

	Running Start	Advanced Placement (AP)
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Start is a program that allows 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses at Washington's 34 community and technical colleges such as Bellevue College and Lake Washington Institute of Technology as well as Central Washington University. Students earn both high school and college credits for these courses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Placement (AP) allows students to take college level courses while at Eastlake. Students earn high school credit and may or may not earn college credit at their college of based on their score from a nationally recognized end-of-course exam.
Rigor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running Start is considered college Level work desired by many college admission offices with the curriculum, rigor, grades, etc. set by the Running Start institution. Many schools (example: University of Washington) do not prioritize one model of college-level course over another, and view Running Start, College in the High School, IB, Cambridge, and AP coursework equally for admission purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP is considered college Level work desired by many college admission offices. The AP curriculum and exam grading rubric are standardized across states and countries.
Who can take	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juniors and Seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade level varies by course. Some AP EHS courses require teacher permission.
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off high school campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At high school Occasionally, a student will self-study or take online AP classes.
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part-time or full-time options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal scheduling of AP classes through Eastlake.
High School Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
College Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student earns credit and establishes a transcript. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student may earn credit based on AP Test Score policies at schools of interest. Credit may be awarded for scores of 3+ on the AP test, with many schools requiring a 4 or 5. Check with your prospective college.

Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition-free as long as student stays under the maximum credits allowed between high school and college. Book, fees, parking, etc. are extra. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Test Fee, \$95 per exam.
Credit best transfers to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington state colleges • Some out-of-state schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most colleges with appropriate AP Test Scores.
Best Suited For	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature students • Students okay spending part or full time away from Eastlake. • Students desiring an AA • Students who plan to pursue college in the state of Washington • Students who don't want credit riding on a single test • Students seeking cost efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature students • Students with Eastlake-based extracurricular activities that make staying close to school important • Students seeking credit at highly selective institutions that often prefer the consistency of the AP curriculum over the variability/locality of Running Start • Students committed to studying for the end-of-course exam • Students with limited transportation. • Students planning to study in a different country