

INSTRUCTION AT A POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Students, grades 9-12, are required to meet all of the following conditions to be eligible to enroll in any course through a Senior Year Plus program where postsecondary credit is available to the student including PSEO, concurrent enrollment, and certain career academy courses.

Requirements Established by Postsecondary Institution (281- IAC 22.2(1)):

- The student shall meet the enrollment requirements established by the eligible postsecondary institution.
- The student shall meet or exceed minimum performance measures on any academic assessments that may be required by the eligible postsecondary institution.
- The student shall have taken appropriate course prerequisites, if any, prior to enrollment in the eligible postsecondary course, as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution delivering the course.

Requirements Established by the School District (281-IAC 22.2 (2)):

- The student shall have attained the approval of the school board or its designee and the appropriate postsecondary institution to register for the postsecondary course.
- The student shall have demonstrated proficiency in all of the content areas of reading, mathematics, and science as evidenced by achievement scores on the most recent Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) or the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED). Students are determined to be proficient if they score at or above the 41st percentile in the subject area.
- The school district may determine whether such student is eligible for qualification under an equivalent qualifying measure such as Measuring Academic Progress (MAP) scores, student performance rubric, end-of-course assessments or student portfolios.
- A student under competent private instruction shall meet the same eligibility criteria as students in the school district in which the student is dually enrolled and shall have the approval of the school board in that school district to register for postsecondary course.
- Institutions are prohibited from enrolling students full-time in college credit courses at any one postsecondary institution through Senior Year Plus programs. Full-time is defined (281-IAC 22.6) as enrollment in 24 or more postsecondary credit hours in any one postsecondary institution in one academic year (or the equivalent) excluding any summer term. College credit courses taken independently by tuition paying students **do not** count toward the limit.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO)

This program allows 11th and 12th grade students as well as 9th and 10th grade students identified as gifted and talented by their local district to enroll in college courses. Through the program, individual students may enroll in a college or university course if the course is not offered at their high school.

The school district pays the eligible postsecondary institution for the cost of the course or \$250.00, whichever is lower. If the student successfully completes the course, the course and textbooks are provided free (except possible equipment purchases). If the student fails to complete the course and is not eligible for a waiver, the student or his or her parent or guardian may be required to pay the district's cost.

Student and PSEO course Eligibility (281-IAC 22.16/17)

- Students have access to a broad array of nonsectarian college credit.
- Students who have graduated high school are NOT eligible. This includes the student approved as an “early graduate”.
- Eligible students shall be residents of Iowa.
- A student under competent private instruction who meets all eligibility requirements may apply to take PSEO courses through the public school district, in which the student is dually enrolled, provided the school district does not offer a comparable course.
- Acceptance of a student into a course by a postsecondary institution is not a guarantee that a student will be enrolled in all requested courses. Priority may be given to postsecondary students before eligible secondary students are enrolled in courses. However, once a secondary student has been accepted, they cannot be displaced by another student.
- Eligible courses must lead to an educational degree. If a course is only part of a certificate program, it is not eligible.
- Eligible students may take up to seven semester hours of credit during the summer months when school is not in session and receive credit for attendance, if the student pays the cost of attendance for those summer credits. The cost of attendance is **NOT** limited to \$250.00.

The parent or guardian of an eligible student who has enrolled in and is attending an eligible postsecondary institution under PSEO shall furnish transportation to and from that institution.