, etc.)
- Books and materials for courses not covered by PSEO

# What if my schedule changes <u>after</u> I get my books?



#### If you DROP a class

- RETURN BOOKS from dropped class right away!
- Must have RECEIPT
- Book must be in same condition. (shrink wrap cannot be removed and access codes cannot be used!)

\*\*If you drop a class, and do not return the book in original condition or without a reciept – you will be sent a **BILL!** 

#### If you ADD a class

- Bring UPDATED SCHEDULE to bookstore
- Get required book(s) for newly added class





#### What to do at the end of the semester:

- Books Must be RETURNED by the LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER (Friday)
- If you need to keep a book for a CONTINUATION CLASS, you must let the bookstore manager know (example: Chem I and Chem II)
- If you do not return your book(s) a HOLD will be placed on your account
  - Students with HOLDS cannot register for classes or get official transcripts
- We will send you a BILL for any UNRETURNED, LOST or DAMAGED books



# TECHNOLOGY...





# **COMPUTER ACCESS**



Student Computers available in the LIBRARY

**During Open Hours** 

Free Printing Access using Star ID & Password



WIRELESS
Internet available
throughout
Campus

Use
StarID@go.minnstate.edu
& Password to login



# YOUR INFORMATION

All student are assigned the following:

#### RIDGEWATER EMAIL ADDRESS

- (<u>firstname.lastname@go.ridgewater.edu</u>)
- This email address is the main form of communication from Ridgewater College and you should check it at least 2-3 times per week, accessed through Office 365/Outlook.
- Star ID (format is two letters, four numbers, two letters: xx0000xx)
  - This is assigned to you by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MinnState) and will follow you to other colleges within the system (example: St. Cloud State, University of Minnesota – Mankato)
- **Tech ID** (format is an 8 digit number)
  - This number is assigned to you by Ridgewater College and will be unique to this college only.

## **STAR ID**

**Universal <u>USERNAME & PASSWORD</u>** system

**Used at all MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES** 

Activate your StarID through this link: Minnstate StarID using the TechID provided on your PSEO acceptance letter.

#### **STAR ID USES:**

This ID is used to log into the following:

- Campus computers
- On-campus printing
- Wireless network
- Office 365
  - Email, Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- E-Services
- D2L



# STUDENT TECHNOLOGY

Accessing Email & Office 365, E-Services, D2L/Brightspace, and StarlD







# OFFICE 365 & EMAIL

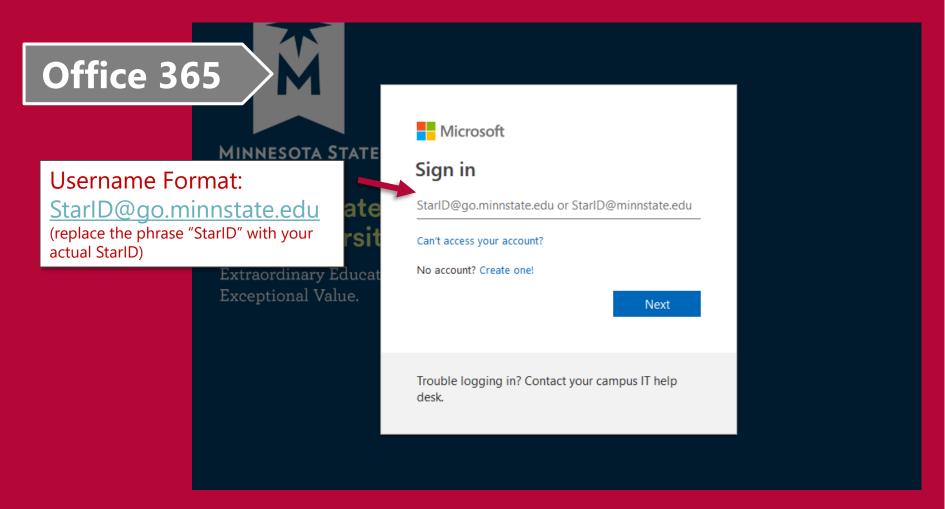
- This is Free for registered students.
- You have access to the web-based version or you can download on up to 5 devices.
- It includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook & more
- Watch this video to learn how to access your email/Office 365: <u>Email (how to access)</u>





