

Things to Consider When Deciding Between IB and PSEO

Where do you plan to go after high school?

- If you are considering applying to a college with competitive admissions, the IB Diploma is going to stand out more on your application than a few credits of PSEO will.
- IB classes are weighted in your GPS; PSEO classes are not.
- If credits are the bottom line for you, you need to do some research. If you do PSEO at a community college, but are planning to go to a competitive university, they may not take those credits.

Which PSEO program do you intend to enroll in?

- PSEO at a community college usually does not have nearly the rigor that IB courses have; although you may get credit, you are not necessarily being prepared for college.
- At many PSEO classes, the caliber of the college students—or lack thereof (not completing homework, lame seminars, not curious about the world, etc.)—has been a negative surprise for students who have been used to IB classmates' thoughtfulness.

What support will be offered to you as a student?

- The access you have to your teachers at PHS will not be the same as what you will find in PSEO.
- IB teachers **teach** students how to do college level work, while classes taught in a college setting assume you already know how to do college level work.
- If you stay at PHS, not only do you have teachers to support you, but you also have your counselor, IB Coordinator, and CAS coordinator.
- Some of our full-time PSEO students have told us that they are lonely, and they miss the community feel and leadership opportunities of high school.
- Being involved in high school activities (sports, plays, etc.) is easier if you are already in the building.