

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY - Refer to Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (1999)

Any public, nonpublic, homeschool or American Indian-controlled tribal contract or grant student classified as an 11th or 12th grader and accepted by a postsecondary institution, may enroll either full- or part-time in nonsectarian courses or programs at an eligible postsecondary institution. Foreign students participating in cultural exchange programs are not eligible.

- A. A student must be enrolled in school in the eleventh or twelfth grade or if a non-graded alternative secondary program, must be enrolled at a level equivalent to eleventh or twelfth grade.
- B. A student who enters the program:
 - 1) At the beginning of the eleventh grade year may continue in the program for the equivalent of two academic years, except for state approved Learning Year Programs pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 124D.128, summer sessions not included.
 - 2) At the beginning of the twelfth grade year a student may continue in the program for the equivalent of one academic year.
- C. In either case, if the student first enters the program during the academic year, the window of opportunity is reduced proportionally.
- D. If a student, after the beginning of the academic year, drops membership in the school for medical or other reasons, the running of the window of opportunity, under Paragraph B, is suspended until the student reestablishes membership in the school and returns to eligibility under Paragraph A. For example, a student dropped from high school membership after completing half of the eleventh grade year would retain the opportunity to enroll in a postsecondary institution over the second half of that academic year.
- E. An institution shall **not** enroll secondary pupils, for postsecondary enrollment options purposes, in sectarian, remedial, developmental, or other courses that are **not** college level.
- F. In 2003, the PSEO law was amended so that the books are now returned to the college not the high school. Minn. Stat. 2002, § 124.D.09, subdivision 20, is amended to read: Subd. 20, **TEXTBOOKS, MATERIALS**. All textbooks and equipment provided to a pupil, and paid for under subdivision 13, are the property of the pupil's **postsecondary institution**. Each pupil is required to return all textbooks and equipment to the **postsecondary institution** after the course has ended.