

IHS Running Start Participation Agreement

Student & parent/guardian initials & signatures on this agreement acknowledge an understanding and acceptance of the rules & responsibilities involved in Running Start by both parties. Initial each point & sign at the bottom of this form.

Student / Parent (*initial*)

- _____/_____ 1. Running Start (RS) students are making the decision to take classes away from IHS. As such, they are not present for school announcements and/or classroom presentations regarding graduation and other IHS topics. Students enrolled in RS classes and their parents must check in regularly to **stay informed**. This includes subscribing to and reading eNews, checking IHS websites to stay informed of alternate schedules, special events, college application and graduation timelines and procedures, and ensuring that students check their personal email daily, and attend class meetings.

- _____/_____ 2. Issaquah School District is on a semester (18-week) schedule and community colleges are on a quarter (11-week) schedule. Class terms and vacation dates will not align. Missing school at one campus because the other is not in session is unacceptable. Additionally, part-time students must plan their schedules so that 100% attendance on both campuses is logistically possible, accounting for both travel time and Wednesday's altered schedule. **RS cannot conflict with a student's IHS schedule.**

- _____/_____ 3. Because class terms are not aligned, you must make a year-long commitment/decision to participate in RS. You cannot start or end RS mid-year without adversely impacting their credits. Students who drop out of RS mid-year will be required to return to IHS mid-term even though they may be unable to earn credit for the new schedule. This may adversely affect graduation.

- _____/_____ 4. Students are responsible for maintaining full-time student status overall. Reducing credits on one campus requires adding credits at the other. Students are **required** to get permission from their IHS counselor **PRIOR** to dropping a Running Start class after the quarter has begun, and will be required to add classes at IHS to maintain full-time student status.

- _____/_____ 5. All RS grades will become a permanent on the student's high school and college transcripts. Students must take all courses for a letter grade. College academic courses 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.**

- _____/_____ 6. **Participating in Running Start does not guarantee an IHS parking pass. All Running Start students must go through the regular parking lottery process.**

- _____/_____ 7. RS Students are only allowed on the IHS campus before school, after school, and during the periods they are scheduled in an IHS class. The only exceptions would be scheduled appointments, or school-sanctioned events such as assemblies or class meetings.

- _____/_____ 8. If RS students meet WIAA eligibility standards, they are eligible to participate in high school athletics and activities at IHS. However, the scheduling of RS and athletics/activities can be challenging so plan ahead! **Athletes must have the enclosed WIAA agreement form on file.**

- _____/_____ 9. Entrance into RS varies for each community college. All colleges have application guidelines and admissions expectations. Students must work within the program requirements as stated by the college. Placement processes will be outlined by the college as well. You might have to take an exam or provide the college additional information during your application process. Please read all emails from the college completely and carefully. You must adhere to deadlines publicized by the college.

- _____/_____ 10. Appropriate math scores will be required if a student plans to enroll in college-level math or science. Courses numbered 099 or below, in any subject area, are not considered college-level, and cannot be funded by RS.
- _____/_____ 11. Running Start students are subject to all rules, regulations and procedures governing college students for course requirements, content, registration, grading and appropriate behavior. Colleges treat the RS student as a college student and will not communicate attendance or academic problems to the parent or high school. Students will communicate directly with the college RS office or instructors with any college course concerns.
- _____/_____ 12. Once accepted into Running Start, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 college GPA. If the student's GPA falls below a 2.0, the student is placed on academic probation at the community college. If the student violates the terms of the academic probation in any future quarter, the Community College will revoke access to RS, and the student must immediately return to IHS.
- _____/_____ 13. Students may participate in RS for a maximum of 6 quarters, or until the end of their 12th grade. Students may only take RS fall, winter, and spring quarters; there is no summer RS program.
- _____/_____ 14. Students with disabilities who have a 504 or IEP plan are responsible to inform and provide documentation of the disability to the community college.
- _____/_____ 15. Books, registration/lab fees, parking/transportation costs are the responsibility of the student.
- _____/_____ 16. The earlier you are able to register, the better your chances are to get your desired courses. Community College classes fill first come first serve, and students are not guaranteed a seat in classes they need or want. Minding all RS deadlines and registering for classes each quarter at the appointed time is the responsibility of the student.
- _____/_____ 17. Students must communicate with IHS to schedule an appointment for the required RS signature each quarter. This happens ahead of their college deadlines, and students are responsible for bringing their form and a plan for the next set of classes with them to the meeting.
- _____/_____ 18. Issaquah School District determines which college classes will meet specific high school graduation requirements. RS students are subject to the same state and district graduation requirements as all other IHS students, and must plan accordingly for non-credit requirements like Tech Proficiency, NW Studies, State Assessments, and the High School & Beyond Plan.
- _____/_____ 19. As with all IHS students, it is the student and parent's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met and graduation timelines and procedures are being met. We strongly advise against leaving any graduation requirements until Spring quarter of Senior year to avoid unnecessary obstacles to graduation.
- _____/_____ 20. Not all post-secondary colleges, especially those out-of-state, accept RS courses for college credit. Those who do may have rules about specific courses, etc. Students must consult directly with an individual college/university to determine its policies. It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these requirements from the school(s) of their choice.

We have read the Agreement for Participation in Running Start and understand all requirements.

Student name (print)

Student signature

Date

Parent/Guardian name (print)

Parent/Guardian signature

Date