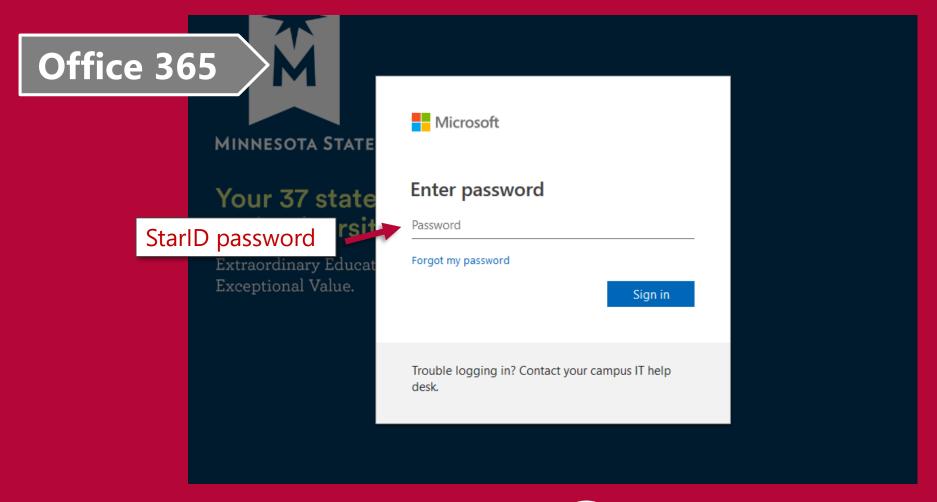


# Log in to Office 365 with your username and the same password as your StarlD.





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#### **EMAIL**

Your Ridgewater Email is used as **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION** at Ridgewater College and is accessed through Office 365/Outlook.

#### **CHECK OFTEN!**



Tip: Download the Outlook App to your smart phone for quick and easy access to your Ridgewater Email.

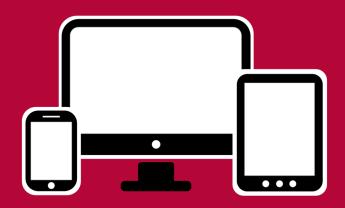
# **E-SERVICES**

www.ridgewater.edu/eservices



- Your student account
- Here you will have access to registration, grades, unofficial transcripts and more

(HINT: This will be a question on the quiz at the end of the slideshow)







#### Log in to E-Services with your StarID and password.

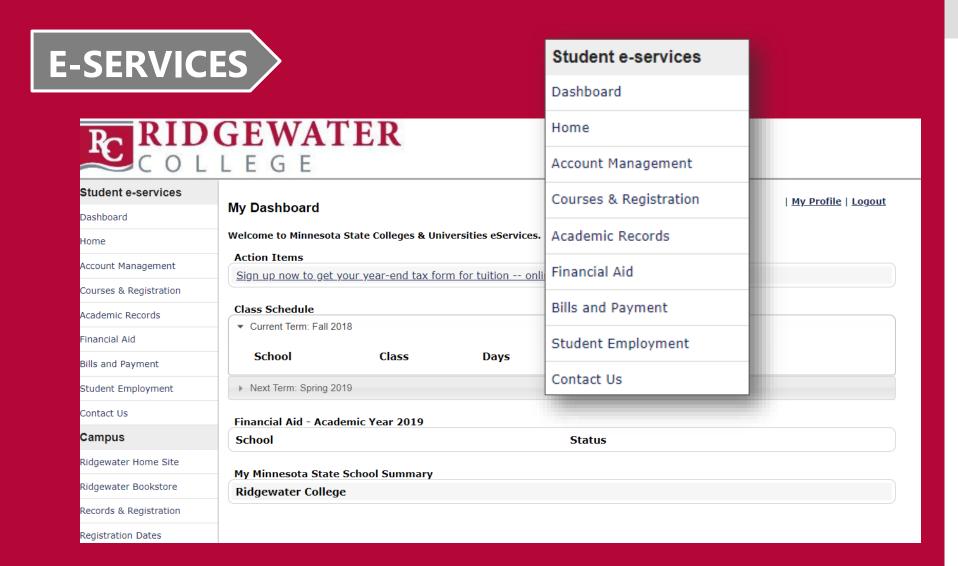
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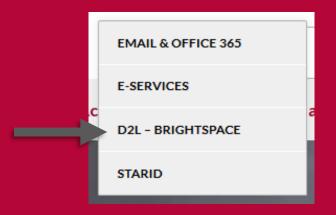




