

Academic Year Orientation

Juniors & Seniors

Thursday, September 25th



PEOPLE
Precollege Enrichment Opportunity
Program for Learning Excellence

DIVISION FOR TEACHING & LEARNING
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



PRECOLLEGE SERVICE AREAS

PEOPLE Madison- any PEOPLE student who attends one of the 4 comprehensive public high schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD). Precollege Advisors (PCAs) are assigned to each school.

PEOPLE Milwaukee- any enrolled PEOPLE student who attends one of the high schools we partner with in the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS). Precollege Advisors are assigned multiple schools in an assigned “Learning Community (LC)”

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The PEOPLE Scholarship



*It's important to note that completion of the precollege program **DOES NOT** guarantee admission to UW-Madison, nor does it guarantee the PEOPLE Scholarship.*

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Your College Bound Support *Squad*

Precollege Advisor (PCA) – *Your Coach*

- Main contact with the program
- Provide advising and recommendations to make sure the student is on a college bound track

Parents & Families – *The Home Team*

- Support the student in their college bound goals
- Chauffeur
- Must complete paperwork

Students – *The VIP “Very Important Player”*

- Maintain a strong performance
- Be a student – embrace learning and a growth mindset

Academic Support Staff – *Your Trainers*

- Teachers, counselors, tutors
- All PEOPLE Staff & Partners

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PEOPLE Program Overview



PARTNERS IN COLLEGE ACCESS & SUCCESS

- The Precollege Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence (PEOPLE) is a college prep scholarship program designed for low-income and potential first-generation college students.

Four areas of growth:

- Build and Master Academic Knowledge
- Build Cognitive Skills and Strategies
- Build Self-Management Skills
- Build Knowledge about College through Experiential Learning

Admissions

	Traditional Admission	Direct Admit Wisconsin	The Wisconsin Guarantee	Milwaukee Direct Admit	PEOPLE Program
Which Universities of Wisconsin are participating?	All	All except: UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse & UW-Madison	All	UW-Milwaukee (UWM) and Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)	University of Wisconsin-Madison
How is eligibility determined?	Holistic Review of Multiple Student Factors	High School Courses & GPA	- Class Rank Determined by GPA on Grade 11 Transcript - Top 5% Admitted to UW-Madison - Top 10% Admitted to All Other UWs	MPS Students are guaranteed admission to at least one of the two schools, as long as they graduate high school in spring or summer of their senior year.	- Students apply for precollege program admission in spring Grade 8 (Madison) or fall Grade 9 (Milwaukee). - Precollege student maintains readiness requirements for GPA (minimum 2.75) and participation in after-school and summer enrichment programming. - Applies to UW-Madison using the Traditional Admissions process. If admitted, becomes eligible for the PEOPLE 4-year tuition scholarship, college transition programming, and expanded advising services.

	Traditional Admission	Direct Admit Wisconsin	The Wisconsin Guarantee	Milwaukee Direct Admit	PEOPLE Program
Does program provide funding for college tuition, fees, and room/board?	NO. Accepted students will be responsible for tuition and other costs to attend college. All scholarships and financial aid are separate from traditional admissions process.	NO. Accepted students will be responsible for tuition and other costs to attend college. All scholarships and financial aid are separate from Direct Admit Wisconsin process.	NO. Accepted students will be responsible for tuition and other costs to attend college. All scholarships and financial aid are separate from The Wisconsin Guarantee process.	NO. Accepted students will be responsible for tuition and other costs to attend college. All scholarships and financial aid are separate from the Milwaukee Direct Admit process.	YES. Accepted students become eligible for the PEOPLE four-year tuition scholarship, currently valued at more than \$46,000. This allows many students to use their other scholarships and Pell Grant money to pay for room, board, books, and other expenses, rather than taking out additional college loans.
Does it provide precollege preparation or transition programming for college?	NO. All precollege preparation or transition programs are separate from traditional admissions process.	NO. All precollege preparation or transition programs are separate from Direct Admit Wisconsin process.	NO. precollege preparation or transition programs are separate from The Wisconsin Guarantee process.	UNCLEAR. District website states: "MPS school counselors and College and Career Center staff can help with strategies to have a strong senior year." Otherwise, all precollege preparation or transition programs appear to be separate from the Milwaukee Direct Admit process	YES. PEOPLE Precollege provides extensive college readiness programming at zero cost to parents and students. These services include Summer residential camp at UW-Madison; internship and experiential learning opportunities; ACT Prep; development of non-cognitive readiness skills; UW System college placement test prep; individualized College Readiness advising using most current admissions Data, and participation in the SCE college transition program the summer after high school graduation.

