Mount Si High School

Running Start Participation Agreement

The student and guardian listed below have reviewed the contents of this agreement for participation in the MSHS Running Start program and understand the requirements detailed within this document.

Student Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian (Print)
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature
Student Email	Parent Email
RS College Name	Grade Date

Please initial after reviewing each item detailed below.

Student / Guardian	
/	**Running Start Program Eligibility Requirements & Scope:**
Student Guardian	To be recommended for the Running Start program, students must meet the following criteria: • Be on track to graduate (12 credits by the end of 10th gr. or 18 credits by the end of 11th) **If you are not on track you need to meet with your counselor to build a plan!* • Have consistent and reliable transportation or a plan to get to and from the college. • Have placed into college-level courses at the chosen community college via transcript submission or by taking a placement test. ○ If a student places below college-level (100 level) for math, the student will be required to take their math class at Mount Si High School or show proof of registration in Math 098 or higher at their chosen community college Fall Quarter. ○ Students placed into college courses ≤ '099' must pay tuition fees associated with those courses. Classes numbered '099' or below are not included in the RS program and do not qualify for state funding.
/	**Running Start Course Placement Requirements**:
Student Guardian	Placement into RS courses varies for each college and may include providing high school state testing results, transmitting high school transcripts, and or taking placement exams. • Students are responsible for working with the RS college to define their specific placement requirements. • This can take time so plan accordingly!
/	**Year-Long Commitment and Full-Time Standing:**
Student Guardian	Because grading periods do not align between MSHS and RS community colleges, RS is a year-long commitment. Students who begin or withdraw from RS mid-year will do so with adverse effects to course credits and graduation. Students are also required to be enrolled full time at RS or full time between MSHS courses and RS courses EVERY Quarter.
/	**Communication from Mount Si High School:**
Student Guardian	RS students are responsible for staying informed of MSHS news and required events. Students & guardians should: • Submit their email addresses for Parent Square/Student Square Messages • Submit their cell phone numbers for SMS Texts • Regularly check their SVSD email and MSHS information sources ○ MSHS website announcements ○ Counseling webpage ○ Senior webpage ○ Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) *It is the student's responsibility to stay on top of their high school requirements including the signing of the EVF every quarter and the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP), etc.*

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/		**High School Students as College Students:**
Student	Guardian	RS students are subject to the same privileges, rules, and responsibilities of any college student, including those that govern course requirements, registration, grading, and appropriate behavior. Colleges will not share attendance or academic issues with parents or with MSHS. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress and for communicating directly with the college RS office and instructors regarding college course concerns.
/		**Participating in High School Sports:**
Student	Guardian	RS students who meet WIAA eligibility standards may participate in MSHS sports with a completed and signed WIAA RS Contract prior to the start of the season. RS students need to attend classes daily and can **NOT** drop any classes without counselor and Athletic Director approval. If classes are not attended or dropped this violates the contract and can result in removal from the team and declared ineligible for competition for a period of one year.
/		**Obtaining College Credit:**
Student	Guardian	Not all post-secondary schools, especially those out of state, accept RS courses for college credit. Additionally, some may have special rules about specific courses or about whether incoming students are considered entering freshmen or transfer students. It is the student's responsibility to collect and understand this information from their prospective colleges and universities.
/		**Running Start GPA Requirements to Maintain Running Start Student Status:**
Student	Guardian	RS students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in RS courses. If the student's GPA falls below 2.0 during any quarter, the RS college will place the student on academic probation. Students on academic probation are required to raise their GPA above the 2.0 minimum during the next grading period. If the student does not raise their GPA, the RS college may withdraw the student from the RS program. Transitioning back to the MSHS mid-year is difficult and could adversely impact graduation due to the difference in quarter/semester start and end dates so it's important that students stay on top of their course work.
/		**Mixed MSHS & Running Start Schedules or Part-Time Running Start:**
Student	Guardian	Coordinating mixed schedules is difficult and not recommended: • MSHS has a "block schedule". • SVSD is on an 18-week semester schedule while colleges are on an 11-week quarter schedule. School start, end, and vacation dates differ. Missing school at one institution because the other is not in session does not qualify for an excused absence. • MSHS has short days on Fridays (traditionally). • Exam schedules may require that you miss class at one school. It is the student's responsibility to make any necessary arrangements to meet the requirements for the MSHS class. • **RS classes cannot interfere with the timing of MSHS classes.**
/		**Registering for Classes & Education Verification Forms (EVFs):**
Student	Guardian	Students are responsible for monitoring all information and registration deadlines provided by the RS college. To help meet RS registration deadlines, MSHS counselors will offer quarterly meeting times for students to complete their EVF prior to registration. The MSHS Counseling Center will communicate dates for scheduling EVF meetings through "opt-in" text messages and Student Square/Parent Square communication.
/		**Dropping Courses:**
Student	Guardian	RS students are responsible for officially dropping MSHS or RS classes before drop deadlines.
/		**504s & IEPs:**
Student	Guardian	Students with a 504 Accommodation Plan or Individual Education Plan (IEP) are responsible for informing and providing the RS college with all necessary documentation.
/		**Student Costs:**
Student	Guardian	RS students are responsible for all costs associated with registration, books & materials, lab fees, parking, transportation, etc.

As a reminder, students MUST meet with their School Counselor every quarter to complete an EVF to register for classes. It's important to pay attention to dates so that you can register for courses on time!