

# Earning college credit in high school

# What is Advanced Placement?

- \* Referred to as AP
- \* Rigorous college level courses
- \* To qualify for college credit, you need to typically earn a 3 or better on the exam taken in May. Credit transferability will depend on your college choice after high school.
- \* Fee for each exam is approximately \$44
- \* Final course grade is weighted by .33

# Advanced Placement (AP)

- \* Art
- \* Calculus AB & BC
- \* English
- \* Micro & Macroeconomics
- \* Government
- \* Physics C & 1
- \* Probability and Statistics
- \* Psychology
- \* Music Theory
- \* World History
- \* US History
- \* Spanish
- \* Biology

# What is College in the Schools?

- \* Referred to as CIS
- \* Classes taught in our high school by our teachers for college credit
- \* Credit transferability will depend on your college choice after high school
- \* Students will register for CIS courses at registration time
- \* Counselors will work with students to fill out the applications
- \* Final course grade is weighted by .33

# Who qualifies?

- \* Juniors in the **top third** of their class or score in the **top third** of a national standardized test
- \* Seniors in the **top half** of their class or score in the **top half** of a national standardized test

# College in the School (CIS)

- \* Chemistry (St. Cloud State University)
- \* Pre-Calculus (Southwest State University)
- \* Spanish (St. Cloud State University)
- \* College Algebra (Southwest State University)

# What is Project Lead the Way?

- \* Exposes students to rigorous coursework in the engineering field
- \* Advanced elective focusing on math and science
- \* Earn college credit by passing an exam at the end of the course
- \* Test is approximately \$100
- \* 3 credits per class is earned through the University of Minnesota or St. Cloud State University

# Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

- \* Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)
- \* Principles of Engineering (POE)
- \* Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM)
- \* Digital Electronics (DE)



# What is Post Secondary Enrollment Options?

- \* Referred to as PSEO or “posting out”
- \* Taking college classes on a college campus either part-time or full-time
- \* Earn college credit and high school credit at the same time

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- \* Seniors in the **top half** of their class or score in the **top half** of a national standardized test
- \* Example: Anoka Ramsey- 3.5 GPA as a Junior or 3.0 GPA as a senior
- \* Some schools have different admission requirements

# Where can I take PSEO classes?

- \* North Hennepin Community College
- \* Anoka Ramsey Community College
- \* St. Cloud State University
- \* University of Minnesota
- \* Any public or private school in Minnesota that offers PSEO

# What are the benefits?

- \* Save money on tuition and books
- \* Get a jump start on completing college level classes
- \* May reduce the time you spend in college
- \* Gives you a “feel” for what college will be like
- \* May have a more flexible daily schedule

# What are the downsides?

- \* Miss out on high school experiences
- \* May not be able to schedule classes that you are required to take (end up taking online classes)
- \* Spend money on gas
- \* Professors aren't as available as STMA teachers
- \* If you do poorly, it is on your permanent college & high school record
- \* Credits may not transfer

# What are the steps to apply?

- \* Schedule and attend a meeting with your parent and counselor only if you meet the PSEO requirements.
  - Small group meetings will be held at 7: 45 a.m. on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, during SNAP (1:47 p.m.) on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Call guidance office at 497-6525 to schedule.
- \* Fill out application/3 part form
- \* Wait to hear back from the college
- \* Go in for placement exam
- \* Attend Orientation/Register for classes

# Please Note...

- \* You must decide right from the beginning if you will be full-time or part-time student and then stick with that plan for the whole school year.
- \* According to the MN State Statute, students must notify the high school by May 30<sup>th</sup> if they plan to attend PSEO.
- \* You are responsible for checking in with your counselor once you register for classes and throughout your senior year

# Preparation for the ACT College Entrance Exam

\* Sign up for Practice ACT in the Guidance Office. It will be on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am. Cost is \$10. Deadline to register is Thursday, February 14th.

\* **Register for the following courses at <https://stma.thatscommunityed.com>**

## ACT Test Prep

- Taught by STMA HS Teachers
- Week long course
- \$80

## ZAPS Course

- Taught by a ZAPS instructor
- 2 evening course (6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)
- \$95

## PrepStar Blast or Premium

- Taught by Academic All Star Tutoring
- Options range from \$89-\$349

\* **Free ACT Prep**

- MN Career Information System (MCIS)
- [www.mncis.intocareer.org](http://www.mncis.intocareer.org) STMA log in and password: stmichaelalbertville
- Create your own account
- Click on “My Portfolio” and go to College Entrance Tests