	Traditional Admission	Direct Admit Wisconsin	The Wisconsin Guarantee	Milwaukee Direct Admit	PEOPLE Program
How does the college admissions process work?	Regular admissions process by the November or January application deadlines in Grade 12.	- Students and families must opt-in/opt-out and information release form will be in registration materials for AY. - Data access includes High school and district information, student name, WISEid, high school student ID, graduation year, physical address, school email address, GPA, legal sex, and race/ethnicity. Federal guidelines require collection race/ethnicity information and will be used in aggregate for federal reporting - High school data will determine which UW school student will be admitted to. Student has until May 1 to accept the Direct Admit offer.	- High school must provide class rank on official Grade 11 transcript - Student must apply by the Early Action Deadline on Nov. 1. - Decision released on or before Jan. 31.	- Cohort 2025 enrollment deadline has passed. Future cohorts will enroll during Fall of Grade 11. Enrollment provides UWM and MATC access to student data. - Data access includes High school and district information, student name, high school student ID, graduation year, physical address, school email address, GPA, legal sex, and race/ethnicity. Information will be used to determine course placement at the school. - Admissions offers will arrive by September of the student's senior year.	Regular admissions process by the November or January application deadlines in Grade 12.

Core Programming



- Earn a 23 or higher on the ACT
- Earn a 3.0 or higher each semester.
- Apply to 3 UW System schools, including UW-Madison.
- Attend ACE at an 85% attendance rate
- Attend School at 98% Attendance Rate
- Meet/Talk with your PCA often

Academic Year Programming

PEOPLE Core Programming

- Precollege Advising with a PEOPLE Precollege Advisor (PCA)
- Quarterly Advising Sessions – **Mandatory**
- Academic for Enrichment (ACE) Sites – Must Maintain 85% Attendance
- Special Programming for College Readiness and Engagement
- Attend **at least one** STEAM event per year

Universities of Wisconsin College Tours

- Must complete 2 tours with PEOPLE

PEOPLE Summer University – Mandatory



Seniors SAVE THE DATE

Senior Cohort

Sunday October 12th, 2025



Academic Centers for Enrichment (ACE)

ACE provides...



- Mentorship, college readiness engagement, and academic enrichment services to students in a safe, productive, and positive learning environment.
 - Promote a **college-going culture** and help students **build self-management skills**.
 - Promote **cognitive development** skills.
 - Provide **tutorial services in the core subjects**: Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and World Language.

ACE is **mandatory** for ALL PEOPLE scholars



A typical day at ACE consists of the following:



- Community Circle Activity
 - ACE Lesson
 - Homework
 - Mentorship

25-26 PEOPLE ACE Logistics

ACE Opens
the week of:
Oct. 6th

Madison ACE Logistics

- In Person sites are located at East, LaFollette, Memorial, and West.
- Site occurs Monday – Thursday from 3:40 – 6:00 PM

Milwaukee ACE Logistics

- In Person sites are located at Golda, King, MSL, and Reagan from 3:30 – 6 PM
- All other schools will attend ACE virtually via Microsoft Teams from 4:30 – 7 PM

All students are required to attend ACE on either Monday or Tuesday

- Students must stay the entire ACE time of the day they choose to attend.
- **Students with a 2.99 or below must also attend on a Wednesday or Thursday**
- Virtual Homework Mentorship will be offered by request to your PCA.

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PEOPLE Expectations

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS



Attendance

- Attend ACE Site 1 Day/Week
- Attend Mandatory Events
 - Orientations (2x/Year)
 - Advising Sessions (4x/Year)
 - College Tours (at least 2)
 - PEOPLE Summer University (PSU)

Academics

- Keep a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Communicate with your PCA about any academic/social struggles
- Two ACT exams are recommended between your Junior and Senior Year
- Please be sure to send PEOPLE your ACT score.

