LHS Running Start

Mandatory Meeting

April 28, 2026

College credit at LHS

AP

College level national curriculum taught in LHS courses. Credit based on successful completion of AP Exam. College credit does not have a grade. Teacher help throughout the year.

College in the High School (CHS)

College level courses taken at LHS, partnered with a local college. College credit includes grade. Teacher help throughout the year.

CTE Dual Credit

College credit earned in CTE courses can be applied to college certificate or technical degree. Grade of a B or higher required for college credit. Teacher help throughout the year.

Running Start

Attend college level classes at a college. College credit will also apply toward high school credits. Important to be an independent learner who does not need instructor assistance or deadline extensions.

What is Running Start?

Running Start is a program for juniors and seniors to take college classes at their local community college to earn college and high school credit.

Part Time

You are taking some classes here at LHS and some at the college.

Full Time

You are taking all of your classes at the college. (Math above Algebra 2)

Application Process

Step 1: Apply

Step 2: English/Math Placement

Step 3: Complete new student worksheet and parent/guardian agreement

Step 4: Meet with your High School Counselor

Step 5: Submit Completed Paperwork to the college

New Applicants

Once you submit your application:

- The college will email your ctcLink ID in 3-5 days.

Note: Keep this ID safe as you will need it for placement and registration.

Already have a ctcLink ID?

If you have a ctcLink ID from "college in the high school":

- You **do not** need to apply.
- Contact the Running Start Office at the college.

English Placement

Submit Documents

Email the following to **testingcenter@edmonds.edu**:

- Transcript or test scores
- Copy of photo ID
- ctcLink ID number

Meet Requirements

You must meet one of these criteria:

- GPA of 2.5 or greater
- Smarter Balanced score of 3 or 4

Alternative: Directed Self Placement

An assessment to self-reflect on your English writing and reading readiness. Use this if you do not have the scores above.

Math Placement (if taking math/science)

You only need to complete the math placement if you are planning to take a math or science class at the College.

Submit your transcript/test scores, copy of your photo ID, and your ctcLink ID number to testingcenter@edmonds.edu

You can submit:

- your final grade from your most recent high school math class
- 3/4 on the SBA place into Math 107/146
- Math placement test

If your last two-semester math course was:	and you earned a grade of	and you completed that course within _____ of today's date	your placement will be
1st Year Algebra Geometry	A	1 year	MATH 81/87
	B or better	1 year	MATH 71/77
Algebra 2	A	1 year	MATH 107, 140, 141, 146
	B or better	1 year	MATH 81/87
	C or better	1 year	MATH 71/77
Honors Algebra 2	B or better	1 year	MATH 107, 140, 141, 146
	C or better	1 year	MATH 93/97, 107, 140, 146
Statistics	B or better	1 year	MATH 93/97, 107, 140, 146
	C or better	1 year	MATH 81/87

Step 4: Counselor Meeting

- You will meet with your counselor to complete the EVF (enrollment verification form) before each college quarter. You should know what classes you are planning to take. Schedule your meeting in the counseling office.
- We can help you determine what your high school graduation requirements are.
- We can help you determine what classes count for particular high school requirements.

- We cannot register and enroll you in your college classes
- We cannot answer questions about college assignments/exams/grades
- We cannot communicate with college instructors on your behalf
- We cannot monitor college credits/degree progress

Contract

Please have this signed by you and your parent/guardian and bring it to your counselor meeting.

Student: _____

Student cell phone: _____

Student personal email: _____

Lynnwood High School Running Start Rules/Responsibilities

- **RS Students are only permitted to be on the LHS campus during a LHS schedule class. If they do not have a class then they cannot be on the LHS campus.**
- RS students must provide their own transportation to the college.
- RS students are college students and are expected to follow college processes.
- LHS Counselors are available to help. but it is the student's responsibility to stay informed of events and deadlines at LHS. ***Check the school website and email weekly.***
- High schools are on a semester schedule and community colleges are on a quarter schedule. RS classes must be scheduled around a student's LHS schedule as we schedule for the year.



- Make an appointment with the School Counselor before each new quarter to review graduation requirements and complete the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form. (EVF)
- Once enrolled in Running Start classes, **students should maintain a minimum 2.0 college GPA**. A college GPA lower than 2.0 can impact your eligibility for financial aid/scholarships at your future college or university.
- Colleges do not send progress reports to parents/guardians **or high school**. Students must monitor their own progress and contact the RS office with college concerns. ***RS grades become a permanent part of both the student's high school and college transcripts.***
- Books, registration/lab fees, and parking/transportation costs are the student's responsibility and can average $300 each quarter.
- RS college level classes are numbered 100 or above; ***courses numbered below 100 are not college level and must be paid for by the student.***
- Students with a 504 or IEP plan are responsible to inform and provide documentation of the disability to the community college.
- Students must fulfill the High School and Beyond Plan graduation requirements on SchoolLinks each year.
- RS students must meet WIAA eligibility standards to participate in athletics at LHS. See Athletic Director.

Student and parent/guardian signatures on this agreement acknowledge an understanding and acceptance of the rules & responsibilities involved in Running Start (RS):

Student Signature:_____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____