

## Goldendale High School – Running Start Student Agreement

*This agreement and information is to ensure that you fully understand the standards for participating in the Running Start program.*

- All students participating in the 2021-22 Running Start Program are advised to attend a Spring Running Start (RS) Meeting (online this year) with their parent/guardian or watch the recorded video of the meeting .
- Entrance into Running Start (RS) varies for each college. Each requires specific scores on College Entrance Test sections or satisfactory transcript grades. Students with a level of 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced tests for Math and ELA qualify automatically. **Courses that students test into that are below college level are not part of RS, and will not be paid for by the program.**
- If students plan to enroll as part-time RS and part-time GHS, we cannot guarantee that college classes will be available. The earlier you register, the better your chance to get into preferred courses. Keep in mind that courses may be held on campus, partly on campus or online only.
- If you attend classes at the college, you must allow ample travel time. Students will not be released early from GHS classes to get to a Running Start class. Students must not schedule their RS classes at the same time as their GHS classes.
- Students who are accepted at the college of their choice for RS classes must schedule an appointment with Mrs. Lee to complete forms before their RS enrollment can be complete.
- Students are always welcome on the GHS campus, but there must be a purpose for their visit if they don't have a class at the time. The student will sign in and out in the front office as they enter and leave the school building. We cannot allow students to roam the hallways, interrupt classes or distract other students.
- Running Start students who participate in sports are under the same guidelines/rules as all other GHS students. You must be enrolled in a minimum of classes at GHS during the playing season to be eligible to play and sign a WIAA form. If a student athlete fails a RS class, they are automatically ineligible for the 1<sup>st</sup> five weeks of their sport season.
- The Goldendale School District is on a semester (18 week) schedule and colleges are on a quarter (10 week) schedule. Starting, ending and vacation dates will be different. It may be difficult to coordinate daily schedules when attending each school part time.
- Registration fees, quarterly fees, books, lab /supply fees, parking, transportation, etc. are the responsibility of the student.
- In the eyes of the college, RS students are adults. RS courses require a higher level of self-discipline, maturity, ability, and management of study time than high school classes. The college does not send progress reports or warnings, and will not communicate attendance or academic problems to parents or GHS. Students are responsible to monitor their own progress and interact with their teachers and college RS Office for college course concerns. This is in accordance with FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). Parents will

not be able to access student grades from the college unless a signed a consent form is on file at the college.

- Students must take all RS courses for a letter grade. The grades received will become a permanent part of the student’s high school and college transcripts. College credits will be calculated for high school credit at a .2 rate. For example, a 5 credit college course equals 1.0 high school credit.
- Not all post-secondary schools – especially those out of state – accept RS courses for college credit. Information about transfer credits /degrees is available from the individual colleges or universities. It is the responsibility of each student to make sure s/he understands these requirements for their school(s) of choice.
- Each RS student is funded for a maximum number of 1.2 FTE (Full Time Enrollment) each quarter. Students may be enrolled in RS classes only during fall, winter and spring quarters. There is no summer RS program. Students who enroll in college classes during summer quarter must pay for the tuition/fees and are responsible to bring the college transcript to GHS if they want it added to their high school transcript.
- Students who drop Running Start classes mid-term or are no longer eligible for RS due to suspension by the college for poor academic performance will not be able to re-enter GHS semester classes until the beginning of the next term. **This may adversely affect graduation.**
- Students have the responsibility to officially drop any GHS classes or college classes before the drop deadlines. If a student drops a class after the deadline they will receive an “F” grade for that class that term.

***I have read the Goldendale High School Running Start Student Agreement and understand all requirements.***

***I understand that the Running Start Program can be a great opportunity, but can also have major consequences if I am not successful in my classes. By signing this agreement, the student agrees to put forth the effort required to be successful in Running Start courses or accept the negative consequences of their actions or inaction.***

Student signature

Student email

Date

Parent signature

Parent email

Date