

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

RUNNING START PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT 2025-2026

Student & parent/guardian signatures on this agreement acknowledge an understanding and acceptance of the rules & responsibilities involved in Running Start by both parties. Check off or mark with an X for each point & sign at the bottom of this form.

Student Name: _____ Grad Year: _____

Student Email: _____

- Running Start (RS) students are making the decision to take classes away from EHS and Counselors are available to help, but it is the student's responsibility to stay informed. This includes, but is not limited to: that high school graduation requirements are being met, that college timelines are being followed, that seniors take care of graduation tasks, subscribe to and reading Wolves Weekly, check EHS websites to stay informed of alternate schedules, special events, college application and graduation timelines and procedures, and ensuring that students check their LWSD email daily, and attend class meetings.
- Lake Washington School District is on a semester schedule and community colleges are on a quarter schedule. Missing school at one campus because the other is not in session is unacceptable. RS cannot conflict with a student's EHS schedule.
- RS is a year-long commitment. Students who drop out of RS mid-term will not be able to re-enter EHS classes until the beginning of the next semester. This may adversely affect graduation.
- Community colleges do not send progress reports or warnings and do not communicate attendance or academic problems to the parent or high school. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress and must deal with the college RS office with any college course concerns. RS grades become a permanent part of the student's high school and college transcripts.
- RS students must meet WIAA eligibility standards to participate in high school athletics and activities at EHS. Athletes must notify counselor of athletic participation and have the WIAA agreement form on file.
- Tuition will be paid for a maximum of 21 credits. Any classes taken in the 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.
- Students may only take RS fall, winter, and spring quarters. There are classes available that students can take if they choose to and pay for the tuition. Please note that we do not receive these grades and the student needs to request a transcript to be sent to EHS after completion.
- 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 may revoke access to RS, and the student must immediately return to EHS.
- Students with a 504 or IEP plan are responsible to inform and provide documentation of the disability to the community college.
- Books, registration/lab fees, parking/transportation costs are the responsibility of the student.
- 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.
- The high school determines how college courses translate into EHS graduation requirements. Credits translation is: 5.0 college credit = 1.0 high school credit, 4.0 = .8, 3.0 = .6, 2.0 = .6, 1.0 = .2.
- As with all EHS 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.
- 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 the individual colleges or universities. It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these college policies and requirements.
- Level placement for...(if accessible): Math _____ English _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____