

PSEO

Informational meeting 2016-17

# What is PSEO?

- ◎ PSEO gives students in 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade the option to earn college credits that also award credit for high school classes
  - > No tuition or book costs (additional class fees are not covered)
  - > 10<sup>th</sup> graders are only allowed to take one PSEO class in the career and technical area
  - > Students may take PSEO classes full or part time

# Why PSEO?

- ◉ Start a college transcript
- ◉ Experience more independence and freedom
- ◉ Save money by getting free college credits
- ◉ Take classes you wouldn't be able to at your high school
- ◉ Challenge yourself

# Things to consider...

- ◎ Time management is essential!
- ◎ College instructors expect you to be like a college student
- ◎ Attendance is crucial and could be tied to your grade
- ◎ You are essentially on your own with little contact between schools and parents

# What about calendars?

- College and high school calendars do not match up
  - > If part time, do not choose classes that interfere with your high school schedule (semesters will overlap!)
- You are a high school student first and obligations through the high school take priority
- There is more flexibility with college classes
  - > Missing high school classes for PSEO is not considered excused and teachers are not expected to allow you to make up assignments missed

# How to make it work...

- ◉ Be proactive and communicate
- ◉ Continue to participate in high school activities as much as possible
- ◉ Work hard
- ◉ Don't take on too much
- ◉ If you are struggling, ask for help (don't wait until it's too late)

# The details...

- ⦿ Each school has different requirements
- ⦿ Credits transfer on a 2:1 ratio
- ⦿ PSEO grades are NOT weighted
- ⦿ Register for around 12 credits per semester
- ⦿ You are not allowed to be in the high school during school hours unless you have a class or meeting

# Where can I go?

- ◎ You can take PSEO classes at any school in MN that offers them:
- ◎ Typical schools SAVHS students attend:
  - > University of MN – Twin Cities
  - > MCTC
  - > North Hennepin
  - > Northwestern – St. Paul
  - > Anoka/Ramsey Community College



# What's the process to apply?

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your intentions
- Visit each school's PSEO website to see deadline dates
  - > Most schools will not have updated PSEO info yet for 2017-18 school year
- Submit the online application
- Bring the "Notice of Student Registration" form to your counselor
- Complete any additional forms that may be required
- Request a transcript
- Take any placement tests if required
- Submit any test scores (ACT, PSAT, etc.)
- We will return all required paperwork to you and **YOU** will send it to your PSEO school

# Timeline

- ◎ Students interested in applying for just spring semester need to meet with counselor by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
  - > Not all schools accept spring semester applications
- ◎ Students interested in applying for following school year need to meet with counselor by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- ◎ Despite college deadlines, all application materials needed from SAVHS need to be requested by the end of May. Late requests cannot be honored.
  - > U of M Twin Cities deadline is April 7 (Application opens February 1)
  - > U of M Twin Cities is highly selective:
    - Information sessions: February 20, March 1, March 7

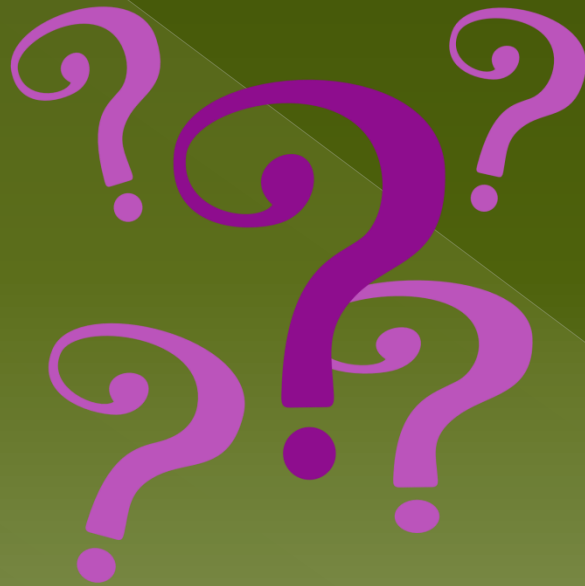
# Examples of complications

- ◎ Students have assumed they can be in the building even though they know the rule
- ◎ Students have risked graduation by failing required classes without parent or counselor knowledge
- ◎ Students have missed their high school experience
- ◎ Not all PSEO credits will transfer to other colleges
- ◎ Students have not registered for enough credits to be a full time student

# Bottom line

- Doing PSEO can be very positive for most students but it also comes with some risks and potential complications
  - Ultimately, it is up to the student to make sure they are choosing the correct classes, managing their time, and monitoring their grades and progress. You are expected to take on the responsibility of a college student.
- You are starting your college transcript that will follow you after high school
- Know yourself and consider if this is the right decision

Questions?



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