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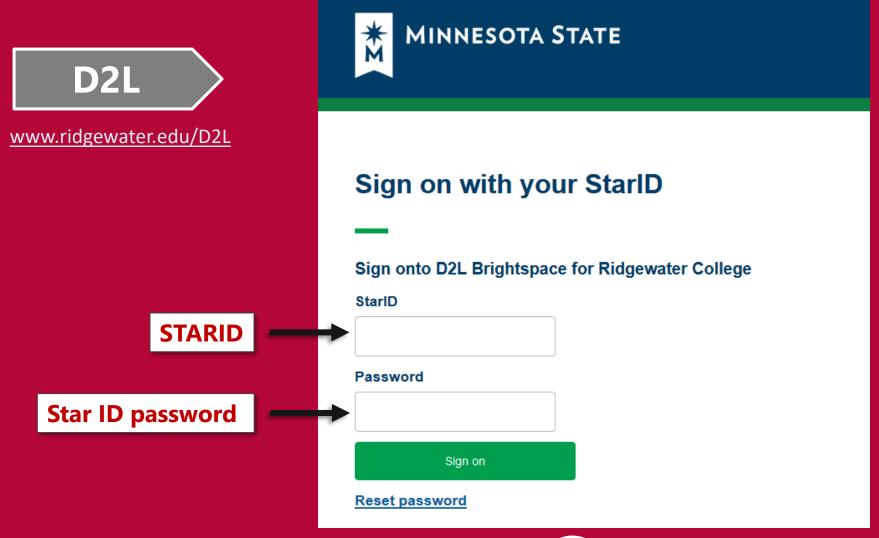
 Online Classroom/portal for courses







#### Log in to D2L with your StarID and password.





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D2L is used for **ONLINE & BLENDED** courses and for some **ON-CAMPUS** courses

#### **ON-CAMPUS:**

- Turning in assignments
- Quizzes
- Posting class discussions/assignments

#### **ONLINE/BLENDED:**

- The entire class is run through D2L
- All assignments, resources are available here
- There are no specific times you have to log on to class, but each class typically has weekly assignment due dates

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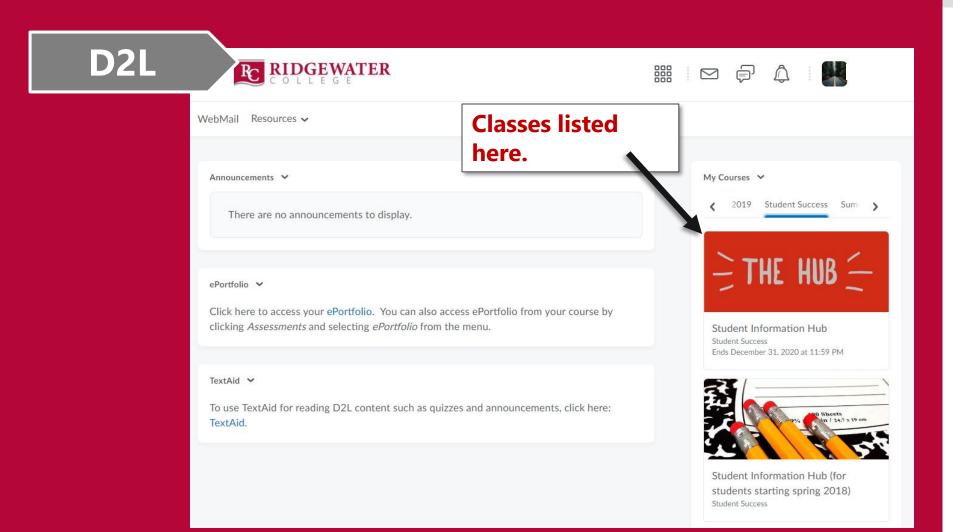
#### **Fully ONLINE classes**:

