

## **“PSEO” POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**

“PSEO” is a Minnesota State program that allows high school students to take college-level courses while still in high school. Eligible sophomores, juniors and seniors can take courses that earn both high school and college credit at the same time, for the same courses. These courses apply toward high school class rank and high school graduation.

**ELIGIBILITY** - Must be classified as a junior or senior. Sophomores can take one career/technical course their first semester then they can continue with more course work second semester, if successful in the first semester.

- Seniors – Top 50% class rank
- Juniors – Top 33 % class rank
- OR GPA of 2.50 or higher

### **QUALIFYING TEST SCORES TO MEET COURSE PRE-REQUISITES**

Accuplacer / ACT / MCA / SAT

### **ELIGIBILITY TO REMAIN AS A RETURNING PSEO STUDENT**

2.0 GPA and minimum 67% completion rate

### **ADVANTAGES OF PSEO**

- Academic Challenge
- Variety of course work to choose from
- Credits count for both college and high school
- Students can still participate in all high school activities and athletics – MSHSL rules apply
- The State of Minnesota pays for tuition and books
- Experience post-secondary education without leaving home
- Get a head start on a college degree and possibly earn a degree before graduation

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER**

- Scheduling and School Calendars are not the same
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Time Management
- Transportation
- Course Rigor - “Rule of Thumb” for every hour of class, spend two hours on homework
- PSEO does not cover College Prep course work

## **WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING RIVERLAND AS A PSEO STUDENT?**

Make an appointment with your high school counselor, complete all paper work obtaining all necessary signatures. Apply to Riverland using the online application.

Application materials may be found on the Riverland website: [www.riverland.edu](http://www.riverland.edu)

**Choose: Admissions>College Credit in High School>PSEO**

Completed PSEO paperwork must be submitted to **Chelsea Petersen** (Records and Registration Assistant @ Riverland). Students are not able to register for classes until all paper work is submitted. Must submit paperwork for each term enrolled in PSEO courses. *Submit any PSEO paperwork ASAP*

## **AFTER YOUR ACCEPTANCE LETTER ARRIVES:**

- 1- Register to take the Accuplacer test if you are not using your ACT, SAT or MCA scores. Register for the test on the Riverland website under: **Student Services>Accuplacer** (or come to Student Services on campus to register)
  - Practice Accuplacer tests are available on the Riverland website under:  
**Admissions>Accuplacer>Preparing for Accuplacer**
  - The Accuplacer test may be taken *twice* in one year
- 2- Complete Riverland NEW PSEO ORIENTATION.
- 3- Schedule a meeting with a Riverland Counselor to register for classes at 507-433-0600

**BE SURE THAT YOU STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR REGARDING YOUR COLLEGE SCHEDULE AND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. COUNSELORS MUST BE NOTIFIED ASAP OF ANY AND ALL CHANGES CONCERNING YOUR COLLEGE SCHEDULE.**