

Running Start (How it works) 10/05/2023

Are you ready to be a college student? *Here are some things to expect:*

- College students tend to take their classes seriously.
 - Yes, there is more freedom to choose what you want to take, but also more accountability.
 - If you are not a serious student, make sure this is a good option for you
- The college does not treat you differently from its older student population.
 - You could be attending with people in their 50s, 60s, and older.
- You need to be ready for more homework and more independent work.
- You need to communicate with your high school AND your college advisors

How many classes can I take through the college?

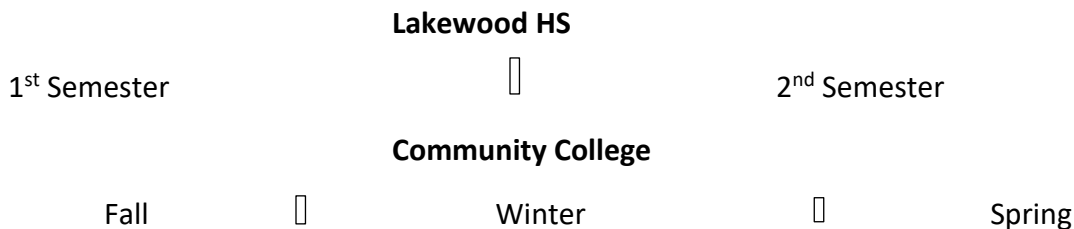
Based on the chart below, student tuition is covered by Lakewood School District. If you take more than the number of classes shown, you will owe tuition. Additionally, summer Running Start has currently been offered on a year by year basis.

<i># of LHS Classes</i>	<i># of Everett/Skagit Classes</i>	<i>College Classes noted here are based on 5 credits/class</i>
6	1	Eligible for 6 credits
5	1	Eligible for 8 credits
4	2	Eligible for 10 credits
3	2	Eligible for 13 credits
2	3	Eligible for 15 credits
1	3	Eligible for 18 credits
0	4	Eligible for 21 credits

**Student fees can include: Lab fees, enrollment fees, books, parking, miscellaneous.*

Semesters vs Quarters

Lakewood is on a semester system and the colleges are quarterly. There is overlap between quarters and semesters, so it is difficult to “start” in the Winter Quarter, and not recommended.



As you can see, 1st Semester is still in session when Winter Quarter starts and 2nd Semester begins in the middle of Winter Quarter.

Types of classes at the college? Online, Hybrid, in person

When we talk about going to Running Start, that can mean *physically going to the college, or taking online courses.

- **In Person**
- **Online** – self explanatory. However, even though they are virtual, they do fill up and have “wait lists” to get in
- **Hybrid** - courses which are at the college AND online. What kind of learner are you? How would you be most successful? Think about this when selecting courses.

How do I APPLY to Running Start?

Applying and Registering are two different things. *Applying* is where you apply to attend, *Registering* is where you select your classes.

- Lakewood High School Website/counseling/Running Start
<https://www.lwsd.wednet.edu/Page/272>
 - Pick application for either Everett or Skagit
 - You will need a transcript and test scores
 - This is a good time to let your counselor know you are interested in Running Start if you haven't yet and your counselor can email you this information
 - If you don't have test scores, the college might ask you to take their placement test and that is arranged at the college
 - Follow the steps on the application and then **CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!!**
 - Most schools require an orientation and advisory session at the college
- Once you are accepted, let your counselor know so you can get help registering for classes
 - You **MUST** meet/talk/email with your counselor in order to register.
 - This will happen **EACH QUARTER**
 - Remember, the colleges are on a quarterly system, not semester (see page one).

How do I REGISTER for Running Start?

- Discuss with your counselor your intent to attend full time RS or part time (see chart on page one for number of classes you can take depending on what you want to do)
- Fill out Running Start Verification Form (RSEVF)
<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/dualcredit/pubdocs/RunningStartEnrollmentVerificationForm.pdf>
 - This is a “fillable” form
 - Fill out the top section and which classes you would like to take there
 - Sign it: Your signature should be typed so that it stays “fillable”

- Give to counselor to fill out the middle section and to sign and submit
 - Before signing, counselor MUST know how many classes student plans to take at the college and high school
 - Counselor will fill out the middle section regarding number of credits allowed, sign it, and submit it to the college and the student
- Check your email for your registration day and time
- Check to see if there are any blocks on your account (perhaps you still need to do your advising session)
- Register for classes
- Let your counselor know what classes you got into
- And then, repeat all of the REGISTRATION steps for the next quarter...

Who can help me with this?

Calista Ham, Counselor A-K

cham@lwsd.wednet.edu

Heidi Klippert, Counselor L-Z

hklippert@lwsd.wednet.edu

Mel Irish, College & Career Specialist

mirish@lwsd.wednet.edu