Participation

- Build good rapport with your PCA
- Take advantage of other PEOPLE programming beyond mandatory events
- Abide by student behavior standards (handbook pg. 17)



PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

- Be familiar with and review the current year's handbook and pay special attention to policies and student behavior expectations.
- Reinforce positive behavior and acknowledge your student for demonstrating appropriate conduct.
- If misconduct escalates, cooperate with the school/PEOPLE as a collaborative partner to address student's needs and student accountability.
- Ensure the student attends school and ACE regularly and is on time. Aim for school attendance at 97% or better.
- Provide a home environment that encourages respect for PEOPLE and the learning process.
- Take corrective action when requested by PEOPLE staff and administrators.
- Attend all parent-related meetings, including orientations.
- Update all personal information, including contact information.
- Parents should encourage a proper virtual learning environment for their student, if applicable.
- Parents should encourage the timely submission of assignments.

PEOPLE Policies & Safety



Academic Policy Overview

- 2.75 minimum GPA for admission to PEOPLE and to maintain a positive academic status
- PEOPLE uses **semester** GPA for all grade reviews.
- Quarter three grade review policy

Semester GPA	PEOPLE Status	Details
Above 3.00	Good Standing	Students in Good Standing are eligible for all PEOPLE programming and services.; and are academically on track for college.
2.99 – 2.75	Academic Watchlist	Students on Academic Watchlist are advised closely to ensure that they continue to meet PEOPLE GPA requirements and are academically on track for college.
2.74 – 2.50	Academic Probation	Students on Academic Probation must earn at least 2.75 semester GPA the following semester to be moved to <i>Academic Watchlist</i> or <i>Good Standing</i> . If a student does not earn at least a 2.75 semester GPA they will be moved to <i>Strict Probation</i> .
2.49 or below	Strict Academic Probation	Students on Strict Academic Probation must earn a 3.00 semester GPA* or higher to be moved to <i>Good Standing</i> . *Increased academic improvement is required to protect the student's cumulative GPA, which is reviewed in college admissions. If a student does not earn at least a 3.0 semester GPA they will be reviewed for program dismissal.



Attendance Policy

Attendance is reviewed twice annually, in March/April and July/August. Students who have not met the ACE attendance requirement of 85% or better will be placed on **Attendance Probation**.

The following events, in addition to ACE, are mandatory:

