

GET A RUNNING START

AT HIGHLINE COLLEGE



Guide for Prospective High School Students

The Running Start program at Highline College is an opportunity for qualified juniors and seniors to enroll in college early! If you are ready for an academic challenge in an independent, and diverse learning environment, Running Start may be a good fit for you. Earn credits for university transfer, or prepare for a career in a high-demand field, while also meeting high school graduation requirements. Connect with our High School Programs Office to get started.

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

- ▶ Save money - tuition paid by State of Washington (limited credits)
- ▶ Challenge yourself with academics and a vibrant campus life
- ▶ Learn with diverse students of all ages and cultural backgrounds
- ▶ Premier Honors Program available
- ▶ Prepare for transfer with dedicated Transfer Center and transfer degree options
- ▶ Prepare for a career through CareerStart or the Career and Student Employment Center
- ▶ Take more classes (3 terms - Fall, Winter and Spring)
- ▶ Create a flexible schedule with online, afternoon, evening, weekend options

CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ You pay fees, books and your own transportation
- ▶ Fee waiver is available for those who qualify
- ▶ Parents have limited access to student records (Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- ▶ Open campus requires responsibility
- ▶ Independence is key in less structured environment
- ▶ Only college-level courses covered (many classes have prerequisites)
- ▶ Careful planning and flexibility are required to meet educational goals
- ▶ Athletes continue to compete at the high school level

STEPS TO ENROLL

Complete before the first day of the quarter.

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Apply for admission to Highline College online

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Activate MyHighline account

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Assess skills at Highline's Placement and Testing Center (Bring high school transcripts, applicable test scores, or prepare in advance for Accuplacer testing.)

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Submit the following RS Program Packet to HC High School Programs Office

- A.** Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (Required Quarterly)
- B.** Current unofficial high school transcript
- C.** HC Running Start Program Application
- D.** For optional fee waiver: School district free/reduced lunch letter, verification of foster youth, or HC RS Fee Waiver form

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Sign up and complete New Student Orientation (online, plus campus advising/registration session)

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Register for classes using Online Student Services (see RS advisor for help with course selection)

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Pay applicable fees and tuition