Lake Washington High School Running Start Contract

1. All students must live in the Lake Washington High School (LWHS) attendance area and have enough credits to be of junior or senior standing to access Running Start (RS).

2. RS students are subject to the same state, district, and LWHS graduation requirements as all other LWHS students. Be advised that **all students must pass the state required testing to graduate**. Students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA-Math and English) in spring at LWHS and, if necessary, will need to plan with their college professors to miss class. **Students must also complete the High School & Beyond graduation requirement.** Diplomas won't be issued until grades are received from the college and transcripts are finalized. Running start students are required to meet their graduation pathway. Failure to do so will result in the student not graduating.

3. Tuition will be paid for a ***maximum of 19 credits for fall and winter quarter, 20 for spring quarter***. Any classes taken in high school or through WANIC will reduce the number of credits that students can take for free through RS each quarter. RS college level classes are numbered 100 or above; courses numbered below 100 are not considered college level and must be paid for by the student.

4. Books, registration costs, lab fees, parking charges, transportation, etc., are the **responsibility of the student.**

5. The high school determines how college courses translate into LWHS graduation requirements. College credits are configured for high school credit at a .2 rate. For example, a 2.0 college credit PE course equals .40 high school credit.

6. **Students who drop out of RS mid-term will not be able to re-enter LWHS classes until the beginning of the next semester. This may adversely affect graduation. Students who fail to enroll in classes for the quarter will be given a full schedule at LWHS.**

7. Community colleges do not send progress reports, warnings, do not communicate attendance, or academic problems to the parent or high school. **Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress** and must deal with the college RS office with any college course concerns. Remember, colleges do not offer the same accommodations as high school for IEP/504 students. RS grades become a permanent part of the student's high school and college transcripts.

8. Not all post-secondary schools --especially those out of state—accept RS courses for college credit. Those who do may have special rules about specific courses and whether students will be considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information about transfer credits/degrees is available from the individual colleges or universities. **It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he understands these college policies and requirements**.

9. Counselors are available at LWHS to help, but it is the **student's and parent's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met, that college timelines are being followed**, that students are aware of PSAT and SBA testing dates, and that seniors take care of graduation issues like cap and gown ordering. **RS students need to check their school email and LWHS's website on a regular basis.**

10. Part time Running Start students must be intentional with their scheduling of Running Start classes; students are not permitted to arrive late or leave early from their LW classes in order to attend Running Start classes. Students must commit to attending the entirety of their LW classes including all alternative bell schedules for holidays/breaks/testing etc.

11. As a running start student it is your responsibility to submit/upload your RSVF every quarter. You **MUST** meet all LWHS graduation requirements prior to Spring quarter to avoid diploma holds.

12. Athletes, it is your responsibility to meet with the AD regarding eligibility with your class load.

13. All LWHS running start students are required to select and enroll into the classes they agreed to take for the quarter/semester in question. LWHS counselors receive college enrollment information quarterly. If a running start student does not enroll into any classes for the fall/winter/spring term, the student will be placed into classes at LWHS based on their educational status. By failing to register for classes with the local community college, students run the risk of not graduating. All LWHS counselors make every effort to support all students in their educational community.

I have read and understand the above statements. By signing this contract students understand they will be dropped from their registered LWHS classes at the time of signature. Part time running start students must designate the specific LWHS classes they wish to attend.

Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Student Signature_____ Date_____

(Athlete only) Athletic Director Signature _____ Date _____

Print Student Name_____ Cell Phone_____

Student's Personal Email Address_____

