

**PSEO in Ohio**

**New Name • Goal Statement • Policy Objectives • Recommendations**

**Partnership for Continued Learning**

PSEO Subcommittee

This document results from discussions that occurred at the August 9, 2006, meeting of the Ohio Partnership for Continued Learning's PSEO Subcommittee. This document is a DRAFT and is intended to spark discussion.

**New Name for PSEO in Ohio**

~~**Dual Enrollment Initiatives**~~ – removed at the request of the subcommittee  
~~**Accelerated Learning Options**~~ – removed at the request of the subcommittee  
**Early College Credit Initiatives** – maintained at the request of the subcommittee  
**Post Secondary Credit Options** – added at the request of the subcommittee  
**Get College Credit** – added at the request of the subcommittee  
**College Credit Options** – added at the request of the subcommittee  
**Jumpstart College** – added at the request of the subcommittee  
**Pathways to College Credit** – added at the request of the subcommittee  
**College Credit NOW** – added at the request of the subcommittee

**Goal statements for PSEO**

*For a prosperous future, more students must achieve higher levels of education.* Therefore, the State of Ohio commits to:

1. Increasing the numbers of students who earn college credit or workforce credentials prior to high school graduation.
2. Creating a seamless education system, where barriers that limit accelerated learning opportunities are removed.
3. Challenging accelerated learners to attain higher levels of learning.
4. Expanding and enhancing access to an array of college credit opportunities for a diverse range of students.
5. Helping students make successful transitions to college and career.
6. \*Ensuring more high school students earn college credit or workforce credentials in order to complete college or workforce programs.

\*Ohio commits to identifying consistent solutions for assigning and recording high school and college credit.

*Italics = new language added by the subcommittee*

## **Policy Objectives of PSEO**

### **PSEO in Ohio seeks to:**

- Promote access and ensure equity of educational preparation for all Ohio students.
- Create a flexible system (not one size fits all).
- Offer high quality pathways for students to earn college credit that transfers and applies to degrees.
- Enhance elements of the system that are already working.
- Provide incentives that motivate students to achieve to high levels.
- Provide incentives that motivate schools, districts, colleges, and others participating in dual enrollment initiatives to support and develop student aspirations.
- Align state education policy and practice with economic goals to increase productivity and opportunity for all Ohioans.
- Reduce overall personal and system costs- to both families and the state - for college entrance through credential attainment.
- Increase the number of Ohio students attending college.

## **Recommendations**

- Rename PSEO to accurately capture its purpose.
- Determine an appropriate and permanent governance structure for Ohio’s PSEO system, to ensure high visibility of the program and updated, relevant guidelines around the program.
- Identify and remove restrictive barriers from PSEO, particularly the “if you fail, you pay” policy and weighted-grade policies.
- Clarify that students must earn both high school and college credit through dual enrollment.
- Require that coursework must lead to a post-secondary credential, with no remedial coursework granted.
- Create a continuous data system, connected system wide.
- Add PSEO as a non-reporting indicator to Ohio high school report cards (*underway*).
- Call for every Ohio high school student to have the opportunity to earn at least one semester’s worth of college credit while in high school.
- Determine an equitable funding mechanism that holds school districts harmless and has the potential to support every Ohio high school student in earning one semester’s worth of college credit while in high school.
- Develop clear and consistent transfer and articulation policies around PSEO, so that all coursework is counted.