

RUNNING START

at EDMONDS COLLEGE

Parent/Guardian Agreement

Edmonds College Running Start Parent/Guardian Agreement

We recommend that students review this document with their parent/guardian.

Student Name: _____

ctcLink ID Number: _____

Running Start is a program that allows high school juniors and seniors to take college-level courses at the college without paying tuition. Students receive both high school and college credit at the same time. As a Running Start student I understand and acknowledge the following:

COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS

Running Start Eligibility

- I must be a junior or senior to participate in Running Start. As a Running Start student I can take classes for a maximum of 8 quarters. My eligibility terminates upon graduating from high school.
- Running Start can fund a maximum of 21 credits for fall, winter, and spring quarters. My eligibility for summer quarter funding is contingent upon my enrollment at the college and high school during the months of September through June.
- Although I may be able to take more than 15 credits in a given quarter, I understand that 15 credits is considered “full time” at the college. If I choose to take more than 15 credits, it is my responsibility to manage the additional workload.
- I must complete an English Placement to determine classes I take through Running Start. I can either submit documentation to determine my placement or to take the ACCUPLACER assessment at the college.
- I must remain in good academic standing. I must earn a quarterly GPA of 2.0, complete all courses I am enrolled in after the 10th day of the quarter, and not receive a grade of 0.0, I, W, V, N or U. If I do not meet these standards, I will be placed on probation or suspended from the program.
- I will comply with the Edmonds College Student Code of Conduct.



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Costs

- I am required to pay student and class fees. Fees are estimated at \$200-\$300 per quarter for a full-time [15 credits] student. A fee waiver is available for qualifying low-income students.
- I must provide my own transportation to and from the college. I can get an ORCA pass for a reduced rate from the college if needed.
- I must buy my textbooks. Textbooks can cost more than \$150 per class per quarter. Textbook assistance is available for qualifying low-income students.
- I am required to pay tuition and fees for classes numbered below 100 level (i.e. Math 097), college credits in excess of the limit stated on my quarterly Enrollment Verification form, and a small number of classes not sponsored by Running Start (e.g., Music 150 & 250).
- I must pay fees/excess tuition by the first day of the quarter. Nonpayment by this deadline may result in being dropped from all classes.
- I will notify the college and high school if I drop or withdraw from a class.

Expectations of Running Start Students as College Students

- A Running Start student is considered a college student. I am expected to take college-level courses and do college-level work. College-level courses can be demanding, requiring up to two hours of homework for every hour of instruction.
- College is different than high school, and attendance may or may not be taken. Progress reports are not given. Classes might include mature subject matter as well as potentially controversial topics. Students, regardless of age, are required to complete each college class assignment.
- It is my responsibility to manage my time carefully to ensure I am successful. This includes scheduling high school and college classes so that they do not conflict and leaving myself adequate time for travel to and from the college. College and high school instructors will not excuse arriving late or leaving early.
- I must read my mail in my college email account to ensure I remain informed.

Credits, Course Selection and Graduation Requirements

- I will contact Running Start staff with questions about classes and college degree requirements. I will contact my high school counselor for questions related to high school equivalency and graduation requirements. It is my responsibility to select classes that satisfy high school graduation requirements and to determine how credits earned at Edmonds College will transfer to other colleges and/or meet college degree program completion requirements.



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- I understand that most college 5-credit courses (100 or above level course) will equal 1.0 high school credit. (See your high school counselor for specifics about how a college class will be counted at your high school.)

College Records, Parent Access, Transcripts and Transferability of Credit

- Running Start courses will be recorded on a college transcript. The grades I receive can have a positive or negative impact on future college admission or scholarship decisions. All grades and withdrawals I earn at Edmonds College are part of my permanent college record and high school transcript.
- Parents will not have access to my progress and information about how I am doing. Information about my record at the college will be disclosed to a parent ONLY if a FERPA consent form is on file at the college. Even with a FERPA release form on file, a parent will have access to limited information. College instructors are not available to speak with parents regarding academic progress of a student and parents are not notified if a student skips a class or is failing to hand in work.
- Running Start college credits transfer to all but two colleges/universities in state (Whitman and University of Puget Sound). Often Running Start credits transfer to institutions out of state, but there are exceptions. If I intend to go out of state, I need to do research to determine how the credits transfer.

HIGH SCHOOL CONSIDERATIONS

Eligibility for Running Start.

- I must live within the school district boundaries, or be attending high school in the district on a variance, to receive college and high school credit through the Running Start program and my high school.
- If I withdraw from my high school I will no longer be eligible for the Running Start program, and tuition for my college classes will not be paid by the school district.
- As a homeschooled student, I must enroll in a Washington state school district high school before I can attend any Running Start classes. I am not required to attend classes at the enrolled high school.
- I am not allowed to continue with the Running Start program after I have completed my high school graduation requirements. If I have not completed my graduation requirements, I may continue in Running Start and take college-level courses for my junior and senior year.



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Relationship with High School and Counselors

- The high school is not responsible for my actions while I am attending college classes.
- It is my responsibility to keep updated on high school information such as holidays, schedule changes, photos, senior deadlines, etc.
- I must contact my counselor in advance if I need his/her signature. Drop-ins will not guarantee immediate counselor signature.

Transcript and Graduation Requirements

- I must fulfill all of the graduation requirements of the school district in order to graduate with a school district high school diploma. If I am a Running Start student, this means I will need to take enough equivalent credits at the college to match the minimum credits required by the district for graduation. In all cases, I will check with my high school counselor to ensure that I am making continued progress toward graduation. My high school counselor will determine which college classes will meet school district graduation requirements (see the Running Start equivalency chart for your college for more information).
- I must complete all grade-level tasks and activities in fulfillment of the school district High School and Beyond Plan graduation requirements (at Edmonds School District this is Naviance) if I am to graduate.
- Once I complete a college class (whether passed or failed), the class and grade will appear on my high school transcript —no exceptions.
- If I take college classes that I pay for myself, in order to have the credits posted on my high school transcript I must send a copy of my official transcript to the high school. The college classes will be placed on my official high school transcript. Credits I pay for or earn during summer quarter will apply toward high school graduation if the credits meet an equivalency requirement.

I have read and agree to the Edmonds College Running Start Agreement above.

Student Signature (required) _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required) _____ Date: _____

**All costs subject to change without notice*

