Student Name: _____

Agreement for NHS Students Participating in Running Start

Please initial your understanding and sign below:

- ✓ Students may **only be on the NHS campus** when they are attending a scheduled Newport class for reasons of safety, security and supervision. Students may arrive 5 minutes before class begins and must leave campus after the 5-minute passing period.
  _____ (Initial)

- ✓ Due to our large class sizes, we may not be able to change Newport schedule to accommodate college classes (see item 7 on BSD form). Part Time RS students are expected to **commit to their initially selected NHS schedule** for the entire school year.
  _____ (Initial)

- ✓ **Graduation required classes** should be completed by the end of winter quarter of senior year to maintain on time graduation status. BSD counselors are unable to guarantee that colleges will offer graduation-required classes in spring quarter.
  _____ (Initial)

- ✓ **Students need to work directly with the college Running Start office** regarding college course questions, problems, fees, and troubleshooting (See #12 on BSD form).
  _____ (Initial)

Parents/Guardians, please confirm that you and your student reviewed these Running Start agreements.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Counselor: _____

INFORMATION FOR BSD STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN RUNNING START

Following are some critical details about Running Start that students and parents/guardians must understand prior to enrollment:

- ✓ To take English and Math courses through Running Start, students must place into college level courses (Level 100 or above). *See #2*
- ✓ Students in Running Start must be fully enrolled. *See #3*
- ✓ Students must earn a cumulative and quarterly Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher to remain in good academic standing and off of academic probation. *High school counselors or other staff are not copied on any correspondence sent out pertaining to academic standing of students. See #4*
- ✓ Books, class fees, lab fees, parking charges, transportation, etc., are the responsibility of individual students. Bellevue School District pays tuition for up to 21 credits (level 100 and above). *See #8*
- ✓ Students who drop Running Start courses mid-term are required to notify their counselor of the drop and to re-enter Bellevue School District class(es) at the time the Running Start classes are dropped. *See #13*

1. To qualify for Running Start, a student must be in the 11th or 12th grade by the first quarter of their attendance in Running Start classes. Private school students who choose to register for Running Start may only do so at BSD high schools if they are residents of the Bellevue School District.

2. Entrance into Running Start varies for each community college. Bellevue College is a primary partner for BSD students. There is no placement test to participate in Running Start and is open to all students in the 11th and 12th grade. Math and English courses use a variety of methods to determine placement (transcript, scores on exams, BC placement exam, etc.). Since these courses may be needed for high school graduation, students should know **courses numbered 099 or below are not considered part of Running Start and will not be funded nor counted as college credit.**

3. T**o be considered a full-time Running Start student, students must meet the definition of a full time student at the college.** At Bellevue College, for example, students are considered full time if they are enrolled in at least 12 credits. If a student places in courses numbered 099 or below in Math and/or English, they must take these subjects at their home high school or complete the credits through outside learning. Students taking courses at their home school may be considered part-time Running Start students until and unless they qualify to take college level courses in Math and/or English (numbered 100 and above) Students can take a combination of high school-based courses and Running Start classes to be fully enrolled. Your school counselor can provide information about which combinations are needed to meet the full-time enrollment.

4. Running Start students attending Bellevue College will be held to **the same policies and processes as all Bellevue College Students**. The BC Running Start office does not monitor Running Start student's academic standing. High school counselors or other staff are not copied on any correspondence sent out pertaining to academic standing of students. Students must earn a cumulative and quarterly Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher to remain in good academic standing and off of academic probation. The college applies progressive consequences for students who do not achieve a good academic standing at the end of each quarter. Read the full academic standing policy here https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/policies/id-3200p/.

5. There is no guarantee that students will be able to register for the classes desired at the community college. Watch for dates and deadlines. **Register early** for the best chance to get your desired courses.

