



TO: Superintendents, High School Administrators

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SUBJECT: Legislative changes under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEO)
[Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09](#)

New legislation passed under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, allows eligible 10th-grade students to enroll in one Career and Technical Education (CTE) course on a college campus. In order to be eligible, a 10th-grade student must have taken the 8th-grade MCA reading test in the 8th grade and have met the composite proficiency level of “meets or exceeds.” If the student meets this standard, they may be eligible to enroll in a CTE course, as identified by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MNSCU), if they meet the specific course requirements and pre-requisites of the CTE course in which they desire to enroll. This option is open to Minnesota public school students. Students who successfully complete the course, earning a grade of C or better, may enroll in additional CTE courses in subsequent semesters. [View the MNSCU policy and procedures for PSEO.](#)

Interested students, who are enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract school or grant school eligible for aid, should contact the eligible postsecondary institution to find out what CTE courses they offer and what the application process is at their college.

To reflect these changes, please note that a revised PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form is available on the Minnesota Department of Education website. [See the revised PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form.](#)

Additional changes were made under subdivisions 7, 5 and 8, and are provided below:

Subd. 7. Dissemination of information; notification of intent to enroll.

By March 1 of each year, a district must provide general information about the program to all pupils in grades 8, 9, 10, and 11. To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall inform the district by May 30 of each year of the pupil's intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year. A pupil is bound by notifying or not notifying the district by May 30.

The above changes are effective July 1, 2012.

In 2011, language was added to allow 9th- and 10th-grade students to enroll in concurrent enrollment courses according to the circumstances outlined below in subdivision 5.

Subd. 5. Authorization; notification.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a 9th- or 10th-grade pupil enrolled in a district or an American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant school eligible for aid under section 124D.83, except a foreign exchange pupil enrolled in a district under a cultural exchange program, may apply to enroll in nonsectarian courses offered under subdivision 10, if after all 11th- and 12th-grade students have applied for a course, additional students are necessary to offer the course. [View full text of section 124D.83 on the Revisor's website.](#)

The window of participation for students who enroll in concurrent enrollment as 9th- or 10th-graders or CTE courses as 10th-graders is extended to include the additional academic years and is outlined below in subdivision 8.

Subd. 8. Limit on participation.

A pupil who first enrolls in grade 9 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of four academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 10 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of three academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 11 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of two academic years. A pupil who first enrolls in grade 12 may not enroll in postsecondary courses under this section for secondary credit for more than the equivalent of one academic year. If a pupil in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 first enrolls in a postsecondary course for secondary credit during the school year, the time of participation shall be reduced proportionately.

If you have questions about this information, please contact Jessica Espinosa at 651-582-8512 or Jessica.espinosa@state.mn.us.