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Welcome!

We are excited that you have chosen to attend Ridgewater College as part of our PSEO program. This program allows students to earn both high school credit and college credit for the same course.

As a PSEO student, you are unique! You are not only a high school student, but you are also a college student. You are joining a group of approximately 550 PSEO students, and approximately 1,500 traditional students from across Minnesota, the nation, and the world!

This handbook was created to help you and your family learn more about our program. Inside, you will find details on specific policies and procedures. But you will also find best practices to success and expectations that we have of each PSEO student.

We are excited to assist you in this journey and cannot wait to have you join us!

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Admissions

Kelley McClure Mork
PSEO Advisor, Willmar Campus

Nellie Schmalz
PSEO Advisor, Hutchinson Campus
This list of offices isn’t our full directory, but rather a key list of offices that you may need to contact while you’re with us. A full directory can be found on our website.

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<td>D2L Support</td>
<td>877-466-6728</td>
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<td>Tutoring</td>
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**Hours of Operation**
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

View the [Academic Calendar](#) to learn when classes are not in session or when the college plans to be closed for holiday observance.

**Campus Addresses**

*Willmar:*
2101 15th Ave NW
Willmar, MN 56201
[View Campus Map & Parking](#)

*Hutchinson:*
2 Century Ave SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350
[View Campus Map & Parking](#)
PSEO Values

PSEO students are held to the same standards and have the same expectations that we do of our traditional students. We encourage students and families to bookmark or download a copy of the Ridgewater College Catalog which includes policies, procedures, and other important information.

In addition, by the time a PSEO student is ready to graduate, our goal is to help them achieve confidence in the following PSEO Values.

1. Make a schedule based on remaining high school graduation requirements and/or your future major.

2. Know your future college’s requirements for transferring courses.

3. Know Ridgewater student policies and conduct yourself appropriately.

4. Advocate for yourself when you need assistance, and use campus resources as needed.

5. Know how to run a Degree Audit Report (DARs) and read it with confidence.
Is PSEO Right for Me?

PSEO is a great opportunity for high-school-aged homeschool students. Earning college credit to get a jump start on a future degree—at no cost to a student—are the two main reasons student choose PSEO.

The good news is that PSEO allows for a wide variety of class options, so almost every student can find a pathway that works for them. Students can take all of their classes at Ridgewater, or just a few. They can earn an Associate’s degree upon graduating from high school, or walk away with a handful of credits. The choices are flexible and can fit almost any schedule.

Successful students often demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Maturity
- Independence
- Self Discipline
- Time Management & Organization
- Curiosity

If you’re exploring PSEO options and have questions, reach out to us! We’re happy to help!
**PSEO: It’s not like Homeschool**

Taking classes as a PSEO student means you are now officially a college student. Being a PSEO student is more than just taking classes at Ridgewater and earning college credit. You are now getting your first taste of what college life is like. Not only do you have more flexibility in your schedule, but you also need to know the differences in policies, procedures, and expectations—which can be very different from your homeschool set up. Check out this list to see some of the more common examples.

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<th>At Home…</th>
<th>At Ridgewater College…</th>
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<td>Absences</td>
<td>Your schedule allows for you to learn in a variety of ways—on trips, through homeschool groups, etc. Some families have a rigorous schedule, others are more lax.</td>
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<td>Accommodations</td>
<td>Families may modify a class to best suit the students learning style.</td>
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<td>Class Performance</td>
<td>Depending on your set up depends on how involved parents are—but parents normally have unlimited access to performance.</td>
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<td>Class schedules</td>
<td>Based on your set up, you may strive to get everything done during your school time, to allow time for other learning activities or family time. Schedules may or may not have student involvement in the planning stages.</td>
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<td>Homework</td>
<td>Work turned in after the due date often is still eligible for full or partial credit.</td>
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<td>Parent Involvement</td>
<td>Parents are active in their child’s education.</td>
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<td>Schedule changes</td>
<td>There may be ample opportunity to change a schedule based on learning style and content. Families may work together to create a schedule, or it may be chosen by one person/group based on the student’s needs.</td>
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<td>Snow Days</td>
<td>When the local district closes for the day or has a delayed start, students don’t attend (unless an eLearning day has been established).</td>
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**Course modifications are different than accommodations through our Disability Support office. Students who wish to discuss this in more detail, should contact our Disability Support staff directly.**
FERPA

PSEO students are entering into an exciting new phase of adult responsibilities and privileges. This phase comes with some federal and state data privacy protection that separates the role of parents from the student.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA requires that specific information related to a student’s educational records may not be shared with anyone (including parents) other than the student. The law does not consider age, so even if you are under the age of 18, the privacy laws shall apply. Faculty or staff may not discuss private matters or grades with a student’s parents or guardian unless the student chooses to sign the written authorization.

Unless students complete the Authorization to Release Student Information form, educational records may not be shared. A copy of our authorization form is available on the Ridgewater website.

Please note: the decision to release student records is the student’s choice. This is a legal document and should only be completed by the student.

How to be Successful as a PSEO Student:

Goal Setting
We ask all students, “Why are you taking classes?” and their answer becomes the basis for goal setting. But setting a goal is only part of the equation. You need a plan to help achieve it.

Balance
Too often, PSEO students load up their schedule thinking it will be a lot like homeschool. Only to learn that the amount of time outside of class that is needed to successfully complete course work, cuts into other commitments like sports, youth group, work, etc. We want you to be successful and encourage students to keep extra curricular and personal commitments to 25 hours or less a week.

Ask for Help
It’s important to advocate for yourself when you need help. Are you confused about your homework? Run into issues trying to access your email or D2L? Aren’t sure where to go for assistance? ASK! Your academic advisor is happy to direct you to those who can assist you, like our free tutoring or even talking with one of our counselors. They’ll even help you if you’re nervous about reaching out to an instructor. We can’t help unless you ask!
Admissions Criteria
In order for a student to be eligible for PSEO, they must meet the following criteria.

