

# TODD BEAMER HIGH SCHOOL

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## RUNNING START AGREEMENT

This agreement and information is to ensure that you fully understand the rules & responsibilities involved in order to participate in the Running Start program.

- 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 TBHS counselor PRIOR to dropping a Running Start class after the quarter has begun, and will be required to add classes at TBHS to maintain full-time student status.
- All RS grades will become 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.
- 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.
- Scholars are always welcome on the Todd Beamer Campus but there must be a purpose for the visit, i.e. no roaming the hallways. (Make sure to bring school I.D. with Running Start label.)
- Running Start scholars participating in sports are under the same guidelines/rules as all other Todd Beamer scholars. There will be periodic grade checks and full-time RS scholars must take and be passing (3) 5 credit classes each quarter.
- 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 TBHS.
- Students may participate in RS during their Junior and Senior year. Students may only take RS fall, winter, and spring quarters; there is no summer RS program.
- Students with disabilities who have a 504 or IEP plan are responsible to inform and provide documentation of the disability to the community college.
- Scholars are responsible for knowing and completing graduation requirements. If scholars complete all requirements before by the end of 11th grade, they **will NOT** be able to receive funding through Running Start in 12th grade and will be responsible to pay for **ALL** future classes.

- Because class terms are not aligned, students must make a year-long commitment/decision to participate in RS. Students 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 TBHS mid-term even though they may be unable to earn credit for the new schedule. This may adversely affect graduation.
- Books, registration/lab fees, parking/transportation costs are the responsibility of the student.
- Scholars need to be aware of their college's add/drop dates each quarter. 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.
- Students must provide counselors 10 school days to complete their EVF forms after the date that they have been requested by the student. This happens ahead of their college deadlines. ***Student understands that if they wait until right before college deadlines, the counselor might not be available to sign their EVF until after their deadline passes.***
- Federal Way Public Schools 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 TBHS students and must plan accordingly for non-credit requirements like Graduation Pathways, WA State History, State Assessments, and the High School & Beyond Plan.
- As with all TBHS students, it is the scholar's 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.
- 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 policies. It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these requirements from the school(s) of their choice.
- For part-time RS scholars, your TBHS schedule will not change to accommodate your college schedule.

Student Name	Signature of Student	Date
Student ID#	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date