

# GET A RUNNING START AT HIGHLINE COLLEGE



## Guide for Prospective High School Students

The Running Start program allows qualified high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to enroll in college-level classes (100 level or above) that, with careful planning, apply to both their high school graduation and university transfer or professional technical degree. If you're thinking about Running Start, there are many things to consider. We're here to help if you have questions about this important decision.

### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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## RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Junior or Senior enrolled in a public school
- ▶ 2.0 minimum High School GPA (1st semester of 10th grade must be posted to current transcript)
- ▶ ACCUPLACER Reading 80 or above or Smarter Balanced ELA/Literacy of 3 or 4
- ▶ At least age 15 by the first day of the quarter

## ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Earn high school and college credit (Dual enrollment program)
- ▶ Engage in a diverse learning environment with students of all ages, cultural backgrounds and perspectives
- ▶ Challenge yourself academically & engage in campus life
- ▶ Start your college experience early
- ▶ Save money — tuition is paid by the State of Washington (for a limited number of credits)
- ▶ Take more classes — Three terms/quarters are offered (Fall, Winter and Spring)
- ▶ Create a class schedule that meets your needs (online, in-person, evening and weekend options)
- ▶ Complete general education and/or prerequisite requirements for university transfer
- ▶ Earn a professional/technical degree and prepare for a career
- ▶ Take classes in subjects not offered at your high school

## CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ College is an adult-learning environment with academic rigor
- ▶ Maturity and self-direction are key for success in a less structured environment
- ▶ Proactive, careful planning of courses required to meet your personal educational goals
- ▶ Pre-college coursework is not covered, and many courses have prerequisite math and/or English requirements
- ▶ Student records are under the protection of the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- ▶ Space in classes is limited
- ▶ Intercollegiate athletic participation is not open to Running Start students
- ▶ Students pay fees, books, transportation and other related costs (fees waived and book assistance available for those eligible — see website)

There are several options for earning college credit while meeting high school graduation requirements concurrently. Your high school counselor is a great resource who can help you explore options. For more information on Running Start, contact a Running Start advisor.

## STEPS TO ENROLL

Complete before the first day of the quarter.

1

Apply for admissions to Highline College online. Activate MyHighline account.

2

Visit Highline's Placement and Testing Center to assess English and Math course placement. (Bring transcripts, applicable test scores, or prepare in advance for testing.)

3

Submit the following to the HC High School Programs Office

- A. WA State Running Start Enrollment Verification Form
- B. Unofficial high school transcripts
- C. HC Running Start Program Application
- D. ACCUPLACER Reading or Smarter Balanced Score Report
- E. For optional fee waiver: School district free/reduced lunch letter or fee waiver application or verification of foster youth status

4

Sign-up and attend New Student Orientation

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Meet with a Running Start or Career Start advisor

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Pay fees, obtain textbooks and check your MyHighline email regularly

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Attend the College Success Kick-Off in September