



School of Rhetoric (9-12)

Building on the first two stages of the Classical Trivium, students in the rhetoric stage will learn to write and speak with confidence and originality. They learn to apply the rules of logic to the basic information learned in the early grades. By graduation, students will be able to express conclusions in clear, compelling, elegant language. Students will start to specialize in branches of knowledge that interest them. Specialized training in those areas may begin.

Course Registration

The School of Rhetoric academic programming was created to include a breadth of disciplines within the Liberal Arts tradition. We take pride in our curriculum which challenges scholars to think, speak, and make informed decisions. As a result, students leave Eagle Ridge Academy more prepared to be knowledgeable and exemplary citizens. This firm foundation not only prepares our students to be accepted into their first-choice post-secondary institution but instills in them the necessary skills and knowledge for success later in life.

Our goal is to provide you with the information you and your child need to inform their course-taking decisions. The decisions students make now impact our staffing and course availability, so **please take time to review the course registration guide and make the best decisions possible as you build your high school path**. The following is information on the registration timeline, deadlines, and opportunities for support in the process.

Eighth graders and School of Rhetoric students will begin the 2023-2024 course registration process the week of December 5, 2022. During assembly, Principal Erin Johnson and Academic Counselor Linda Kaiser will provide students with an overview of the ERA Course Catalog and the registration form. Advisory instructors will distribute all materials for students to take home. **Students will return their completed registration form to their advisory instructor during the week of January 2, 2023.** Students are encouraged to contact their advisory instructor with questions or concerns or schedule a time with Mrs. Kaiser during the advisory period. Parents/guardians, please email lkaiser@eagleridgeacademy.org or call 952-746-7760 x 2127 as needed.

- [2022-23 Course Catalog](#)
- [2023-24 Course Catalog](#)
- [Freshmen Registration Packet](#)
- [Sophomore Registration Packet](#)
- [Junior Registration Packet](#)
- [Senior Registration Packet](#)

2023-2024 PSEO Information

- [MDE PSEO Guidelines & Information](#)
- [ERA PSEO Guidelines & Information](#)
- [ERA PSEO Registration Requirements](#)
- [2023-2024 PSEO Notice of Student Registration Form](#)

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college nonsectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online. Each participating college or university sets its own admissions requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. Eleventh and 12th-grade students may take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th graders are eligible to enroll in PSEO on a more limited basis (see note below). Students must meet the PSEO residency and eligibility requirements and abide by participation limits specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09. If a school district determines a pupil is not on track to graduate, she/he may continue to participate in PSEO on a term-by-term basis.

By March 1 of each year, or three weeks prior to the date a student registers for courses for the following school year (whichever is earlier), schools must provide PSEO information to all students in grades 8-11 and their families. To assist the district in planning, a student must inform the district by May 30 of each year of their intent to enroll in postsecondary courses during the following school year.

There is no charge to PSEO students for tuition, books or fees for items that are required to participate in a course; however, students may incur fees for equipment that becomes their property when the course or program is completed, textbooks that are not returned to the postsecondary institution according to their policies, or for tuition costs if they do not notify the district by May 30 and the district does not waive this date requirement.

Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students to participate in PSEO courses on college campuses. For more information on these funds, [access the PSEO Mileage Reimbursement Program Instructions](#).

Enrolling in a PSEO course does not prohibit a student from participating in activities sponsored by the high school.

School districts must allow a PSEO student reasonable access to the high school building, computers and/or other technology resources during regular school hours to participate in PSEO courses, whether on-line or on campus.

Each year, districts must publish their grade-weighting policy on their website, including a list of courses for which students can earn weighted grades.

All courses taken through the PSEO program must meet graduation requirements. Districts must transcript credits earned in PSEO by a ratio prescribed in statute. Districts have the authority to decide which subject area and standards the PSEO course meets. If there is a dispute between the district and

the student regarding the number of credits granted for a particular course, the student may appeal the board's decision to the commissioner. The commissioner's decision regarding the number of credits will be final.

Postsecondary institutions are required to allow PSEO students to enroll in online courses consistent with the institution's policy regarding postsecondary student enrollment in online courses.

Tenth-grade students may initially enroll in one Career and Technical Education (CTE) PSEO course if they receive a reading proficiency score of "meets" or "exceeds" on the 8th grade MCA. If 10th graders taking a CTE PSEO course earn at least a grade C in that class, they may take additional postsecondary courses. If the student did not take the MCA in 8th-grade, another reading assessment accepted by the enrolling postsecondary institution can be substituted. For students with disabilities, there is an alternative option to demonstrate reading proficiency.

For current information about the PSEO program, [*visit the Minnesota Department of Education's Postsecondary Enrollment Options \(PSEO\) webpage.*](#)

2022-2023 AP Exam Information

The 2022 AP Exam registration window closes on November 10, 2022. Full payment must be submitted along with the form. Eagle Ridge Academy will pay for the first exam for all juniors and seniors. Registration will be online only. Registration is not complete without a submitted form and payment. Register using the forms below:

- [Freshmen and Sophomores](#)
- [Juniors and Seniors](#)