

Esko High School's Post-Secondary Program

How Students Earn College Credits While Attending Esko HS

Esko High School offers **21 classes totaling 78 college credits** on campus, taught by Esko HS staff. These **free credits** are offered in partnership with **UMD, The College of St. Scholastica, and Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College** and are transferable nationwide. Over **50% of participating Esko graduates** enroll in college as second-semester sophomores.

Advantages of Post-Secondary Onsite/College in the Schools:

- ✓ **Free college credits** taught by Esko HS staff with advanced degrees
- ✓ **No travel required**, allowing for extracurricular participation
- ✓ **On-campus academic advising and course registration support**
- ✓ **Aligned/flexible** course schedules matching college schedules **beginning in 2025-2026**
- ✓ **Parental communication with teachers**, unlike off-campus programs
- ✓ **Higher student success rates**, including better GPAs and scholarship opportunities
- ✓ **Opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree** with a few schedule additions

Esko's Post-Secondary Onsite/CIS program has propelled students into successful careers in **medicine, engineering, business, education, nursing, and more**. We strongly recommend this option for juniors and seniors, as it provides a **guided transition to college life** after high school.

Students may also participate in **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Offsite**, but there are important differences to consider:

- ◆ **Same college courses available** but taken off-campus or online with non-Esko staff
- ◆ **Students must register independently** and declare intent to enroll by May 30.
- ◆ **Parents do not receive student performance updates** due to privacy laws
- ◆ **No Esko academic support** available for these courses
- ◆ **Potential scheduling conflicts** with Esko HS required courses and extracurriculars
- ◆ **Higher risk of credit loss**, affecting transcripts and graduation requirements

Due to these limitations, **PSEO Offsite is not recommended for most students**. We encourage thoughtful evaluation of these options to ensure **academic success**.

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