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<th>GPA/Class Rank Requirements</th>
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<th>Classes</th>
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| Seniors     | 2.5 GPA or Class rank in top half | ACT  
*Reading: 21 or higher  
Math: 22 or higher**  
SAT  
*ERW: 480 or higher  
Accuplacer*  
*Reading: 250 or higher  
Math: 250 or higher**  
GPA Placement:  
If ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores are not available, students can be placed as follows:  
Reading: 2.6 cumulative GPA or higher  
Math: 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher, and 1 full year of Advanced Algebra or Algebra II, and an average grade of C- or higher  
Self-Guided Placement (through 9-15-21):  
If a student does not have any of the above placement measures, the student can work with their advisor on placement. | Generals, Technical |
| Juniors     | 3.0 GPA or Class rank in top third |  
*Reading: 2.6 cumulative GPA or higher  
Math: 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher, and 1 full year of Advanced Algebra or Algebra II, and an average grade of C- or higher  
Self-Guided Placement (through 9-15-21):  
If a student does not have any of the above placement measures, the student can work with their advisor on placement. | Generals, Technical |
| Sophomores  | Must be able to demonstrate the ability to successfully complete coursework at a “C” level or higher. The student’s academic record, GPA, class rank, and standardized test results are reviewed to determine admission eligibility. |  | Technical only |
| Freshman    | Not eligible for PSEO |

*Accuplacer is currently not available at Ridgewater due to COVID-19. Alternative placement measures are in place until it is available again.  
**Math scores are needed if a student plans to complete their high school math requirement and/or if the student plans to take Chemistry.  
***Generals are courses like English, Math, Science, History, etc. Technical courses are also known as “vocational” or “trades” courses, like Welding, Accounting, Agriculture, Machine Tool, etc.

How to Apply
Applying for PSEO is done in three parts:
- Online
- Supplemental Documents
- Placement testing

The PSEO application materials require a parent and a homeschool representative’s signature. Incomplete PSEO applications will not be processed. Therefore, please only apply with the online application once your supplemental documentation is ready.
Online Application
The online application is found on the Ridgewater website under PSEO (www.ridgewater.edu/pseo). Applying online will require students to create a StarID. Please write this down and save it for your records.

Supplemental Documents
The PSEO application is not complete and will not be processed until these documents are also received. They include:
- A current homeschool transcript
- Copy of test scores (if available) for ACT, SAT, and/or Accuplacer if not listed on the transcript
- Completed Notice of Student Registration form (also known as the 3-part form, or the MDE form)
- Completed Credit Balance Sheet documenting any remaining graduation requirements (to be completed by the parent or homeschool association representative)

Placement Testing
Students who do not have ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores on file can be placed using alternative measurements. At a minimum, students need to place into college level reading in order to take PSEO courses as a junior or senior. Math placement is needed for courses in Math and Chemistry, and can be done on an as needed basis.

Due to COVID-19, Accuplacer is not available for students applying for fall 2021 admission.

Application Due Date
In order for students to have the best chance of getting the classes they need to complete their graduation requirements, completed PSEO applications should be on file no later than May 30th.

If this seems too early, trust us. It's not.

Students who wait until after May 30th to turn in their completed PSEO application often:
- Have longer than average wait times to get an appointment with an advisor
- Need to make alternative class schedules as their first choices are full

Admissions Decisions
Complete applications are typically processed within three business days. Please allow extra time during the holidays, prior to semester start, and during summer months as we see a high volume of applications during these times.

Students admitted into the PSEO program will be sent a welcome letter via the mail. This packet contains important information and next steps in the PSEO onboarding process that all students should read and share with their parents.

TL;DR
1. Students must meet admissions criteria to participate in PSEO
2. Only complete applications will be processed
3. Once accepted, students & their family will receive a Welcome Packet in the mail with next steps
Get your Transcript College Ready

Homeschool families need to develop a transcript that accurately reflects knowledge and level completion in a format that is accepted by Minnesota State schools for PSEO and college/university admission requirements.

If you don’t have an official transcript for your student, now is the time to start! If you have one, it doesn’t hurt to review this information to make sure it’s in a format we can use.

Keep in mind that a transcript doesn’t just contain courses and final grades. It can also contain grade averages, co-curricular activities, standardized test scores and other measures by which to ascertain the readiness of a student for future endeavors.

Transcript Basics
All academic transcripts should have identifying information about the student and the “district.” This includes:

- Student Name
- Perhaps your HomeSchool Name (If you have one)
- Phone number
- Parent(s) or Guardians
- Registrar/Principal
- Email Address
- Entrance Date
- Student ID (if you have multiple students)
- Projected Graduation Date
- Rank
- District Monitor

Minnesota Requirements
In Minnesota, you must prove that your homeschooled student has met or exceeded these requirements for entry into a MinnState college or university.

In Minnesota the information for High School graduation requirements can be found here: https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/grad/

Credits and GPA
Most Homeschooled students have a combination of ways in which they choose to learn. Some may have some traditional high school experience. Some may take an advanced course in Biology, but not in English. Some may travel and learn through experience. Once you ascertain how to apply credits, you can also apply GPA points and formulate a transcript which resembles that of a more traditional education model.

The Minnesota Legislature has outlined that 1 high school credit is typically awarded for year-long courses, which is equal to 4 college credits. While not every K-12 institution follows this method, we do encourage families who award their own credits to consider the 1:4 ratio.

Transcript Example
A sample transcript is available at the end of this guide.

Thank you to Tania Schmidt, Associate Registrar at Winona State University for this information.
**How to Prepare for PSEO**

We get asked frequently from home school families how they can best prepare their future students for PSEO. This ultimately depends on your student’s goals. Are they planning to earn the Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts (aka: completing all of the generals)? Are they wanting to take a few classes to get ahead? Are they looking to take technical courses (like welding, machine tool, accounting, marketing, etc.)?

