Running Start (RS) Program

An overview of the RS process for SVEC students and families

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RS Program Overview



- “Dual credit” program. Students earn college credits which are sent to SVEC each quarter and posted on an SVEC transcript as high school credits.
- **One quarter class (5 credits) at college = One year (1.0 credit) in HS**
- Classes and grades become part of your permanent record at both the college and at SVEC.
- Students receive letter grades (A-F) at the college. The letter grades are transferred and posted on the SVEC transcript. The grades are NOT CONVERTED to a “Pass/No Pass”.

Eligibility



- The student is eligible under the grade placement policies of the school district to be in the 11th or the 12th grade
- Running start quarters can be Fall/Winter/Spring and ‘limited’ Summer

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Tuition Expense



TUITION = FREE: The tuition for college level classes (100 level and above) are paid for by the state through the RS program (Max 18-21credits or 1.3 FTE/Quarter). Students must pay tuition costs for any credits beyond the credit limit.

Students may take classes at SVEC while in RS, but the more classes they take at SVEC, the less credits will be covered and paid for through the RS program.

1 RS Class	+	5 or 6 SVEC classes
2 RS Classes	+	3 or 4 SVEC classes
3 RS Classes	+	1 or 2 SVEC classes

Actual Costs for Students



Textbooks are the largest expense. Used textbooks can often be found online and many can be rented through companies like Amazon and Chegg. Purchasing a new textbook can cost 10x's more than renting one. Some textbooks are also available for free online.

Fees: Families are also responsible for paying any student fees, such as technology lab fees. If a family meets the federal criteria for financial need, then the fees may be waived by the college. Assistance may also be available for textbooks if funds are available through the college.

Transportation



Students must provide their own transportation to and from the college. Expenses may include: parking, gas, bus pass, etc...

- Students can enroll in any local area community college for RS, regardless of their resident public school district.
- Most colleges also offer online courses

College Environment & FERPA



- Adult classmates from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences.
- Self directed learning, time management skills and independence are critical.
- RS students fall under FERPA: Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- FERPA means the student (not parent) has to communicate with the college.

Running Start Application Process



Follow the specific application steps to the college you are applying to.

English placement options may include:

- Take the Accuplacer Assessment at the college Accuplacer practice (Cascadia and Bellevue)
- Take the *Self Placement Option* if available at the college you are applying to (Everett and Lake Washington)
- Submit a qualifying SAT, PSAT, SBAC, score if applicable *(This does not usually apply to many SVEC students)*.

Math placement options may include:

- Take the Accuplacer Assessment at the college
- Submit a qualifying SAT, PSAT, SBAC, score if applicable
- For EVCC: If you are taking Math at home or as an offsite course, you can have your parent submit a letter as your "math teacher" that lists your current % in your class since SVEC does not provide letter grades on a transcript.

** **Please note:** *While the college may require you to take the Accuplacer math test, you do not have to place into college level math in order to be admitted to RS. You also do not have to take math at the college in order to participate in RS. You could decide to take math at SVEC or at home while taking other classes through the college.*

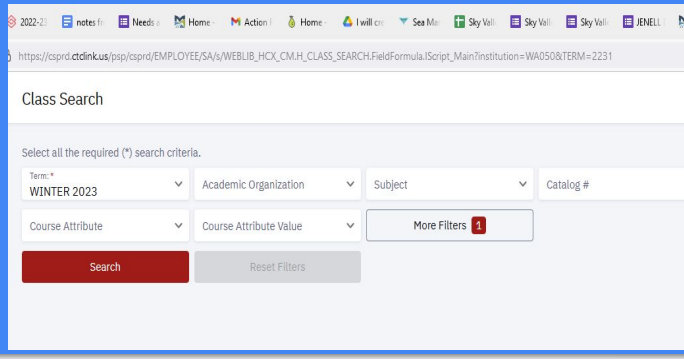
How to Enroll in Classes: RSEVF

(Running Start Enrollment Verification Form)

This is the last step once you are admitted to the RS Program

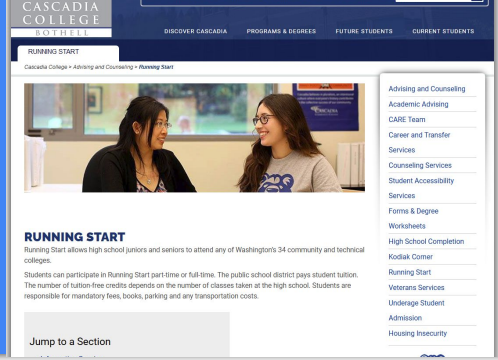
1) Forms are available in the office and on our website at RSVF . Please fill out the top portion along with the recommended classes you plan to take & credits you will earn. If you aren't sure how to select your classes, please ask us for help.
2) Set up an appointment to meet with an SVEC counselor to get it signed
3) Submit your completed verification form to the college.
4) Access the college's online system and register for classes.

How to Choose Classes



- You may register for classes that satisfy your high school graduation requirements in order to progress towards an SVEC diploma.
- If you earn an AA degree at the same time you complete high school, you can choose to have your diploma issued to you through the community college instead of through SVEC. If the college issues the diploma, the specific credit requirements for SVEC do not need to be fulfilled.

INTERESTED?



Please visit the specific college you are interested in to find out the information that is specific to their program. This presentation gave a general overview of RS, but each college may differ slightly in their steps to apply, deadlines, etc...

Everett Community College

Cascadia Community College

Bellevue College

Lake Washington Technical College

Unique programs within certain colleges



EVCC: ORCA: Ocean Research College Academy **Open Houses**

EVCC: AMTEC: Advanced Manufacturing Training & Educational Center (Composites, Engineering Tech, Mechatronics, Machining, Welding)

Lake WA Technical Academy (like a HS within Lake WA college)

Questions?

Link to Running Start FAQ: FAQs

Link to Running Start Equivalencies: LINK

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