6. Counselors and information will be available at the high school, **but it is the student and parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met and that junior or senior year timelines, college application, and scholarship procedures are followed.** Students must see their high school counselor for the required Running Start signature each quarter they wish

to enroll in Running Start classes. Students taking Running Start classes, especially those at the college full time, should plan to check in regularly at the high school to stay informed of ongoing high school events and activities. This includes checking their BSD e-mail and school websites for information regularly, as well as scheduling and attending Junior Blitz, Senior Blitz and other appointments with their counselor.

7. The Bellevue School District is on a semester (18 week) schedule and the community colleges are on a quarter (11 week) schedule. Starting, ending, and vacation dates will be different. Missing school at one school because the other is not in session will not be accepted as an excused absence. It is sometimes difficult to coordinate daily schedules when attending each school part time. This is particularly challenging during exam periods. Bellevue School District high school class schedules **will not be changed to accommodate conflict with Running Start classes** after the semester has started.

8. **Books, class fees, lab fees, parking charges, transportation, etc., are the responsibility of individual students**. Some fee waivers are available for Running Start students through Bellevue College. Bellevue School District pays tuition for up to 21 credits each quarter (fall, winter, spring). Unused quarter credits from fall, winter and spring quarters can be used for summer quarter. *Example: A student takes 15 credits each quarter, or 45 credits during the year. The maximum number of credits is 21 each quarter or 63 for the year. The student would be able to take up to 18 credits during summer quarter.*

9. Students will be competing for grades with adults in the Running Start classes. College academic courses frequently require a higher level of self-discipline, ability, and outside study time than high school classes. Furthermore, the college will not send progress reports or warnings, so students are responsible for monitoring their own progress. Students must take all Running Start courses for a letter grade and all grades are posted to the high school transcript as well as the college transcript. A 100 level or above class that is 5 credit (hours) at the college earns 1.0 (two semesters) credit on a transcript.

10. **Some post-secondary schools, especially those out of state, may not accept Running Start courses for college credit.** Those that do may have special rules about specific courses and whether students with Running Start courses on their transcript will be considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information is available from the individual colleges or universities. It is the **student's responsibility to make sure they understand these requirements from the school** of their choice.

11. Bellevue School District determines how the college classes translate into graduation requirements. Running Start students are subject to the same state and Bellevue School District high school graduation requirements as all other BSD students.

12. The college will treat the Running Start student as a college student and will not communicate attendance or academic problems to the students' parents or guardians. **Students work directly with the college Running Start Office regarding any college course concerns.**

13. **Students who drop Running Start courses mid-term are required to notify their counselor of the drop and to re-enter Bellevue School District class(es) at the time the Running Start classes are dropped.** Depending on the date of re-entry, catching up on coursework may be difficult. This may adversely affect graduation. All Running Start students are required to maintain a full schedule throughout their junior and senior year. To be considered fully enrolled in Running Start, a student must meet the definition of full time enrollment communicated by the college. At Bellevue College this is 12 credits each quarter.

14. **Students are responsible for officially dropping any Bellevue School District classes or Running Start College classes before the drop deadlines.** If a student decides to drop a college class after the deadline, they will receive an "F" grade for that term. This grade would then appear on the college transcript as well as on the high school transcript.

15. Running Start students making changes to their classes after the first week of the quarter **could owe money due to additional charges**. The last day for 100% refund each quarter is outlined on the Academic Calendar. After that deadline, if a student drops a class, they are responsible for 50% of the tuition and fees for that class. Only during the 100% refund period can students drop and add classes without additional cost. **After the deadline**, if a student drops a class, the system calculates that drop as a **50% refund** of tuition **and**

class fees. If the student **adds another class**, the **full** tuition and **fees** for that new class are charged to the student's account. It does not matter if the dropped class is 5 credits, and the newly added class is 5 credits. **It is not an equal cost swap after the 100% refund period has ended**.

16. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their college courses to be eligible for federal financial aid should they chose to continue on in college after high school and need financial assistance.

17. Running Start students are eligible to participate in high school athletics and activities.

We have read the information provided for BSD students participating in Running Start.

I am working toward meeting BSD graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma:
Yes: _____ (Initial) or No: _____ (Initial).

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature and Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date: _____