Based on their goals, the requirements may vary. Here are some guidelines that can help:

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<th>Skill</th>
<th>How to prepare if planning to take generals and/or earning a 2-year degree before finishing high school</th>
<th>Generals: What to keep in mind</th>
<th>Technical: What to keep in mind</th>
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<td><strong>Reading and Comprehension</strong></td>
<td>Students should focus on Language Arts curriculum with a strong reading base. Following the Minnesota guidelines for graduation should prepare the student well in this area.</td>
<td>Subjects in this area are often reading intensive and will require recall through test taking and assignments.</td>
<td>While each technical program varies, comprehension and following detailed, multi-step directions are important to the success in many programs.</td>
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| **Writing**              | Language Arts courses should emphasize:  
  - Writing the traditional 5 paragraph paper  
  - Papers of varying lengths up to 4 pages  
  - Ability to revise rough drafts of essays to meet assignment expectations  
  - Crafting thesis statements and/or topic sentences | All subjects will require some form of writing which should be done well with minimal errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Most 2-year degrees require some form of English Comp. In addition, 2-year degrees also require generals that will have multi-page papers and other written assignments. | While each technical program varies, students will not necessarily write papers. Some programs have online courses that require students to participate in discussion questions to engage other students in what would normally take place in the classroom. Having basic grammar, sentence skills, etc. will serve them well. |
| **Math**                 | Students should successfully complete:  
  - Algebra I  
  - Geometry  
  - Algebra II | College Algebra is often required by most 4-year colleges, but other options like Statistics may qualify for the basic math requirement. Students need to have a basic algebra base for classes like Economics and Chemistry | Basic math skills are necessary in all fields of study. Some technical programs may have their own math course specific to their field. |

*Refer to the admissions requirements on page 10 to see placement criteria for English Comp I and Math.*
Online Orientation

Students receive information via the mail on when to begin online orientation. This happens in two groups:

Students who apply February 1 – mid-April: These students will receive their acceptance letter, with a reminder that orientation materials will be sent to them in mid-April. Once received in April, students can log into the online orientation and complete the modules.

Students who apply mid-April – mid-August: These students will receive the orientation materials in their acceptance letter.

Students who apply after fall semester start – early January (to start PSEO in January): These students will receive the orientation materials in their acceptance letter.

The online orientation is mandatory for all PSEO students, regardless of the date in which they have applied to the program. Upon receipt of the orientation materials, students should complete the orientation within one week.

This self-paced presentation reviews important policies, procedures, and expectations of our PSEO students. When reviewing this orientation students are encouraged to:

- Take your time—the orientation takes about 20 minutes to complete
- Read all of the information—you’ll be quizzed at the end!

At the end of the orientation, students will take a quiz. It is only after the student has submitted their quiz that they can sign up for an advising appointment.

When the quiz is complete, an email will be sent automatically (usually within 10 minutes of successful completion) to the email address they provided when accessing the quiz. This email comes from RIDGE-PSEO and it will contain a link to view their advisor’s calendar where they’ll select an appointment time that works for them.

Please note: this email often ends up in spam/junk folders. If it does not arrive within 10 minutes, please check that folder.

1. Orientation is mandatory
2. Orientation is online.
3. Students must take and score 100% on the quiz upon completion
4. Once complete, students will receive an email to sign up for an advising session. Don’t see it? Check your junk mail!
5. Students cannot schedule an advising appointment until orientation is complete.
6. The longer a student waits to complete orientation, they run the risk of waiting several weeks before they can meet with an advisor.
Advising Appointment & Registration

Once orientation is complete, students will set up their one-on-one advising appointment. All new PSEO students are required to meet with an academic advisor.

Advising appointments are on a first-come-first-served basis. It is not uncommon for students to have to wait two or three weeks for an appointment during the summer.

In order to get the earliest appointment possible, students should:
1. Turn in a complete application before May 30th, and
2. Complete the orientation within one-week of receiving their acceptance letter, and
3. Make an appointment immediately after receiving the Next Steps after Online Orientation email from the RIDGE-PSEO email address.

At this meeting students will spend time with their advisor talking about future goals, college plans (including college choice and major), as well as any remaining graduation requirements. Students will also register for a full year of classes during this appointment.

Most PSEO students are working on generals through our Liberal Arts program in the hopes of transferring those credits to a 4-year college or university. Others are working on technical (sometimes known as “vocational” or “trades”) courses in hopes of entering the job market after high school. If you are exploring technical program options, please read the important information about technical programs on page 15.

Preparing for the Advising Appointment
To make the most of the advisor appointment, we encourage students to do the following:

✓ Decide how many classes they want to take each semester
  o Full time: 4 or more classes
  o Part time: 1 to 3 classes
✓ Decide which subjects they want to take
  o TIP: Work with the parent (or homeschool association representative) who is managing your curriculum to review which subjects are remaining for graduation
✓ Explore course offering types and decide which option is preferable
  o On campus
  o Online
  o Combination of both

During the Appointment
This one-on-one appointment is time set aside specifically for the student—so we hope students will make the most of it! We’ll spend time going over important PSEO information and registering for classes. But we also want to spend time getting to know students so we can best support them.

A note for parents:
Supporting your PSEO student is important and we recognize that you may have many questions—and may want to tag along to the advising appointment. We encourage parents to first view the PSEO page on our website as many common questions are answered there. If you do decide to attend your student’s advising appointment, please be patient with us! We give priority to your student’s questions and needs first. Should we run out of time at our appointment, we welcome you to email the advisor directly with your valuable questions.
Choosing Courses
A student’s first priority is to graduate high school. Parents (or homeschool association representatives) who are managing the student’s curriculum will prepare a Credit Balance Sheet that lays out some or all of the remaining subjects required for graduation. Advisors will use this list to help guide the conversation on what students should be taking.

Advisors do not expect students to know specific course sections they want to register into, but as noted above, students should come to the appointment with a list of subjects they want to take during the academic year. Advisors will help lay out their schedule based on scheduled offerings and balancing those choices with a student’s after school activities/commitments.

After the Appointment
A follow up email will be sent to the student. This email will contain a recap of what was discussed, a follow up to any questions they may have had at the appointment, and a copy of their schedule. Students are encouraged to forward this email to their parents or homeschool representative.

Additional course information
Summer courses
PSEO does not cover summer course tuition, fees, required materials/textbooks, or mileage reimbursement. If a student wishes to take a class during the summer, it is at their own expense.

