

## BHS Running Start “Things to Know”

The Bothell High School counselors want students to be fully informed of the added responsibilities and unique circumstances that participation in the Running Start program entails.

- 1) *Students are responsible for maintaining full time status. Full-time Running Start (15 credits per quarter or a combination of Running Start and BHS classes).* It is recommended students get permission from their BHS counselor PRIOR to dropping any Running Start (RS) classes.
- 2) Entrance into RS varies for each community college. All students must place into English 100 and/or Math 100 or higher to be in RS. Course numbers 099 and below are not eligible for RS funding and will have to be paid for by the student. See your counselor to determine how these classes will translate into high school credits.
- 3) Due to the fact that the grading periods are not aligned, RS is recommended to be a year-long commitment. Starting or ending RS mid-year may adversely impact student’s credits.
- 4) It is the responsibility of RS students and parent/guardians to stay informed regarding Diploma Requirements, college application/testing deadlines and Graduation ceremony information. This can be done by checking emails, online daily bulletins, PTSA newsletters (Cougar Connection) and the BHS website.
- 5) Colleges treat RS students as college students and will not communicate attendance or academic concerns to the parent without a signed release on file with the college.
- 6) BHS is on a semester schedule (18 week) and the community colleges are on a quarter (11 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. **RS courses and transportation time cannot conflict with a student’s BHS schedule. Parents must call the attendance office to excuse any absences due to alternate schedules (assembly days, PSAT testing, etc.).**
- 7) The earlier students register at the college, the better their chances will be to get their desired courses. There is no guarantee that students will be able to register for the classes desired at the community college. Monitoring all RS deadlines is the responsibility of the student.
- 8) All RS grades received will become a permanent part of the student’s high school and college transcripts. College academic courses frequently require a high level of self-discipline. **The college will not send progress reports or warnings; therefore, students are responsible for monitoring their own progress.**
- 9) RS students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. If the student’s GPA falls below a 2.0, the student is placed on academic probation at the community college. If the GPA is not raised above the 2.0 minimum during the next grading period, the community college will withdraw the student from the RS program which could impact on-time graduation.
- 10) Each quarter, students must complete the Enrollment Verification Form required to register for RS classes. **Students are responsible for bringing the completed form to their counselor on the appropriate RS drop-in days.**
- 11) Students with disabilities who have a 504 Accommodation Plan or Individual Education Plan

(IEP) are responsible for informing and providing documentation of the disability to the community college.

12) 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 can transfer their Running Start credits. It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these requirements.

13) If RS students meet WIAA eligibility standards, they are eligible to participate in high school athletics and activities at BHS. However, the scheduling of RS and athletics/activities can be challenging as RS class times vary from quarter to quarter.

14) RS Students are only allowed on the BHS campus before school, after school, and during the periods they are scheduled in BHS classes. The only exception to this would be school-sanctioned events such as assemblies or class meetings.

15) Please see the chart below for the number of free classes allowed at the College through the Running Start program. Students who exceed this amount will be responsible to pay for any additional RS credits. Books, school fees, lab fees, parking fees, and transportation are the responsibility of the student.

Classes at BHS	Free College Credits (each qtr)
0-1	15
2	12
3	10
4	6
5 or more	3