

Running Start Information Meeting

GOLDENDALE HS
SPRING 2021

What is Running Start?

- A Dual Credit program available to qualified Juniors and Seniors
- Courses meet both high school and college requirements AND students get credit at both. A transcript will be maintained at both schools.
- Opportunity to earn college credit, **tuition free**, while enrolled in high school.

Who Does Running Start?

- Eligible high school juniors and seniors who are:
 - self-motivated,
 - independent thinking,
 - mature,
 - can work with people from all backgrounds, and
 - have proven organizational & communication skills
- Eligibility varies by college as far as test scores & application process

Benefits of Running Start?

- Earn up to 2 years of college tuition free
- Complete advanced level courses
- Study subjects not offered at the high school
- Challenge yourself
- Get a head start on earning college credits
- Complete some 4-year college prerequisites

Running Start College Courses Available at:

- Columbia Basin College (Pasco, WA)
- Lower Columbia College (Longview, WA)
- Eastern Washington University (Cheney, WA)
- Columbia Gorge Community College (The Dalles, OR)
 - Only college with 4 credit courses
- Yakima Valley College (Yakima, WA)
- Walla Walla Community College (Walla Walla, WA)

Considerations....

- The schedule of a Running Start student varies from person to person and depends on:
 - Internet (how are you doing with online school??)
 - Transportation: the responsibility of the student (if necessary)
 - Athletics participation
 - Course availability each quarter
 - High school class schedule (can't be at the same time as college)
- Some students choose to be a full-time RS student and others choose to take just a few classes.
- Try Mrs. Randall's ENG101/170 classes next year to see if you like it

College Calendar Info.

- Fall Classes begin mid to end of September & end in mid-December. **New Running Start students remain enrolled in a GHS full schedule until RS classes begin**
 - Fall Registration Schedule – see college Running Start websites
- Winter Quarter starts beginning of January and ends mid-March
- Spring Quarter starts the end of March/beginning of April and end mid-June (this is especially important for seniors)
- Holiday Breaks are out of sync with GHS

Program Limitations

- Courses are at the college level (100 level or up). One HS class that lasts all year will be covered in 10 weeks (1 quarter) in the college class (there are 3 quarters in a college year)
- Tuition: free, if combined credits do not exceed 1.2 FTE:
Goldendale High School + Running Start
- School (HS & College) breaks may not be the same
- The cost of tuition above 1.2 FTE is self-pay

Students must pay for fees (approx. \$100-200 per 5 credit class), books and supplies for college courses

Program Costs

- Students may be charged fees for Accuplacer/college specific testing and/or college application (depending on the college chosen)
- Transportation (if necessary)
- Quarterly fees, online & supply fees, and books
- Some colleges provide a fee waiver and/or book loans for students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program

Example Running Start Schedule....

- Goldendale High School requires all 11th grade students to take U.S. History.
- A Running Start student who takes “HIST146 History of the United States” at a college receives both high school credit and college credit for the course.
 - (Equivalency course charts will be in the Google Classroom)
- A 5 credit college course is 1.0 HS credits; a 4 credit college course is 0.8 HS credits on the high school transcript.
 - 1 college credit = 0.2 high school credit

Student Schedule Requirements

For each ONE Running Start class you will be taken out of TWO high school classes.

- Student with 1 RS class will be in 4 GHS classes plus NAV
- Student with 2 RS classes will be in 2 GHS classes plus NAV
- Student with 3 or 4 RS classes will be in 0 GHS classes plus to NAV with Mrs. Lee

Students will register for new RS courses EACH QUARTER (3 in high school year).

Running Start students should not be on campus at that time and should not schedule their college classes during high school class time.

Common Issues

- Pace of the classwork: 180 day HS classes = 10 weeks Running Start coursework (same amount of work in a lot less time)
- Balancing HS class workload and RS classes
- Participation in HS sports programs & activities
- Fitting a work schedule into the mix
- Course availability – from quarter to quarter

Common Issues contd.

- Internet connectivity for online courses
- ***Communication with college instructors***
- Remain in good standing @ college = 2.0 gpa
- Academic Probation
- College Level Student Expectations
- Check with 4 year universities to see if your RS courses transfer as you would like
- Staying connected to high school & responsibilities

Common Issues contd.

- FERPA: College faculty /staff cannot discuss student progress with parents or the high school (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- ATHLETES who fail a RS class, are automatically ineligible for the 1st five weeks of the next semester
- Students who fail Running Start courses will be behind in credits and may be in danger of not graduating on time

The " I don't even know why I got an F
in that class" Starter Pack



Applying

Each college is different! See their Running Start webpages for more information and how to apply!

- LCC--Priority Deadline, April 19th--Apply Now!
 - GPA or Placement Exam
- CBC--Registration opens June 2--Apply Now!
 - Use Directed Self-Placement
- CGCC--Registration opens beginning of May--Apply in April
 - Transcripts
- WWCC--Advising opens May 3--Apply Now!
 - Remote Placement Testing
- YVC--Priority Deadline, May 3rd--Apply Now!
 - Guided Self Placements
- EWU--Enrollment Verification Forms Due May 13--Apply Now!
 - Official Transcript & Graduation Plan

Once you have been accepted at your college of choice--Next Steps:

1. Check your college email account often for the college checklist of items to do. (Colleges recommend using a personal email for applying--not your GSD email)
2. Let Mrs. Lee know which college you applied to so she can get your paperwork completed and transcript sent to the colleges.
3. Meet with Mrs. Lee to come up with a plan of which courses you want to take and which high school requirements they will satisfy.

Every quarter you need to communicate with Mrs. Lee (these will be Google Classroom assignments next year):

1. Meet with your college advisor & complete the Enrollment Verification Form (EVF)
2. Submit your completed EVF to Mrs. Lee to approve, sign and return to the college.
3. The “hold” will be taken off of your account and you will register for the class(es) you want for the quarter.
(Remember this is 3 times a year!)
4. When you get registered for your class(es), you will send Mrs. Lee a screenshot of the class(es) you got into.

Main Take-Aways

- ★ Running Start is an excellent opportunity for students who are highly motivated.
- ★ Running Start is COLLEGE and you are treated as a college student.
- ★ Communication is key!!
 - Students must be in constant communication with their professors to ensure success.
 - Students must learn to problem solve if things are not going well
- ★ If you are new to Running Start, try taking 1 college class the first quarter and see if it works for you. Don't jump into a full-time college course load.

Now you have information--Is Running Start Right for YOU?

Please let Mrs. Lee know EITHER WAY if you ARE or ARE NOT planning on applying for Running Start!

- Send me an email! mlee@gsd404.org
- Students who want to enroll in Running Start must complete a Post Meeting Form & Running Start Student Agreement with their parent before we can start the process (I'll invite the student to a Google Classroom when you let me know you're interested).

College Contacts for RS...

- Columbia Basin College
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- Emily Larsen 509-546-0417
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- Lower Columbia College
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- Columbia Gorge CC (www.cgcc.edu)

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- Walla Walla CC (www.wwcc.edu)

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- Yakima Valley College (www.yvcc.edu)

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Questions?

