



RUNNING START//SEMESTER

WIAA Rule 18.7.0

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Students who access the Running Start Program at the community colleges find themselves on a different academic calendar from their high school for academic eligibility. There could be times during the high school year that Running Start students are not in school or taking academic courses. To ensure that students remain athletically eligible at their high school, they enter into the following contract with their school and commit to taking and completing the approved academic program at the community college and/or in conjunction with a blended schedule at their high school.

Student's Name: _____

Running Start School/Location: _____ **High School Registered:** _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____ **Current Grade:** _____ **Age:** _____

Academic Plan: _____ **Credit Hour Requirement (per semester):** _____

Academic Expectations Agreement: By signing this form, the student agrees to attend all classes and to make no changes to his/her approved academic schedule without first consulting with his/her high school on the potential eligibility ramifications of such changes.

Running Start Term 1	Running Start Term 2	Running Start Term 3
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
Total Credit Hours:	Total Credit Hours:	Total Credit Hours:

HS Fall Semester	HS Fall/Spring Semester	HS Spring Semester
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
Total Credit Hours:	Total Credit Hours:	Total Credit Hours:

Combined Credit Hours 1:	Combined Credit Hours 2:	Combined Credit Hours 3:
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This agreement shall be signed and dated by the school principal, school athletic director, the student/athlete, and his/her parents. By signing this agreement, the student and parent(s) agree they must adhere to the academic plan for the school year or be subjected to the following WIAA regulations:

28.4.1 The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one year. The one-year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information has been provided. The one-year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.

SIGNATURES

Signature of Principal:	_____	Date: _____
Signature of Athletic Director:	_____	Date: _____
Signature of Counselor:	_____	Date: _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	_____	Date: _____
Signature of Student:	_____	Date: _____

**By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*

GUIDELINES IN ESTABLISHING RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY (WIAA Rule 18.7.0)

- A. Determine the number of credits required for athletic eligibility at the student's high school. Example: Five 5 classes required in a six-period school day is equal to **2.5** semester credits needed for eligibility.
- B. Establish the student's academic schedule for the year, either entirely as a Running Start student or a student with a blended schedule of classes from both Running Start and the high school.
- C. Determine the number of credits to be earned in each of the courses.
- D. The credits in the Running Start second term can be used either for the first semester, the second semester, or split between the two semesters.
- E. It is possible that a Running Start student would not attend any classes during one of the three Running Start terms and still be eligible, provided he/she took enough credits during the other two terms to meet or exceed the number of credits per semester for athletic eligibility at the high school.
- F. Running Start is a public school mainstream educational program. Eligibility is at the public school of residence where the student accesses the Running Start program. A student could still compete athletically for the private school if he/she maintains enrollment at the private school for at least 50 percent (%) of the school day at the private school.
- G. The Running Start student shall maintain passing grades during each college term for any courses in which they are enrolled at the college and high school level. Grades at the end of each college term are final and high school grades are frozen to determine eligibility. Failure to maintain passing grades at the end of each term equivalent to the standards set in Rule 18.8.0, will result in a suspension period as outlined in 18.8.6.