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# RUNNING START

AT HIGHLINE COLLEGE

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## Guide for Prospective Students and Families

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Running Start is a dual credit program for high school juniors and seniors to enroll in college-level classes tuition-free. Students can earn college credits that count toward both a high school diploma and college degree. With careful planning, students may even earn an associate degree or certificate by graduation. Students can choose to take classes in preparation for university transfer or a career in a high demand field. A great opportunity for students who are ready for the academic challenge that college provides.

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### Connect with our office to learn more!

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🌐 [runningstart.highline.edu](http://runningstart.highline.edu)



## ELIGIBILITY

- Be enrolled in a Washington State public high school (home schooled and private school students should contact their local public high school/district for enrollment procedures)
- Be a high school junior or senior (determined by your high school/district)

## HOW DOES RUNNING START WORK?

- Enroll in college through the Running Start program any quarter (see steps to enroll below).
- Participate in Running Start as a full-time college student, or as a part-time student taking classes at your high school and college.
- Create your own class schedule each quarter. Take daytime or evening classes in-person, hybrid, or online.
- Take college classes from a wide variety of subjects that can count towards high school graduation requirements.
- Classes can apply towards an associate degree or certificate at Highline, or transfer credits to a 4-year university with careful planning. Or, participate in Career Start to pursue an applied associate degree and prepare for a rewarding career in a trade or technical profession.

## COSTS

- The number of tuition-free college credits depends on how many classes you are enrolled in at your high school. For a full-time Running Start student, that is about \$10,000 savings in tuition!
- Families pay for fees, textbooks, and supplies. These costs can vary per quarter.
- The Running Start Fee Waiver and Textbook Assistance program is available to qualifying students to help cover some of these costs.

## SUPPORT

- Work with a Running Start Advisor who can help you navigate college and plan your future educational and career goals.
- Have access to free resources such as tutoring, counseling, learning communities, and more.
- Get involved on campus by participating in clubs, student leadership, and other activities.
- Accommodations are available to students through Access Services.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Running Start students are held to the same expectations as all college students. Students are responsible to follow college and classroom policies and expectations.
- Parents and family members have limited access to student records in college.
- The college academic calendar and class schedule may differ from the high school. Students are responsible for planning their schedule accordingly.
- Running Start is available summer quarter for rising juniors and rising seniors (up to 10 college credits). Check with your high school counselor to determine eligibility.

## STEPS TO ENROLL

Complete all steps to enroll by the enrollment deadline for the quarter you plan to start. Visit [runningstart.highline.edu/getting-started](https://runningstart.highline.edu/getting-started) for detailed information on how to enroll.

1

Apply for admission to Highline College

2

Determine your English and math placement

3

Submit a completed Running Start enrollment packet to the Running Start office

4

Attend a Running Start New Student Orientation where you will meet with an advisor and register for classes

5

Enroll in classes, pay for applicable expenses, and prepare for classes