Academic Year/Summer Orientation



Quarterly Advising Sessions

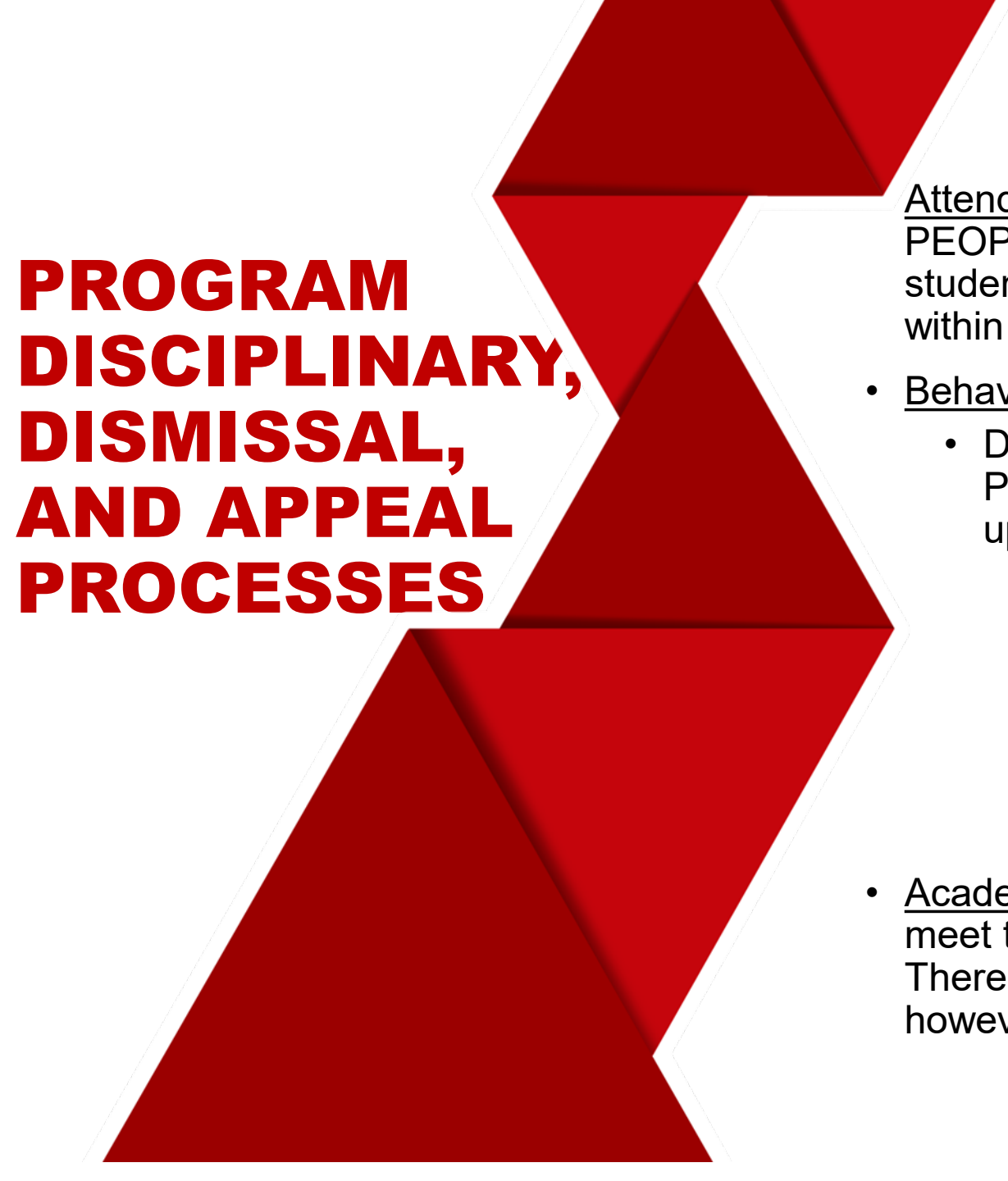


UW-System Campus Visits |
At least 2 visits with PEOPLE



PEOPLE Summer University (PSU)





PROGRAM DISCIPLINARY, DISMISSAL, AND APPEAL PROCESSES

Attendance Dismissal: If your child has been dismissed from PEOPLE for attendance but has extenuating circumstances, the student and/or parent/guardian must submit a written appeal letter within 3 weeks of receiving the termination notice.

- Behavior Dismissal:
 - Disciplinary Process: Immediately following an incident, PEOPLE staff will use their best judgment to determine follow-up action, which could include:
 - Staff/Student Conference and/or Parent/Guardian Contact resulting in
 - 1) No Discipline Warranted,
 - 2) Letter of Expectation issued to the student/family,
 - 3) Behavior Probation
 - 4) Program Dismissal
- Academic Dismissal: Any student, including seniors, who does not meet the required GPA will be reviewed for program dismissal. There is no formal appeal process for academic dismissals; however, seniors may be eligible to appeal with approval

SUMMER SCHOOL POLICY

- Students who need to improve their grade(s) in a class can be conditionally excused from PEOPLE Summer University once we have completed the summer excusal request form and received proof of enrollment in the class. However, for the excusal to be finalized, students must submit their summer grades by August 31st. All summer grades will receive a separate grade review in September. Students' status in PEOPLE will be reassessed after the grade review.

MANDATORY EVENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Students who miss a mandatory event, outside of PSU, will be placed on Attendance probation for one year and forfeit the opportunity to attend an overnight, study away, or cultural trip while on attendance probation. If it becomes a repeat occurrence, the student may be up for dismissal from the program.

PAPERWORK POLICY

- All required paperwork must be completed and submitted by the deadline communicated. Submissions must be accurate, complete, and in the required format. Incomplete or incorrect may be returned and considered late if not corrected by the deadline. Failure to submit paperwork on time may result in disciplinary action for non-compliance, which can lead to dismissal from the program.

STUDENT SAFETY

SUPERVISION

- PEOPLE students are supervised at a 1:18 ratio or 1:10 ratio on field trips.
- Any special events a student participates in will require a signed permission slip from their parent/guardian.

MANDATORY REPORTING

- PEOPLE, as well as all UW-Madison personnel, are mandated reporters.
- This means all University employees are required by law to report if they had a reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been abused or neglected or has been threatened with abuse or neglect that is likely to occur.