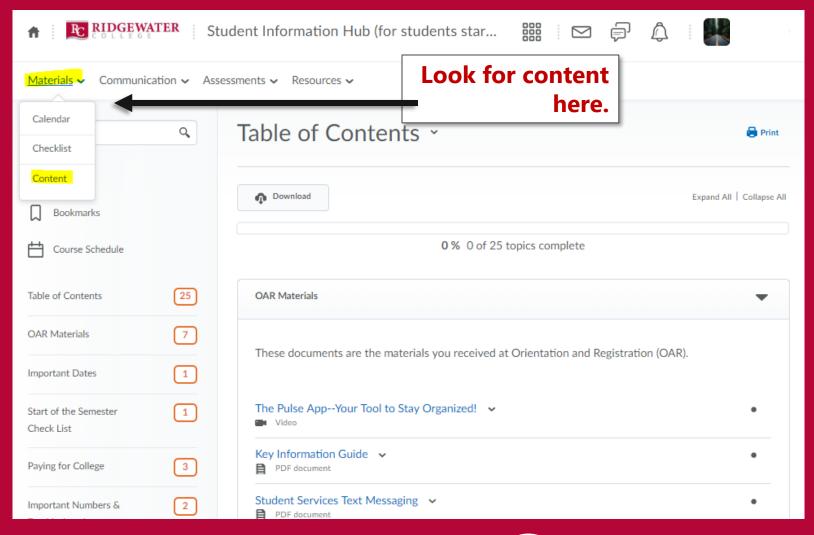
At the SEMESTER START: You must log-in to your online class on D2L during the first day of the semester

Each online class is structured differently, but almost all have required deadlines students need to meet

\*Some may have on-campus meetings, tests, or lab requirements – you will be aware of this at the time of registration.

It is your <u>RESPONSIBILTY</u> to carefully read your course syllabus and follow the specific requirements for each class

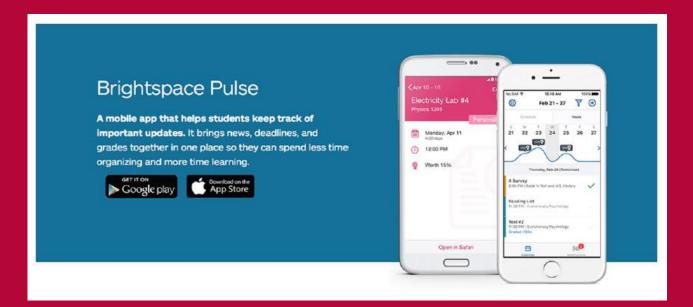




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#### **PULSE APP:**

Download the app **BRIGHTSPACE PULSE** on your phone Log in with your STAR ID and PASSWORD





# REMEMBER...

 Spring semester begins Monday, January 11, 2021

 Books are available through the Bookstore starting
 Monday, December 28, 2020
 (2 weeks before the start of the semester)



# CONCLUSION

To complete your required PSEO Orientation, please complete the Orientation Quiz at <a href="https://bit.ly/2FfgVgz">https://bit.ly/2FfgVgz</a>

You can use this slideshow as a reference to complete the quiz.

