Postsecondary Education Options (PSEO) 10th Grade Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

Alternative Eligibility Guidance for Students without 2020 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Scores

Relevant language: Minnesota Statutes, Section 124D.09, Subdivisions 4 and 5(a)

A 10th grade pupil applying for enrollment in a career or technical education course under this subdivision must have received a passing score on the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading as a condition of enrollment. A current 10th grade pupil who did not take the 8th grade Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in reading may substitute another reading assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution.

For School Year 2021-2022 Only

Due to the MCA waiver because of the onset of COVID-19 during the 2019-2020 school year, 10th grade students will have no 8th grade MCA reading score in school year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) to determine eligibility for the CTE Pathway.

The following guidelines serve as alternate eligibility options for 10th grade students enrolling in CTE courses in FY 22:

1. If no 8th grade MCA reading score is available:
   Postsecondary institutions can accept a reading score of “meets” or “exceed” proficiency on the student’s 7th grade MCA reading test to determine eligibility.

2. If no 7th grade MCA reading score is available:
   Postsecondary institutions can substitute the ACCUPLACER to determine eligibility.

3. If no ACCUPLACER is administered on your campus due to COVID-19:
   Postsecondary institutions can accept a recommendation from a school counselor or administrator to determine eligibility.