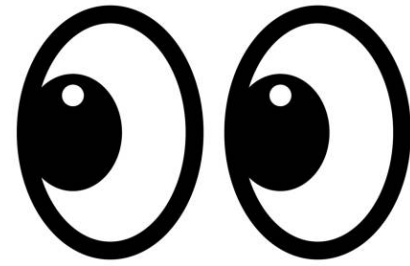
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- If there is an emergency, parents or guardians will be contacted immediately. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, we will call the emergency contact number listed on your student's records.
- Medications cannot be administered by our staff. However, please let us know if your student does take medication at home and must self-administer medication while on campus or at the site.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Wisconsin weather can be unpredictable! In the event school is cancelled for inclement weather, your Precollege Advisor will contact families to inform them of ACE site closings as soon as possible.
- If school is closed for inclement weather, ACE site will be too.

PEOPLE Summer University



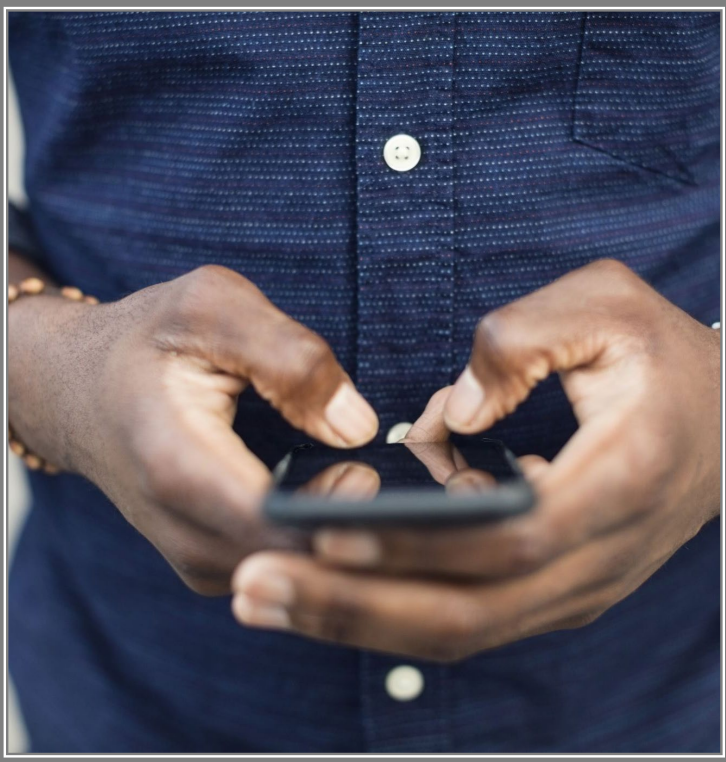
Dates coming soon...



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Stay Connected with PEOPLE

Communication Best Practices



PEOPLE will provide a Calendar of Events covering September – July

PEOPLE will provide event flyers at least 3 weeks before the event

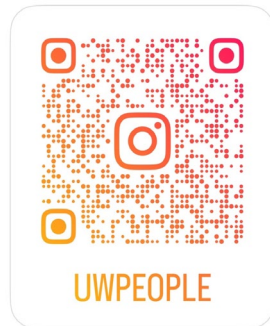
PEOPLE will provide event reminders 1 week and 1 day before the event

PEOPLE staff may need 48 business hours to respond to communication
Please note that October, April - July are peak times for staff

Check your email **OFTEN**, it is PEOPLE's primary method of communication
Ensure you provide your PCA with updated contact information

PEOPLE on Social Media

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REMIND – HOW TO SIGN UP

- Smartphone App for iOS and Android:
 - Download “Remind: School Communication”
 - Create a new account or login to your account
 - Tap the + to add the class using the class code for your school
- Text Message: text the class code for your school to 81010
 - (send a text message to the phone number 81010 containing your school code (for example, "@peoplelhs") in the message
- E-Mail: can also sign up for an account using a desktop computer – remind.com/join
- Toggle your personal notification preferences in your account settings to turn on push notifications/text messages/e-mails
- Reply to any messages or start your own conversation thread with your PCA
- For parents, too!

PEOPLE REMIND CLASS CODES				
EAST	LA FOLLETTE	MEMORIAL	WEST	
@peopleeast	@peoplelhs	@peoplemhs	@peoplewest	
LC 1	LC 2	LC 3	LC 4	LC 5
Rufus King	Golda	MSL	Reagan	Bay View Hamilton MacDowell MHSA Riverside South
@mkequad1	@mkequad2	@mkequad3	@mkequad4	@virtualppl



Thank you for attending!

Please don't forget
to fill out the
Google form for
our attendance
records

Students **MISSING
PAPERWORK** will
receive an Email
from their PCA with
further instructions

Handbook and
presentation
available for
download on our
website

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