



Is Running Start Right for You?

What is Running Start?

- ★ *Running Start is becoming a college student*, it is not a special set of classes or high school at the college.
- ★ Running Start is an excellent source of tuition funding, *it is not a free program*. Students are expected to pay for class fees, lab fees, books, parking etc. Some students may qualify for a fee waiver. Also Running Start only pays for 100 level and above courses. Students will be expected to pay for below 100 level courses.
- ★ Running Start is a great way to complete high school and earn college credit BUT *the number #1 goal is to graduate from high school*.
- ★ Running Start is an opportunity to drive your education. *Please be aware that parents do not have the same level of involvement as they do at the high school level (FERPA)*.
- ★ High School Counselors are not college advisors and cannot advise on what college class students need to take for a college degree program. School Counselors also do not have access to grade information.
- ★ Students are expected to follow the Stanwood High School Course Equivalencies guide. School Counselors can only advise students on what classes at the college count towards high school graduation.
- ★ For students on an IEP or 504 it is the Students responsibility to request accommodation or modifications from the college's disability services department.

Running Start IT'S A BIG DECISION with BIG RESPONSIBILITIES!

- Faster paced, more homework - Need good time management!
- Be aware of differences in calendars - Running Start is on the quarter system, watch out for different holiday breaks!
- STUDENTS work closely with college and high school counselors & advisors to pick courses. PARENTS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS DO NOT DO THIS FOR YOU!
- **Running Start grades will be both on your high school transcript and college transcript. If you are struggling it is the students responsibility to seek help from the college! *Please be aware that you are starting a college transcript.***
- *Running Start is not a program to boost a high school GPA.*
- Students do not need to keep any classes at the high school. If students decide to keep a class(s) at the high school, school counselors will try to schedule those classes at the beginning or end of the school day. High School classes cannot be moved to accommodate the college schedule. *Students should allow enough travel time between college courses and high school courses so they can be on time to class.*
- *If you participate in sports it is the student responsibility to maintain the credits/grades needed for eligibility.*



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How to Apply to Running Start

- ★ You do not need to meet with your school counselor to apply to Running Start. School counselors are available to meet with students **after** they have completed their running start application and have received their acceptance email.
- ★ Once accepted the college will then notify students that they need to meet with their school counselor and ask for a Running Start Verification Form.

STEP 1

To complete an application go to the college's website Running Start Application page:

Everett Community College: <https://www.everettcc.edu/enrollment/hs-programs/running-start>

Skagit Valley College: <https://www.skagit.edu/academics/high-school-programs/running-start/>

STEP 2

High School Transcript (Required) you can email the Counseling Office Secretary for a copy of your transcript.

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- ENGL&101 and 100 Level Math Placement - Acceptance into 100 level courses varies between EvCC and SVC. Students need to research the placement information on the college's website for course placement.
- Students are responsible for tuition for 99 level and below courses. Running Start only pays tuition for 100 level and above courses.

STEP 3

Running Start Acceptance email received!

Next Steps to complete

- Entry Advising
- Obtain your Running Start Enrollment Verification Form from Your School Counselor
- Turn RSEVF back into the college to Register for Classes!

For Parents:

*Please understand that because students are now taking college courses the **student** is expected to communicate with their high school counselor and the college. It is best if the student, not the parent, applies to the running start program. The reason for this is it is important for the student to understand the process and how Running Start works. We encourage parents to help their child advocate for themselves and ask questions. We also encourage the student to communicate with their parents/guardians regarding Running Start and allow parents to see their grades. **Students will also need to check and manage their stanwood high school email and college email for important updates.***

It is also the students responsibility to make sure that they are eligible to participate in Stanwood High School Athletics. It is also the students responsibility to make sure that they stay on track to graduate from Stanwood High School.