



**EARNING COLLEGE
CREDIT IN HIGH
SCHOOL**

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- Referred to as AP
- Rigorous college level courses
- To qualify for college credit, you typically need to earn a 3 or better on the AP 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
- Probability and Statistics
- English
- Microeconomics & Macroeconomics
- American Government
- World History
- US History
- Psychology
- Physics C & I
- Biology
- Music Theory
- Spanish

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
- Permanent record on both your college & high school transcript
- Students will register for CIS courses at registration time
- Counselors will work with students to apply & register for classes
- Final course grade is weighted by .33

CIS CLASSES AT STMA

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

WHO QUALIFIES?

SCSU

- Seniors should be in the top one-half of their class or have a test score at or above the 50th percentile on any nationally standardized test.
- Juniors should be in the top one-third of their class or have a test score at or above the 70th percentile on any nationally standardized test.

SMSU

- Seniors - need to have a 3.0 GPA or above and be in the top half of their graduating class
- Juniors - need to have a 3.0 GPA or above and be in the top third of their graduating class

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW)

- 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 granted 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)

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (PSEO)

- 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

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
- Some schools have different admission requirements
 - Anoka Ramsey- 3.5 GPA as a Junior or 3.0 GPA as a senior

STMA'S MOST COMMON PSEO CAMPUSES

- North Hennepin Community College
 - Anoka Ramsey Community College
 - St. Cloud State University
 - University of Northwestern, St. Paul
 - University of Minnesota
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- Or 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 DOWNFALLS?

- Miss out on high school experiences
- May not be able to schedule classes that you are required to take (end up taking online classes)
- Commuting to campus
- Permanent record on both your college & high school transcript
- Credit transferability will depend on your college choice after high school

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 February 26th, March 20th & April 17th. Also, during SNAP (1:47 p.m.) on April 2nd. Call guidance office at 497-6525 or email maryp@mystma.org to schedule.

At the small group meeting, we will cover in detail:

- How to apply to the college
- Fill out Department of Education 3 part form
- Credits needed for graduation

Once applied:

- Wait to hear back from the college
- Go in for placement exam (Accuplacer 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 30th 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 22nd at 8:00am. Cost is \$10. Deadline to register is Thursday, February 20th.
- **Register for the following courses at <https://stma.thatscommunityed.com>**
 - ACT Test Prep**
 - Taught by STMA HS Teachers
 - Week long course
 - \$89
 - 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 \$139-\$349
- **Free ACT Prep**
 - MN Career Information System (MCIS)
 - www.mncis.intocareer.org STMA log in and password: stmichaelalbertville
 - Create your own account
 - Click on “My Portfolio” and go to College Entrance Tests