RUNNING START 101:

What you need to know to decide if Running Start is the right fit for you

Running Start Basics

Students take college classes through one of the local community colleges

- Class may be in person, online, or hybrid.
- Must be a high school junior or senior who meets the English 101 placement requirement and be enrolled in a public school district.



RUNNING START DATA

20-40
full time RS students

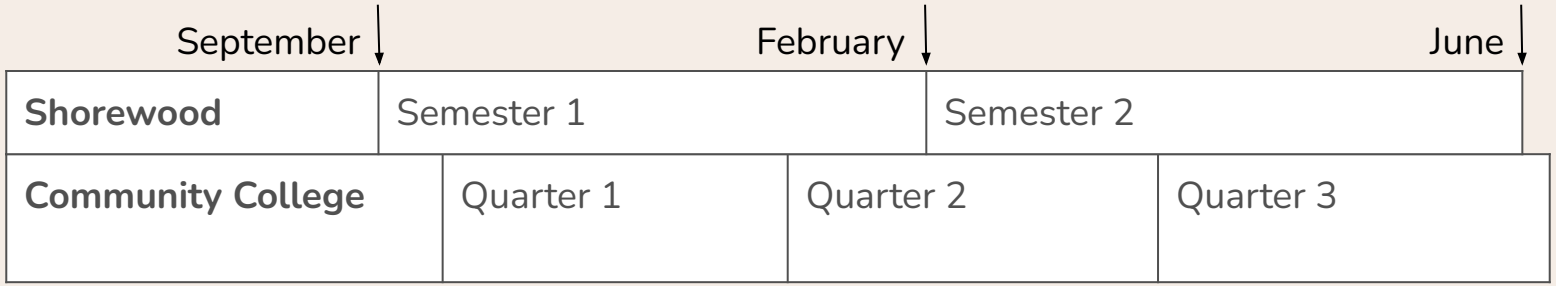
2-5
students earn their
Associate Degree each year

95% of credit attempted
at SW is completed and earned
85% of credit attempted
at the college is completed and earned

Eligibility

- Must place into English 101 (basic eligibility requirement, even if not taking English class)
  - 2.5 cumulative GPA **or**
  - SBA English/Language Arts score of Level 3 or 4
- Placement into math and science courses
  - Successful completion of Alg 2 with a grade of B or higher (or higher level course) **or**
  - SBA Math scores of level 3 or 4 can also play a role in placement

RS = Managing Two Schedules



- Different days off/vacations
- Different pace in classes
- Different finals schedules

Classes and Credits

Number of Classes Taken at SWHS	Minimum College Credits To Maintain Required Enrollment	Maximum Number of Credits Paid by RS Program
6 classes	0 credits	4 credits
5 classes	2 credits	6 credits
4 classes	4 credits	9 credits
3 classes	6 credits	11 credits
2 classes	9 credits	14 credits
1 classes	11 credits	15* (17) credits
0 classes	13 credits	15* (19) credits

*Note: 15 credits is considered a full time student at the community college level

College Credits	High School Credits
5	1.0
4	0.8
3	0.6
2	0.4
1	0.2

Most academic college courses are 5 credits

Credits can vary, *always check!*

Sample Schedule

Ideal SW Schedule:

	First Semester	Second Semester
0		
1	Marketing	Marketing
2	English	English
3	US History	US History
4	Algebra 2	Algebra 2
5	RS	RS
6	RS	RS

01	S2	BUS562/22	MARKETING
02	S2	ENG702/21	ENGLISH 11
03	S2	SOC022/25	US HISTORY
04	S2	MAT752/232	ALGEBRA 2
05	S2	RST100/25	RUNNING START
06	S2	RST100/26	RUNNING START
10	YR	SAS /BA1	SAS

Community College Plan: College Name SCC

College class/es required EACH quarter, no exceptions!

Fall Courses:	Winter Courses:	Spring Courses:
Art	Astronomy	Psychology
	PE	

Four Year College Options

WA State public universities have an agreement to accept RS college credits

Private and out of state colleges can choose *if* and *how* they accept RS college credits



Washington State University
Pullman, WA



BENEFITS

- Tuition free
- College credit earned
- Familiarity with college systems/structures
- Guaranteed transfer agreements in-state
- Variety & flexibility
- New social environment

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Fast pace
- Classes take place off SW campus
- Transportation
- Costs for books and fees $$
- Less academic support
- Permanent transcript/GPA (HS & College)
- 504/IEP
- Financial Aid Ramifications

The most SUCCESSFUL & MOTIVATED Running Start students are the ones ENTHUSIASTICALLY PURSUING something!

Not the ones trying to ESCAPE something!

Next Steps

Sessions in April/May for Current 10th - 12th Grade Students New to Running Start

Information Sessions:

March 31st @ SAS
April 2nd @ Lunch

Complete SW & College Application Steps

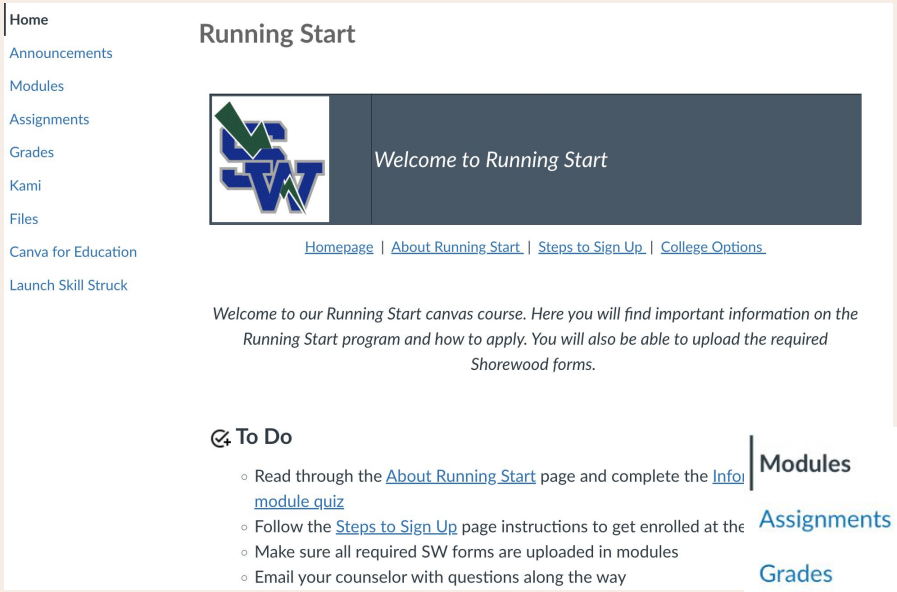
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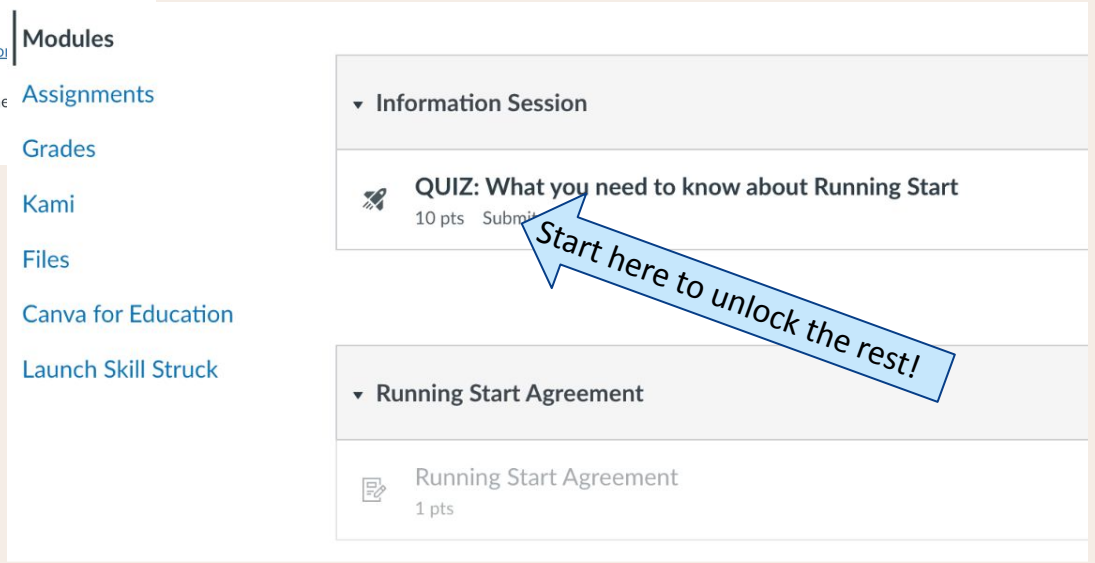
April 16 @ SAS
April 30 @ SAS
May 7 @ SAS

College Orientation & Enroll in Courses at College**

** In-person SCC Orientation to be offered at SW on June 2 with completed paperwork by May 29th

Running Start Canvas Course

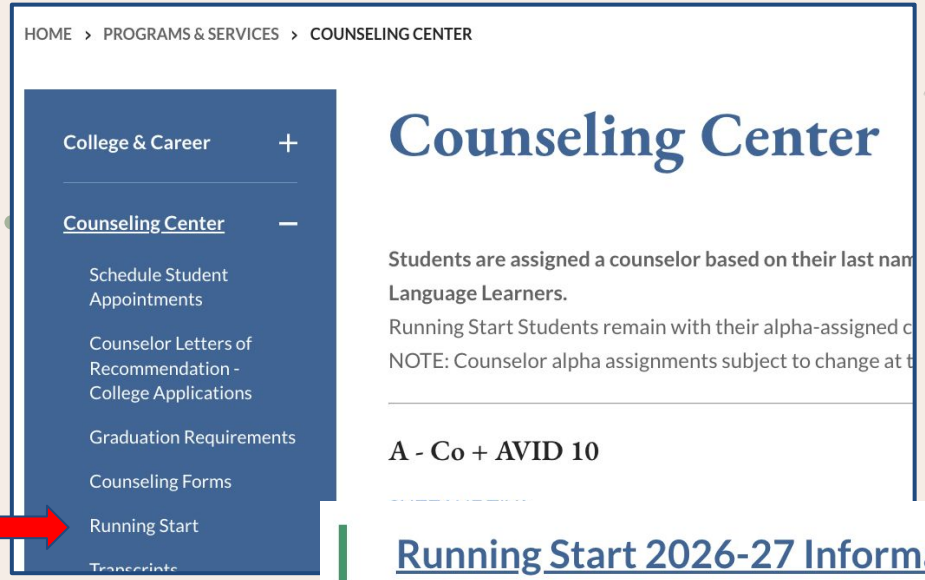




Things to Remember...

- You are still a high school student and must meet all of the same graduation requirements:
    - ➔ Credits, Graduation Pathways, HSBP
- You must check your @SSD412 email account – this is the way we communicate with you.
- You will miss out on things. It is your responsibility to stay connected and follow the deadlines and requirements for both schools.

Canvas invitation & next steps



Running Start 2026-27 Information Session Attendance / Next Steps

Current Shorewood students interested in Running Start, or already participating in Running Start, **complete all the paperwork required by Shorewood** (and find application and college information) **via Canvas**.

Shoreline CC Info Night

Tuesday, April 7, 6-8pm

Main Dining Room, Pagoda Union Building

Please RSVP:

https://sccshort.link/Running-Start-2026

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!