Summer courses are only 4-weeks long, which makes for a very different class experience. Some students find attending a class every day, for several hours at a time, better for their learning style and for retaining information. Other students find the schedule to be intense and less flexible.

If a student chooses to attend a summer session, we strongly encourage only taking one course per 4-week session.

1. Schedule your advising appointment immediately after completing online orientation.
2. Appointment times fill quickly and are on a 1st come, 1st served basis.
3. Summer is the busiest time—with an average waiting times of approx. 3 weeks.
4. Students should know in advance what subjects they want to take during fall and spring semester.
5. Students are responsible for knowing if they’re on track to graduate high school. Ridgewater advisors do not track this information.
Making Schedule Changes

Before making changes to their schedule, students are strongly encouraged to discuss these changes with the family member (or homeschool association representative) who manages their curriculum to make sure the proposed changes align with graduation requirements.

While students can change their schedule without involving your advisor, it is very important to pay close attention to:
- Days/times the course is being offered
- Campus location (Hutchinson, Willmar, or Online)
- Prerequisites
- Not choosing a class from the PSEO Excluded List.

Students are welcome to consult with their advisor at any time regarding schedule changes via email, phone, or one-on-one appointment.

Dropping or Withdrawing from a Course

At Ridgewater College the act of registration is considered an acknowledgment on the part of the student that s/he will attend the registered course(s). Any drop or withdrawal request must be processed within the established timelines.

There is a difference between a drop and a withdrawal and it is important to know the difference between both types.

DROP: A student asks to be removed from the course within the first 10 business days. Students who request a drop will:
- Have the course removed from their record
- The drop will have no impact on their GPA or completion ratio

WITHDRAWAL: A student asks to be removed from a course after the 10th business day, but before the last date to withdraw as noted on the course listing in eServices. Students who request a withdrawal will:
- Still see the course on their transcript and receive a “W”
- “W” marks impact a student’s completion ratio—which can put a student on academic warning even if they have a GPA above a 2.0 (see page 21 for more on Academic Progress)
- “W” marks can impact future financial aid decisions
- “W” marks can impact future admissions decisions

NOTE: Removing this course from your homeschool plan is not the same as officially dropping or withdrawing from the class at Ridgewater. Students may want to visit with an advisor or an instructor prior to taking this action, but dropping/withdrawing from classes is the student's responsibility. In addition, the 10 day window is only for PSEO students. Traditionally enrolled students have a shorter drop window.
A common question that parents ask about PSEO is, “Do the classes transfer?”

Courses taken through PSEO will transfer to another college or university. **How** they transfer is up to that institution, which is based on a number of factors including (but not limited to): agreements between colleges, grades earned, content of the course, etc.

As you are aware, PSEO courses are college level courses. Not only is the rigor of this course much more demanding, but it is possible that the acceptance of late work, additional time to complete assignments, number of acceptable absences, etc. may be different than what is allowed at home. Unlike homeschool transcripts, college transcripts and the grades earned are with the student indefinitely, and can have an impact on admissions decisions at other institutions.

We offer classes in both Technical/Vocational as well as Liberal Arts (often known as “generals”).

**Technical/Vocational courses:** these teach a specific skill set, preparing the student to be “employment ready” when they graduate with their degree. Technical courses may not always transfer into the degree program of choice at other colleges or universities. It is up to the discretion of the institution if they’ll accept the credits during the transfer process.

**Liberal Arts (or “generals”) courses:** At Ridgewater, our Liberal Arts courses are applied to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). The MnTC allows students at a Minnesota State college or university to transfer courses seamlessly between institutions. It is also widely accepted at many institutions across the state—including private colleges and the University of Minnesota system. These courses have a higher probability of transferring into the degree of your choice, however it is up to the discretion of the institution if they’ll accept the credits during the transfer process.

The MnTC has **10 goal areas**, To ensure your classes are satisfying the requirements of MnTC, meet with your academic advisor prior to registering for classes.

**We encourage students to keep all of their coursework and syllabus should they want to appeal any transfer credit decisions.**

1. Yes! Credits transfer. But it’s up to the school receiving the credits to decide how they’ll be applied.
2. Students should save the course syllabus should they ever need to appeal a transfer credit decision.
Important Information About Technical Programs

While we want to help students reach their goals, sometimes there are additional admissions requirements that need to be met first. It is also possible that some courses are not eligible due to high fees. This list can change without notice, and the most current list of excluded courses is available on our website.

The following programs are not eligible for PSEO students:
- Nursing
- Practical Nursing (students are welcome to take PRNU 1617: Medical Terminology)
- Massage Therapy
- Cosmetology
- Veterinary Technology (students are welcome to take VNTE 1000: Intro to Vet Tech)
- Occupational Skills
- EMT/Paramedic

The following programs are eligible, but require a student to attend full time. This means that if a student has outstanding graduation requirements (such as Math, History, English, etc.) those requirements should be completed before the student takes classes in these programs:
- Auto Body
- Auto Mechanics
- Electrician*
- Welding

The following programs are eligible, but some courses cannot be done through PSEO:
- Agriculture
- Medical Assistant

*This program is typically on a waiting list for the following academic year by late October. PSEO students who are interested should speak with the admissions office directly to discuss the application process.

The following programs have additional costs not covered by PSEO:

**Auto Body**
Students may borrow tools from the program for the first year, but must purchase their own tools during the second year. Cost of tools varies based on the brand, but on average student spends approximately $2000

**Medical Assistant**
Students must purchase their scrubs, shoes, stethoscope, and other materials. Average cost is approximately $500.

**Auto Mechanics**
Students must purchase their uniform. Cost is dependent on the uniform supplier.
Photography
Students may check out equipment through the photography department, but supplies are limited. It is encouraged that students who are taking courses have access to a DSLR camera. Cost is dependent on the make, model, and additional lenses. Cameras range in price from $500 more than $2000. Additional lenses range in price from $120 to more than $2000. There are also additional accessories (tripods, cases, etc).

