

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION (PSEO)

New Life Academy Information Sheet for 2016-2017

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) allows Minnesota high school juniors and seniors to enroll in participating Minnesota colleges with college tuition, fees, and books all paid for by the Minnesota Department of Education. Students completing PSEO courses earn credit toward high school graduation and also college credit to colleges accepting transfer PSEO credits.

New Life Academy offers Online and Onsite PSEO classes on an individual basis for junior and senior students who are in good standing in terms of character and academics, with the specific purpose of promoting rigorous educational pursuits and providing an option for students interested in subject areas not already offered at New Life Academy. In making this decision, parents and students will want to consider whether the student is responsible and academically ready to take online college classes.

NEW LIFE ACADEMY POLICIES

1. The New Life Academy PSEO student will be required to adhere to the same standard of conduct as all other New Life Academy students. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action and possible dismissal from New Life Academy.
2. To participate in the PSEO program, the student must be a full time student with New Life Academy and be making satisfactory progress towards graduation.

REGISTRATION

Part-Time PSEO

1. Parents will register their junior or senior student for enrollment at New Life Academy. Part-time PSEO students will pay the full tuition costs.
2. Students can register for online college classes by signing up for PSEO Class at NLA. Students will not be excused from their high school classes to attend college classes. Students are required to be at school taking NLA classes from 8am to 3pm with the exception of PSEO Class.
3. Interested students and their parents need to be aware of the specific PSEO registration and withdrawal deadlines held by each participating college/university. Students will need to apply to the college according to the college's requirements and timetables.
4. The student will communicate with the New Life Academy Guidance Counselor two to four weeks prior to the college's application deadline in order for the counselor to:
 - Review rationale for the PSEO program.
 - Review cumulative records and test scores.
 - Review requirements for application, acceptance, and continued enrollment at the college.
 - Complete the necessary paperwork (e.g. Notice of Student Registration state form)

ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the college is *entirely determined by the post secondary school*. Colleges vary greatly in their entrance requirements. New Life Academy's responsibility is to verify the student's eligibility and to complete the necessary paperwork. Grade point average, test scores, and recommendations are generally used by the college to make a decision on acceptance.

Once a student has been accepted, the student must meet with the New Life Academy Guidance Counselor *prior to registering for courses each semester* to determine courses that will meet New Life Academy's graduation requirements.

CREDIT

One high school credit will be awarded for satisfactory completion of each 3 or 4 college semester course and high school credit of .5 will be awarded for satisfactory completion of each 1 or 2 college semester course.

GRADING

- Grades will usually be sent directly to New Life Academy from the college after completion of the course. *However, students are ultimately responsible for making sure the Guidance Counselor receives the grades*. All grades must be reported. The grades reported by the college are the grades that will be placed on the student's high school transcript.
- Grades earned through PSEO courses are not weighted. Only Honors, Advanced Placement and CIS course grades will be weighted with a 1.2 multiplier.

TEXTBOOKS

The Minnesota Department of Education will pay college tuition for all accepted PSEO students; however, textbooks remain the property of the college. Students are asked to follow the instructions given by the college for returning or purchasing the textbooks.

HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

New Life Academy Guidance Office
Inna Collier, Guidance Counselor
Kim Chirpich, Guidance Assistant

For PSEO information from the Minnesota Department of Education go to:

<http://education.state.mn.us> and search PSEO or

http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Academic_Excellence/School_Choice/Post_Secondary_Enrollment_Options_PSEO

PSEO Signature Page

Please indicate below if you are planning on participating in PSEO during the 2016-2017 school year:

(Due to differences in college admission and registration timelines, PSEO students must still register at New Life Academy for seven class periods per semester.)

PSEO Class

Colleges or Universities applying to: _____

Names and course numbers of PSEO courses planning to take:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have read, understand, and will be responsible for the information contained on the previous pages. If I am accepted as a PSEO student, I will provide New Life Academy with a copy of my college schedule and meet with the Guidance Counselor at least once prior to each semester.

Student Name

Date

Signature of Student

Date

I, as the parent/guardian of this student, have discussed the PSEO program with my child and I agree to have him/her participate in this program. I also agree to provide transportation to and from the program and assume all transportation liability.

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
AND KEEP THE OTHER PAGES FOR YOUR RECORDS/INFORMATION.**