

RUNNING START



Running Start gives academically eligible high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit while fulfilling high school graduation requirements. Students may enroll in both high school and college classes or solely in college classes.

STUDENTS CAN:



- Earn their AA-DTA (Associate in Arts & Sciences Transfer Degree).
- Earn up to two years of college coursework tuition-free.
- Study a variety of subjects not offered in high school.
- Participate in advanced level courses.
- Transition into a more independent learning environment.
- Prepare for future career and educational opportunities.

HOW RUNNING START WORKS



- Students may enroll full-time or part-time at CBC depending on how many classes they are taking at their high school.
- Students may enroll in daytime, evening and/or online classes.
- Running Start covers the tuition of college-level courses, numbered 100 and above. Tuition charges for any below college-level courses will be the student's responsibility.
- Running Start students are responsible to pay their quarterly fees and purchase their textbooks and supplies. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch at their high school and a book assistance program is available by application.

FAST FACTS



UP TO
\$1,400
OF FREE TUITION
EACH QUARTER

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17
AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE



HANNAH
CBC RUNNING START STUDENT
RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Students need to adjust to a more fast-paced and independent style of learning.
- Students should invest in the following skills to be successful: time management, study strategies and a greater maturity level.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the student. All CBC students receive a free Benton Franklin transit pass each quarter.
- CBC operates on a different schedule than local school districts so some holidays, vacation periods and weather closures will differ. Running Start students are expected to attend classes at CBC even if their high school is not in session.
- The scheduling of CBC courses may conflict with and should be prioritized over high school extracurricular activities.
- Enrollment into specific college courses cannot be guaranteed – even if the courses are needed to fulfill high school graduation requirements.
- Admittance to the Running Start program does not guarantee enrollment in courses required for degree completion. Students must meet prerequisite requirements for each course they plan to take.
- Students are considered responsible adults and are allowed to determine who can receive information about their educational records. Students may give permission for a third party (including parents/guardians) to access their records by signing and submitting a Release of Information form.

PLACEMENT



Prospective Running Start students must place at college-level in English, reading or math. To do so, they can take CBC’s online Directed Self-Placement or provide:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) scores + high school transcript
- Official college transcripts
- Official AP scores
- Unofficial high school transcripts (math only)
- Unofficial SAT/ACT scores (math only)

For more information on placement options, visit our Assessment Center webpage!



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