Registering for Technical Program Courses
Students will be asked to attend a group Advising and Registration session specifically for technical programs. Dates happen each semester and throughout the summer. An RSVP is required to attend a session. At this event, students will meet with the faculty for this program who will talk over long term goals and help to select courses.

In a case where a student is working on a technical program degree, the faculty are their advisor and course specific questions should be directed to those faculty members. PSEO advisors are available for general questions regarding PSEO and campus policies/procedures.

Nursing Assistant Courses
In 2019-2020 academic year, Ridgewater College stopped offering the Nursing Assistant course for college credit (also known as the CNA course). Because a college credit option is no longer available, it is no longer eligible for PSEO.

However, students who are interested, are welcome to explore the Nursing Assistant option offered through our Customized Training and Continuing Education department. The cost for this course and required materials are the responsibility of the student.

For more information please call 320-222-6067

1. Technical courses are a great option for PSEO, but they do have different expectations.
2. Students who have remaining graduation requirements should complete those first before considering full time enrollment in some technical programs.
3. There may be an additional cost that PSEO does not cover.
4. Not every class is eligible for PSEO. Check the Exempt List for more details.
Textbooks & Supplies

The PSEO program covers the cost of required books and materials. These books and materials are provided as a free loan.

How to get your books

Visit the Bookstore

- Must have a photo ID present (ex: Student ID or State Driver's License)
- Bring a copy of your official schedule (found in eServices under Courses & Registration > View Modify Schedule)

Order Online to have them Shipped to you or Pick up on Campus

- Visit the campus bookstore at www.ridgewaterbookstore.com You need the following items before you can place an online order
  - The step by step ordering guide found on the PSEO resource page
  - Your Tech/Student ID (8-digit number found in eServices, at the top of the screen, upper right corner)
  - Your Ridgewater email address
  - A screenshot, picture, or copy of your schedule from eServices

Materials not covered under PSEO

The PSEO program does not cover the cost of items that are listed as optional or are consumable. Examples of items that become the student’s property after the course is completed, and are not covered by PSEO include (but not limited to):

- Personal Protective Equipment for the CPR/1st Aid class
- Study guides
- Tool kits for technical courses
- Safety glasses/goggles
- Any items that were listed as optional through our bookstore

All Required materials must be returned

All books must be returned to the bookstore by the last day of the semester to avoid a charge. If a student needs to keep a book for the continuation of a class (example: science or math may do this) they must notify the bookstore or they will be charged for the cost of the book.

Students who do not return their books will have a hold put on their account. A hold will stop the student from registering for future classes. Further, official transcripts/grades will not be released until books are returned and/or fines are paid.

Returning materials for dropped courses

A student who drops a course within the first 10 business days of the semester (unless otherwise noted) must return the books in the same condition they were picked up (ex: no scratches, torn pages, and shrink-wrapped, if new). The receipt (original or copy) must also be included. Students who drop a course and do not return the material will be sent a bill.

Writing in Textbooks

It is acceptable to write or highlight in the textbook. Excessive highlighting and marking in a textbook is discouraged as it cannot be reissued to a future student.
Important information about shrink wrapped books & online access codes:

Students who get books that come in a shrink-wrapped bundle, or an access code for vendors like Cengage, will find a label attached warning them that once opened, they cannot be returned.

We encourage PSEO students to pause before ripping off the plastic wrap or using your access code. Do you plan to stay in this course until the end of the semester? If so—go ahead and open it. However, if you aren’t sure, we encourage you to attend the first week of classes before opening it. If you decide after the first week that you’re going to drop the course, then you can return the unopened materials without the risk of being charged.

If, however, you attempted the class, planned to stay enrolled, but changed your mind a few weeks later, don’t panic. Instead, speak to the Bookstore Manager to discuss your specific situation.

1. Textbooks and required materials (such as art kits) are included in PSEO
2. Required materials (including art kits) need to be returned on the last day of the semester or the student will be charged and a hold will be placed on the account
3. Students should not open shrink wrapped books until they know for sure they’re staying in the class to avoid being charged
PSEO Mileage Reimbursement

If requested by the parents or guardians, school districts must reimburse low-income families for certain transportation costs in the PSEO program. The income levels used to determine eligibility for these programs are on the second page of the Monthly Transportation Reimbursement Request.

A family must complete the Application for Student Transportation Reimbursement at the beginning of the application request (or during the school year if there is a change in their financial status).

If the family's income qualifies them for this program, they submit the Student Transportation Reimbursement Report to the district on a monthly basis. The district pays the family based on this claim.

The mileage reimbursement is from the student's home or secondary school to the postsecondary institution.

Both forms, the Application for Student Transportation Reimbursement and the Student Transportation Reimbursement Report, are retained in the district office.

The information submitted by the family on the Student Transportation Reimbursement Report is summarized and is used to complete the Monthly Transportation Reimbursement Request (ED-01765). Form ED-01765 is the only form submitted to the Division of School Finance/Transportation Unit. The state will reimburse the district for the payments made to the parent.

This program is only available for 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students attending a postsecondary institution under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09.

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, postsecondary enrollment options act includes 10th-grade public school students who have attained a passing score on the reading section of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and meet course perquisites to take a career or technical education course as a PSEO student.

Additional information and instructions appear on the reverse side of each form.

Please submit your claims on a monthly basis. Do not wait until the end of the school year; this may delay payment.

Note: An alternative student who qualifies for mileage reimbursement must apply through the postsecondary institution where he or she is enrolled. An alternative student is defined as an 11th- or 12th-grade students not enrolled in a public-school district, and includes students attending nonpublic schools and pupils who are home schooled. The postsecondary enrollment options act is not available for 10th-grade alternative students.

If you have any questions regarding the Application for Student Transportation Reimbursement, the Student Transportation Reimbursement Report, the Monthly Transportation Reimbursement Request or the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Mileage Reimbursement Program email the transportation email: pupiltransportation.mde@state.mn.us
Satisfactory Academic Performance

College level course work is much more rigorous and demanding than homeschool courses. Student are often surprised at how much work is required for each of their classes. At the end of the term, the grade that is earned will also be the grade that will be reflected on their homeschool transcript.

We expect that all students will do their best work to remain in good academic standing.

