

RUNNING START



Earn College Credit in High School!

Dual Enrollment

- Running Start is a “dual enrollment” program, similar to programs in other states.
- Students earn high school and college credits simultaneously.
- One 5-credit college course is generally equal to one year of the high school level course.
- Students meet with their school counselor to choose courses that are equivalent to their high school graduation requirements.



What is Running Start?

- “Learning by Choice” bill passed by the State Legislature in 1990, creating the Running Start option.
- Students may attend college campus full or part time. If they are part time, they take high school classes as well.
- School district pays the tuition.

Eligibility

- English 101 placement options
 - High school cumulative gpa of 3.0
 - ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment (score of 3 or 4)
 - Take a placement test at Bellevue College
- Math placement options
 - High school transcript
 - Ie. “A” or “B” in Algebra 2 = college level math
 - Take a placement test at Bellevue College

Eligibility

- Sophomores may start the application process in the spring prior to the start of Junior Year.
- Running Start is not offered during summer quarter.

Is Running Start right for you?

- Are you excited about academic challenges?
- Do you consider yourself more mature than most high school students?
- Are you comfortable with diverse situations?
- Can you be assertive and ask for help on a large college campus?
- Have you done well in previous academic work?
- Are high school activities important to you?

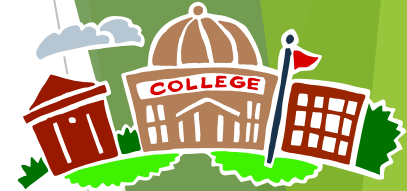
BENEFITS of Participating in Running Start

- Free college tuition
- Advanced course work and academic challenge
- Variety in course selection (foreign languages, sciences, social sciences, etc)
- Flexible schedule (can take up to 15 credits)
- Develop independence
- A new social environment
- College credits that are easily transferable to public Washington State Colleges



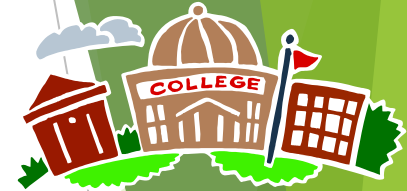
Challenges of Running Start

- Transfer credit issues- can be a problem at private schools and universities in other states. Many private schools and out of state schools will not guarantee the acceptance of all credits.
- Books, fees and transportation costs- can be a few hundred dollars per quarter
- Fast pace and time demands of college studies



Challenges of Running Start

- Must meet high school graduation requirements- some lack of flexibility and choices.
- A new social environment and age diversity
- Harm to your college and high school transcript by doing poorly
- Conflicting vacations/breaks (ie. Spring)
- Sports/Practices



Running Start Academic Policy

- BC requires all students to achieve a quarterly 2.0 GPA (“C” average) or be placed on academic probation
- If your GPA for one quarter is below a 2.0, you will be placed on academic probation.
- Running Start students who achieve below a 2.0 GPA for TWO QUARTERS, and also have a cumulative GPA below a 2.0, will become ineligible to participate in the program.



Student Costs

- Tuition for each credit beyond that authorized on the Enrollment Verification Form
- Tuition for any below college level class (classes numbered under 100), such as Math 098.
- Student and class fees
- Textbooks
- Parking/transportation



Bellevue College Admissions

Fall 2021 Application Now Available

Priority Deadline: June 7th

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/runningstart/admissions/>

Bellevue College Admissions First Steps

- Step 1: Complete Declaration of Intent for Running Start
- Step 2: Complete General Admission Bellevue College Application
- Step 3: Follow directions received via email from Bellevue College
- Step 4: Sign up for the Mandatory Registration & Orientation

Next Step: High School

- Step 5: Make an appointment to meet with your High School Counselor to complete the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form
 - A) Submit signed BSD contract
 - B) Determine FTE
 - C) Review remaining graduation requirements
 - D) Identify equivalent courses at Bellevue College to meet graduation requirements

Questions?