

Eastlake High School Running Start Agreement

Prerequisites to attending running start:

Full-time Running Start:

- Juniors and Seniors must have grade level credit standing, proficiency on the QSR formal lab report and one Level 5 Literacy paper
- All students must have passing scores on all sections of the WASL to enroll in Running Start.
- Students must enroll in a Health course if they have less than 1.5 Advisory credit or no existing Health credit

Part-Time Running Start:

- Juniors and Seniors must have grade level credit standing and proficiency on one level 5 Literacy paper
 - All students must have passing scores on all sections of the WASL to enroll in Running Start.
1. All students must live in the Eastlake High School attendance area. Boundary exception students must return to their home district and/or their home school for administration of Running Start (RS).
 2. Entrance into RS varies for each community college. All colleges require specific scores on placement exams such as the COMPASS or ASSET. Generally, acceptance in the program is placement into English 101 or higher. In addition, appropriate math scores will be required if a student would like to enroll in college level math or science. Courses numbered 099 or below are not considered part of RS, and will not be funded under the program. (Students who take a course numbered 099 or below can enroll under the "Enrichment" program, but they will pay their own tuition. The only course below 100 that can be counted for high school credit is Intermediate Algebra.)
 3. Students must see their high school counselor for the required RS signature each quarter they wish to enroll in RS classes. Students must call ahead to make an appointment with their counselor.
 4. There is no guarantee that students will be able to register for the classes desired at the community college. The earlier you register, the better your chance to get your desired courses.
 5. Counselors and information will be available at the high school, but it is the student's and parent's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met and that junior/senior timelines, college applications, and scholarship procedures are being followed. Students taking RS classes, especially those at college full time, should plan to check in regularly at the high school to stay informed. This includes reading the bulletins, attending meetings, checking the PTSA *Wolf Tracks*, and having regular appointments with the high school counselor.
 6. The Lake Washington School District is on a semester (18 week) schedule and the community colleges are on a quarter (11-12 week) schedule. Starting, ending, and vacation dates will be different. Missing school at one facility because the other is not in session will not be accepted as an excused absence. It is sometimes difficult to coordinate daily schedules when attending each school part time. This is particularly challenging during exam periods. A student must not enroll in community college courses that conflict with his/her Eastlake schedule.
 7. Books, registration costs, lab fees, parking, transportation, etc. are the responsibility of the student.
 8. The college will treat RS students as adult college students. College academic courses frequently require a higher level of self-discipline, ability, and outside study time than high school classes. Furthermore, the college will not send progress reports or warnings, and will not communicate attendance or academic problems to the parent or high school. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress and will interact with the college RS Office with any college course concerns.

9. Students must take all RS courses for a letter grade, and the grades received will become a permanent part of the student's high school and college transcripts. (College credits will be configured for high school credit at a .2 rate. For example, a 5-credit college course equals 1.0 high school credit)
10. Not all post-secondary schools—especially those out of state—accept RS courses for college credit. Those who do may have special rules about specific courses and whether students will be considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information about transfer credits/degrees is available from the individual colleges or universities. It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these requirements from the school of their choice.
11. A RS student is only funded for up to 18 credits of 100-level or higher college credits per quarter. Students may only take RS fall, winter, and spring quarters; there is no summer RS program. (However, students may enroll in "Enrichment" classes during the summertime and pay their own tuition.)
12. The high school determines how the college classes translate into graduation requirements. RS students are subject to the same state, district, and Eastlake graduation requirements as all other Eastlake students, including the Level 5 Proficiencies and the Culminating Project. RS students will enroll in a EHS Senior Seminar course to assist them in meeting the Level 5 Proficiencies and the Culminating Project.
 _____ (Student Initial) _____ (Parent/Guardian Initial)
13. Students who drop out of RS mid-term or are no longer eligible for running start due to suspension by the college for poor academic performance will not be able to re-enter Eastlake High School classes until the beginning of the next term. **This may adversely affect graduation.**
14. RS students are eligible to participate in high school activities, including athletics, dances, assemblies, senior picture, senior send-off, and the graduation ceremony.
15. Students are responsible for officially dropping any Eastlake High School classes or community college classes before the drop deadlines. If a student decides to drop a class after the deadline they will receive an "F" grade for that term.
16. Diplomas will not be issued for Running Start students until after grades are received from the community college and transcripts are finalized.
17. For additional information, forms, deadlines, etc., refer to the community college websites:
 Bellevue Community College <http://bellevuecollege.edu/hsprograms/default.html>
 Cascadia Community College www.cascadia.ctc.edu/EnrollmentServices/RunningStart

I have read the Agreement for Participation in Eastlake High School Running Start and understand all requirements.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Student Name _____

Student Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

Running Start Support Class Requirement

All pages of this form must be signed by the student and parent. Return one copy to Mrs. Monaghan and one copy to your counselor, and keep one copy for your records.

I understand that I will be required to attend a support class session once per week to support my work on meeting the graduation requirements (three required essays and the senior project). This class will receive credit based on my attendance and progress toward meeting the graduation requirements. I understand that if I do not attend, do not make progress, and do not respond to attempts to communicate with me, that I will receive an "F" on my transcript (that will be calculated into my GPA).

I understand that I am responsible for taking classes that will help me to meet the graduation requirements that I have not yet met (i.e. English or social studies classes that assign papers).

I understand that the support class at EHS is not responsible for assigning papers to me to meet my remaining graduation requirements in writing. The support class is for the revising and assessing of work that I complete at BCC.

I understand that I must contact Mrs. Monaghan, the Running Start Graduation Seminar Coordinator, as soon as I decide to attend Running Start to provide her with contact information. Her email is stmonaghan@lwsd.org.

I understand that I will need to check my email frequently throughout the year so that I am updated on the communication I need to meet my requirements.

Student Signature _____

Student e-mail address _____

Student contact phone number _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent contact phone number _____

Date _____