What is “Good Academic Standing”? To be in good standing both requirements must be met.

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<td>Cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher</td>
<td>GPA is based on the grades you earn in your classes.</td>
<td>A 2.0 GPA is achieved by earning a minimum of a “C” or higher in each class. If you earn less than a “C”, you should have higher grades in additional courses of equal credit value to “balance out” the “C”.</td>
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<td>Completion Rate of 66.7% or higher</td>
<td>Completion rate is a calculation based on the number of classes you signed up for (attempted), and the number of courses you passed with a D- or higher (completed).</td>
<td>For every class that you have a “W” or “F” grade, you should have 2 additional courses of equal credit value with passing letter grades.</td>
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If a student doesn’t meet good academic standing, they fall into one of two categories:

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<td>Academic Warning</td>
<td>Students will be placed in a warning status if they fail to meet Ridgewater’s cumulative academic standards (cumulative 2.00 GPA and completion rate of 66.67%).</td>
<td>After being placed on warning, students will have one academic term to meet the cumulative standards. Students who meet the cumulative standards will return to good standing. Failure to meet the cumulative standards will result in Academic Suspension.</td>
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<td>Academic Suspension</td>
<td>Students who are suspended will need to complete an appeal. The appeal will document what beyond their control caused them to be unsuccessful and what have they done to mitigate the circumstances that caused the suspension.</td>
<td>Typically, students meet with a Ridgewater counselor to identify areas where the student can improve, and to set reasonable goals for the following term. These areas are key considerations in a suspension appeal.</td>
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When a student is on Academic Warning, their advisor will talk with them about what happened the last semester to be able to identify areas where improvements can be made. Suggestions like how to
better manage their time, tutoring, etc. often are what is needed in order to assist the student towards success.

However, sometimes there is no way to avoid a pending suspension, even with excellent grades and completing all of your classes in the next semester. Therefore, we encourage students to evaluate their options with their Ridgewater College advisor and the family member (or homeschool association representative) who manages their homeschool curriculum.

Currently there is no policy in place to “remove” students from PSEO due to poor performance, other than the Academic Suspension process. However, families or homeschool associations may intervene and work with students to reevaluate their semester performance.

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<th>Common Questions about Academic Performance:</th>
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*There is no guarantee that by working with a Ridgewater College Counselor on your appeal documentation that you’ll be successful with your appeal.

Retaking a Course

If a student has either a “W” or an “F” on their transcript, they are eligible to retake that course. Students have one attempt to retake a course and the cost is covered by PSEO.

Students who earn a passing grade of a D- or higher, who want to retake a course to earn a better grade, may do so, but the cost of the course, textbooks, and supplies are the responsibility of the student.
Your Ridgewater Transcript is with you for Life!
The choices a PSEO student makes will be with them for the rest of their life. This means, if a student is on an Academic Warning and withdraws from all of their classes, never to do PSEO again, that Academic Warning doesn't disappear.
In fact, if this same student decides 10 years from now that they'll want to take classes at Ridgewater, they will pick up right where they left off. The same is true if a student goes to another school in the Minnesota State system. It is possible that they will transfer the student’s Academic Warning status to their school as well. If this happens, the student may be required to submit a letter of appeal or plan for how they intend to stay in good academic standing.

Academic Warnings not only impact students during their current semester, but can also impact future admissions decisions and/or financial aid awards.

1. Students need to remain in good academic standing, or they risk being put on academic warning—or even suspended
2. Academic warning happens because of low GPA, too many F or W marks, or both.
Student Services Available for PSEO
Ridgewater College is committed to the success of our students. Our goal is to support students in becoming the best version of themselves. Per the PSEO statute, we are required to provide access to the following services for students. These services are offered at no cost.

**Tutoring**
To work with the tutors, our website has the most up-to-date list of tutors in the various subjects. Students are to contact tutors as directed to set up an appointment. Days and hours on campus will vary, so please contact the tutors for availability.

In addition, Peer Tutors are available and will also be available to assist students. Working with tutors is a free service, so please take advantage of this great resource.

For more information and to connect with a tutor, please visit our [Academic Support Center](#) page on our website.

**Disability Services**
The Disability Services Office helps ensure students with disabilities experience equal access during their time at Ridgewater. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

- Assistive devices
- Course selection and program advising
- Testing
- Note taking
- Sign language interpreting

**Who Is Eligible for Disability Services?**
An individual with a disability is defined as any person who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities
- Has a record of such an impairment
- Is regarded as having such an impairment

For more information, visit our [Disability Services](#) page on our website.

**Multicultural Outreach**
At Ridgewater College, our mission is to promote the celebration and inclusion of diversity on campus in order to recognize and appreciate it in our daily lives.

Multicultural Outreach Coordinator
Our on-campus multicultural outreach coordinator serves as a liaison between Ridgewater College and our communities through multicultural events and other social activities. Our outreach coordinator serves as an advocate and resource person for students, staff, and community members.

For more information, visit the [Multicultural Outreach](#) page on our website.
Counseling
Ridgewater College recognizes the relationship between personal development, emotional wellness, health and wellness, and success in academic pursuits.

Our counseling program is designed to support and assist students who have personal issues which impede their academic progress by offering crisis intervention, brief solution-oriented counseling, and referrals to other agencies, services, or professionals in the community.

We offer a variety of health resource links to students as well as a health fair on each campus.

For more information, visit the Student Health and Counseling page on our website.

1. Student Services are available for all students, including PSEO at no cost.
2. Students do not need to work with an advisor to connect with these support offices, but advisors are happy to assist students in making that connection.
Email
The official form of communication at Ridgewater College is your Ridgewater email account. Every student has access to Ridgewater email and is expected to check it on a regular basis (2-3 times a week).

Your student email address is your first and last name, separated by a dot, followed by @go.ridgewater.edu. It will look something like this:

scott.anderson@go.ridgewater.edu

Students who have common names (like Mark Olson, for example) may have a number included with their email address. Advisors are happy to help students verify their email address.

