

RUNNING START CONTRACT

1. All students must live in the Lake Washington High School (LWHS) attendance area and have enough credits to be of junior or senior standing to access Running Start (RS).
2. RS students are subject to the same state, district, and LWHS graduation requirements as all other LWHS students. Be advised that **all students must pass the state required testing to graduate**. Students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA-Math and English) in spring at LWHS and, if necessary, will need to make arrangements with their college professors to miss class. **Students must also complete the High School & Beyond graduation requirement utilizing Xello**. Diplomas won't be issued until grades are received from the college and transcripts are finalized.
3. Tuition will be paid for a **maximum of 21 credits**. Any classes taken in high school or through WANIC will reduce the number of credits that students can take for free through RS each quarter. RS college level classes are numbered 100 or above; courses numbered below 100 are not considered college level and must be paid for by the student.
4. Books, registration costs, lab fees, parking charges, transportation, etc., are the **responsibility of the student**.
5. **Students must see their high school counselor for the required Running Start Enrollment Verification form signature each quarter they wish to enroll in RS classes. Students **MUST EMAIL THEIR COUNSELOR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.****
6. The high school determines how college courses translate into LWHS graduation requirements. College credits are configured for high school credit at a .2 rate. For example, a 2.0 college credit PE course equals .40 high school credit.
7. **Students who drop out of RS mid-term will not be able to re-enter LWHS classes until the beginning of the next semester. This may adversely affect graduation.**
8. Community colleges do not send progress reports or warnings and do not communicate attendance or academic problems to the parents or high school. **Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress** and must deal with the college RS office with any college course concerns. Remember, colleges do not offer the same accommodations as high school for IEP/504 students. RS grades become a permanent part of the student's high school and college transcripts.
9. 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 will be considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information about transfer credits/degrees is available from individual colleges or universities. **It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these college policies and requirements.**
10. Counselors are available at LWHS to help, but it is the **student's and parent's responsibility** to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met, that college timelines are being followed, that students are aware of PSAT and SBA testing dates, and that seniors take care of graduation issues like cap and gown ordering. **RS students need to check their school email and LWHS's website on a regular basis.**

I have read and understand the above statements.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Student Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Student's Personal Email Address _____