



Running Start FAQ



Before We Begin...

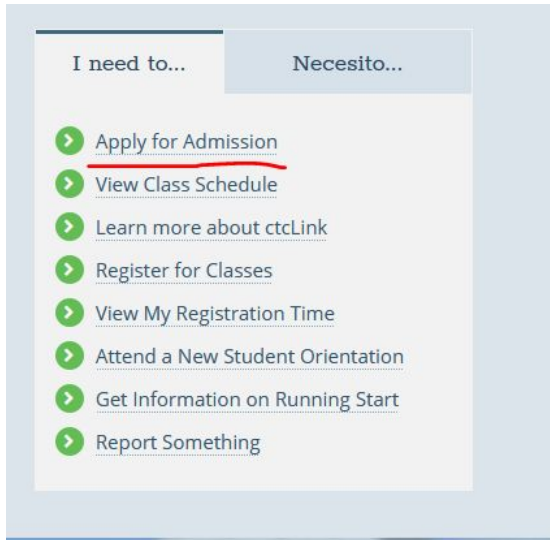
Participation in Running Start requires a great deal of maturity and ability to problem solve independently. Many aspects are lengthy and can be overwhelming.

If the process seems too much, that's okay! If this sounds like you, it may be more appropriate to wait and try Running Start your senior year.

Last bit of advice: It is **crucial** that you become comfortable with seeking information/answers to questions yourself. MRHS counselors will be here to guide the general process, but **most of the information you need exists on the Highline College website.**

How do I sign up?

1. Go to highline.edu and click on **Apply for Admission**
2. Scroll down and click **Apply**



The Admissions Department is responsible for admission into Highline College as well as admission into specific programs of study. We create student records and help keep them current. We are also your contact for questions about eligibility for certain tuition rates.



APPLY

Need a student visa? Contact [International Student Programs](#). For ABE/ESL/GED, contact [ELCAP](#).



GETTING STARTED

This step-by-step guide will help you navigate the entry process, including registration.



RETURNING STUDENTS

Returning students who have not attended Highline in the last year need to submit a new application to update their records.

Sign up cont.

Apply

Apply for Admission

Applied Bachelor's Admission

English Language, Career and Academic Prep

International Students

Undocumented Students

AAS Selective Admission

**Specific information for applying as a Running Start Student*

Admission to Highline

The Admissions office is currently operating remotely. Please email admissions@highline.edu with your inquiries. We also offer Zoom Lobby Hours (Monday-Friday, 10am-12pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 964 307 445, [Zoom Link](#)).

- [Admissions Office Hours](#)
- Learn More about ctcLink: <https://www.highline.edu/ctclink/>.

Information Regarding Admissions

Highline College has transitioned to a new software program called ctcLink. We have a new Online Admission Application, and we highly recommend reading the information on this webpage to assist with your application experience. There is no cost to apply for admission at Highline College.

- **International students** should apply through the [International Student Programs office](#).
- Students enrolling in the **BAS programs** and the **Running Start program** have additional steps after submitting the general admissions application.
 - High school students applying for the Running Start program should select "Running Start" for the Admit Type and "Academic" for Academic Program on the Online Admission Application. Please do not select "Transitional Studies" for Academic Program.
- **Returning students** who have not enrolled in courses for the last year should submit a new admission application to update their records.
- Applicants interested in **ESL, GED, and I-Best** should contact the [ELCAP Department](#) to get started.

CLICK HERE TO APPLY >

Sign up cont.

3. Create an account

**Scan the QR code or visit the link below for step-by-step instructions to creating an account*



<https://www.sbctc.edu/ctclink/oaainstructions.html>



Application Instructions [More>>](#)



Login help [More>>](#)



Privacy Statement [More>>](#)



Need an Account?
[Create one now.](#)

Create New Account

User Name

Password

Login Clear [Forgot my User Name/Password](#)



Other Questions...

- *When can I register for classes?*
 - Registration for the Fall 2021 quarter begins on **May 24, 2021**
- *Will classes be on campus or online?*
 - The college has not made a determination on this matter
- *What classes can I take?*
 - Sooo many! There are hundreds of options. Visit classes.highline.edu to get an idea of typical course offerings.
- *How do I know what classes to take?*
 - Your high school counselor will provide guidance on which classes meet graduation requirements. An advisor at the college can provide more detailed recommendations based on your academic plan

How do credits work?

- 5 college credits = 1.0 high school credit
 - Most college classes are **5 credits** each
 - A full time schedule is **3 classes per quarter**, or 15 credits per quarter
 - Full time RS students can earn up to 3.0 credits per quarter, or 9.0 credits per year
- 3 classes per quarter seems light, *but don't be fooled!*
 - You are taking the equivalent of a year-long high school course but **condensing it** into **roughly 2-3 months.**



****Your Running Start grades go on both your high school AND college transcript.**

Even 1-2 low grades at the college and drastically lower your cumulative GPA, and it is very difficult to bring it back up

How do I determine my placement eligibility?

Running Start English Placement Options

Placement into college-level English (ENGL& 101) is required to participate in Running Start at Highline College. Determine your English placement by reviewing the placement options listed below, then submit evidence of your placement (high school transcript and/or test score) to the Placement & Testing Center (PTC) by visiting Building 1 in-person or email placement@highline.edu.

Placement Option	Minimum Score/Grade	Course Placement
High School cumulative GPA (minimum 3 semesters)	3.0 or higher	ENGL& 101
Smarter Balanced (SBAC) ELA	3 or 4	ENGL& 101
SAT (Evidence-Based Reading/Writing)	480 or higher	ENGL& 101
ACT (English & Reading combined)	34 or higher	ENGL& 101
AP English Lit./Comp. or Lang./Comp.	3	ENGL& 101
AP English Lit./Comp. or Lang./Comp.	4 or higher	ENGL 205 or equivalent (credit awarded for ENGL& 101)
IB English Lang./Lit.	4	ENGL& 101
IB English Lang./Lit.	5 or higher	ENGL 205 or equivalent (credit awarded for ENGL& 101)
Accuplacer Reading	253 or higher <i>and</i> HS GPA 2.0 or higher	ENGL& 101

If you plan to take the accuplacer, that is completely on you to schedule and study for. Visit the link below for details on the process

<https://placeandtest.highline.edu/placement/accuplacer/>

Accuplacer Reading: To take the Accuplacer reading assessment, visit the Placement & Testing Center located in Building 1. To learn more about and prepare for Accuplacer, visit placeandtest.highline.edu/placement/Accuplacer/.



More FAQ

- *Do I have an advisor at the college?*
 - Students are not assigned specific advisors but you can meet with any Running Start Advisor
- *How do I meet with an advisor?*
 - Visit runningstart.highline.edu and click 'Schedule an Appointment'
- *What classes should I take at Mount Rainier?*
 - That is entirely your decision, but we typically recommend taking PE at MRHS, and Algebra 2 if you have not yet taken it
- *How do I get a copy of my unofficial transcript?*
 - Students who selected Running Start on their course registration google form will receive an e-mailed copy
- *Can I use my Smarter Balanced scores?*
 - Not at this time; current 10th & 11th graders have not yet had an opportunity to take the Smarter Balanced assessment due to Covid.