How to Check Your Email
Logging into email requires the use of your StarID and password. Here’s how you log into your email:

Access the Ridgewater website and from the Logins menu, choose Email and Office 365

To sign in, you need your StarID—but you will also add @go.minnstate.edu behind it. Like this:

Click Next and you’ll be prompted to enter your StarID password. Once it is entered, click Sign In.
You should see a list of Microsoft Office products either in the middle of your screen or down the left hand side. Microsoft Outlook is the email platform that we use. The icon looks like this:

![Microsoft Outlook Icon](image)

When you click on it, you will gain access to your Ridgewater email!

If you have taken PSEO or College in the Schools classes at any other Minnesota State College or University, you also have an email with that institution. Because your StarID travels with you to any Minnesota State school, your emails are combined together.

**Texting**
At Ridgewater College, we have text messaging for emergencies (Star Alert) and for advisors and student services staff members to conduct periodic check-ins and share reminders.

**Student Services Texting**
Ridgewater College has the ability to text students important reminders and information. Upon acceptance, students will be automatically added to this service. While students can choose to opt out of this service, we encourage you to stay opted in. This allows advisors to connect with students one on one and allows students to receive timely updates. Advisors only use this option as needed, as email is still the preferred way to connect.

**Star Alert - Emergency Text Messaging**
Star Alert is Ridgewater’s emergency notification system. For weather-related campus closures or a campus emergency, we use Star Alert to send SMS text messages or email messages to accounts that you have designated. Students are automatically opted into this service. To cancel or add info to your Star Alert account, visit [www.ridgewater.edu/staralert](http://www.ridgewater.edu/staralert)

1. The official communication method of Ridgewater is email
2. Students should check your Ridgewater email 2-3 times a week
3. Texting is a great way for advisors to connect with students. We encourage students to “opt in” for these services.
Regardless of where you’re at in the process, it is common to want to make sure you’ve completed everything. Use these handy check lists to keep track of important PSEO related requirements and expectations.

### Application Check List
- Download supplemental documents
  - Credit Balance form
  - NOSR/Billing form
- Complete the top portion of the NOSR form
- Work with parents or home school coordinator to complete bottom portion of NOSR and Credit Balance form
- Update transcripts and make sure they’re current and in a format that is easy to understand.
- Complete online application
- Scan and email documents to Amelia (amelia.amor@ridgewater.edu) or mail them, or drop them off at either campus location
- Completed application should be returned **no later than May 30th**

### Orientation & Appointment RSVP Check List
- Complete orientation within 1 week of receiving the PSEO Acceptance Packet
- Once orientation is complete, take the quiz. When filling out the form, be sure to enter the email address you check most often.
- After you finish the quiz, an email will be sent to the address you provided from Ridge-PSEO. Don’t see it? Check your spam! It contains the link to book an advising appointment.
- Book an advising appointment upon receipt of the email. **Average wait times are 1-2 weeks (sometimes longer in the summer months). Don’t delay! Get your appointment reserved!**
- A confirmation email will arrive once you book your appointment with additional reminders closer to the appointment.

### Advising Appointment Check List
- Bring your StarID and password
- Talk with your parents or home school coordinator to verify remaining graduation requirements
- Plan ahead:
  - What subjects do you want to take in fall and in spring?
  - How many classes are you taking? Full time is 4-6 classes. Part time is 1-3 classes.
  - Do you know what you want to major in after high school or what areas interest you?
  - What colleges/universities are on your short list?
  - What commitments do you have after school and on weekends?
  - How do you want to take your classes

### Before Classes Start Check List
- Log into your Ridgewater email
- Taking classes online? Watch the video on how to log in and navigate D2L
- Order your books (2 weeks before classes)
- Get your parking permit
- Taking classes on campus? Come walk around campus to find your classrooms and see how long it takes to get from your car to your first class.
- Give a copy of your schedule to your HS
- Find an organization style that works for you so you can stay on top of assignments (like the Pulse app, a Google calendar, or a paper/pencil planner).
ANNUAL REQUIRED PAPERWORK: The Notice of Student Registration Form (also known as the MDE Billing form)

Every student who participates in PSEO is required to turn in this form. This document is submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) in order to remit payment to Ridgewater for those attending as part of PSEO.

Students and parents (if the student is under 18) complete part 1 of the form. The family member (or homeschool association representative) managing the student’s curriculum also fills out part 2.

New students complete this form as part of the application process.

Returning students will be reminded on several occasions about turning in this form to us. Students who do not turn in this form by the due date will not only have a hold placed on their account (which will prevent them from getting books and official transcripts), but will also result in being charged for the cost of tuition, fees, and materials for the upcoming semester.

The form is now available in an electronic format, making completion easier for all parties.

NOSR DUE DATES
Fall semester: May 30th
Spring semester: December 1st

Forms can be sent via email to pseo@ridgewater.edu
Common PSEO Questions

All PSEO students and their families should review these common questions before applying for the PSEO program.

When should we have our applications turned in?
Applications should be completed and sent to Ridgewater no later than May 30th in order to have the best possible chance of getting the classes you want for the upcoming year.

Can I participate in activities in my local district or homeschool association/co-op?
Yes!

Can you tell me what remaining high school requirements I need to take?
No. This is the student’s responsibility to know what is still required to graduate from high school. We do not keep track of these requirements.

Can I take courses over the summer?
Students can take classes over the summer, but students are responsible for all costs, fees, and textbooks. PSEO funding does not cover summer courses.

Do I have to maintain a certain GPA?
Yes! Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher (a “C” average). Students must also complete a minimum of 67% of the classes they take. Students who fall below a 2.0 GPA or the 67% requirement, will be placed on academic warning. Students will have one (1) semester to bring their GPA and/or completion percentage back up or they will be suspended after the next semester.

If I fail a class, am I kicked out of PSEO? Do I have to pay for my classes?
No. If you fail a class you are still eligible to take classes through PSEO. However, your homeschool association (or family) may have different criteria for participation in the PSEO program. In addition, if you fail a class you are not responsible for the cost. You will have one (1) chance to retake the course to earn a better grade. Retaking a failed course is covered by PSEO funding.

How many classes can I take each semester?
We strongly encourage students who are taking a full-time schedule to take no more than 18 credits per term (approximately 6 classes). On average, students take 15 credits (5 classes) for full time, and approximately 6-9 credits (2-3 classes) for part time.

How does my homeschool get my grades?
Ridgewater College will forward your transcript to your family once grades are posted at the end of each semester. You can also review your grades in eServices.

I want to earn a degree in a technical program. Can I do that?
Possibly! Students who still have remaining graduation requirements should focus on those requirements first before starting technical classes. Many of our popular technical programs require students to attend full time, and don’t allow for students to begin mid-year or take a single course. More information on technical programs can be found on page 19.

A friend said Ridgewater credits don’t transfer. Is that true?
Ridgewater credits do transfer! However, it is up to the school receiving the credits if they can be applied to your future degree. Keep in mind that everyone’s experience with transferring credits is unique.
different. If you transfer credits after high school and that request is denied, you can appeal the decision. We encourage all students to hold onto their course syllabi and other materials in order to prove what you learned in the class.

Am I required to have ACT, SAT, and/or Accuplacer scores?
No. We have alternative methods in place to validate a student’s placement into English and, if needed, Math.

Do I have to reapply every year?
Students who enter PSEO as a rising junior do not need to reapply to participate in their senior year. Students who enter PSEO as a rising sophomore, and want to continue with PSEO in their junior year, will need to submit the junior/senior supplemental paperwork and an updated transcript.

In addition, every semester a student is participating they are required to complete the Notice of Student Registration (NOSR, sometimes called the MDE Billing form).

Why do I have to fill out the NOSR/Billing Form every semester? Can’t you use the one I gave you last semester?
The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) requires us to submit a new form every semester, with updated dates on the signature lines for that specific semester. We do our best to connect with students in advance to notify them of the pending due date. Students who do not turn in this form will have a hold placed on their account preventing them from getting books and official transcripts until the form is received. If after repeated requests the form is not received, the student will be billed for the tuition, fees, and materials.

I’m a new PSEO student. Why do I have to wait until April to start orientation?
As a college, we are required to give returning students priority registration. These students will get to register for their classes beginning in late February/early March. We are also required to give new, traditional students priority registration over new PSEO students. New, traditional students get to begin registering in late March/early April. New PSEO students, unless otherwise noted, are not able to meet with an advisor until early May.

However, if a student does orientation within one week of receipt of the orientation materials, and signs up for an appointment right away upon completion, the student should still have a convenient appointment that gives them the best opportunity for getting classes they want.

I already have my schedule planned out. Can you give us the access code to register?
We appreciate your excitement about taking PSEO classes! At this time, first time PSEO students are required to meet with their advisor prior to registering. Codes will not be provided in advance of that meeting. It’s important that we meet to cover important PSEO updates and information. We’ll also take a look at your schedule to make sure there aren’t any issues or concerns.

If you are concerned about classes being full before you can register, we strongly encourage you to complete the online orientation within a week of receiving your acceptance letter. While you may have to wait a week or two for an appointment (summer is our busiest season), the sooner you can get on the calendar, the better your chances for getting the classes you want!

I’m on an IEP. Can I still do PSEO?
From the Minnesota Department of Education’s PSEO Reference Guide (dated August 2019):

Students who have an IEP are eligible to apply for participation in the PSEO program available to all students in Minnesota. These students are held to the same eligibility requirements and participation limits as students without disabilities, including:
• Admission requirements set by the postsecondary institution.
• Participation limits defined in Minn. Stat. § 124D.09, subd. 8.
• Courses must be a regular, college-level course offered by the postsecondary institution. It can be offered on campus or at a high school via Courses According to Agreement or Concurrent Enrollment.
• Developmental/remedial courses are not eligible unless they are provided through a PSEO State-Approved Early/Middle College Program.
• In order for MDE to pay the postsecondary institution, the credits earned must be dual credit (i.e., count as college and high school credit).

Students with IEPs Eligible for PSEO
If a student is eligible to participate in PSEO, only PSEO funds may be used to pay tuition to the postsecondary institution. The student’s case manager should be working together to ensure that the appropriate arrangement is made for PSEO.

The postsecondary institution must inform the student of support services available; if the student’s IEP or 504 plan specifies general education support and accommodations, the postsecondary institution must provide them, and the postsecondary institution and the district shall negotiate an agreement on the rate to be charged for these services. The student’s case manager should work with the postsecondary institution if any accommodations or adaptations are needed for the student.

• Example: A student requires a technology device in order to be able to participate in the PSEO course, but the postsecondary institution’s student services do not readily provide the device. In this case, the postsecondary institution would work with the student’s case manager to provide the device. The device could be purchased by the postsecondary institution and billed to the resident district, or the resident district could purchase the device. In both cases, the device would be eligible for special education funding and entered on EDRS for reimbursement.

Students with IEPs Not Eligible for PSEO
Students with IEPs who do not meet the PSEO eligibility requirements may be able to attend a postsecondary institution to meet goals in the student’s IEP. This arrangement does not fall under the PSEO program. The postsecondary institution is not obligated to accept the contracted student placement.

The goals and objectives of the IEP are designed to meet students’ unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living. The services are the supports and programs that will enable the student to reach their goals and objectives.
### Schmidt Home School Transcript

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| **CUM. CREDITS EARNED** | **48.17** |
| **CUM GPA POINTS**      | **188.38** |
| **CUM GPA**             | **3.91**   |

MN Graduation Credit Requirement: **21.5**
Total Credits as of 12/2015: **48.17**
Credits In Progress: **15**
Standardized Testing Information/Grad Assessment Requirement = ACT
Complete as of 6/13/2015
Grade 8 ACT Explore was not available statewide in 2013–2014.

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Activities, Awards, Achievements, Hobbies, Volunteer Work, etc.

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Pass/Fail Courses  
70% Min. Passing Grade

***Indicates courses taken at other accredited institutions both High School and University Level.
Transcripts Available upon request.
## Other Schools Attended

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This certifies that the information herein is complete and accurate.

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Printed Name: __________________________  Date: __________________________