


# RUNNING START INFORMATION SESSION


2022-2023 Academic Year

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# DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Running Start is a “dual enrollment” program which is similar to programs offered 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 determine courses that are equivalent to their high school graduation requirements.
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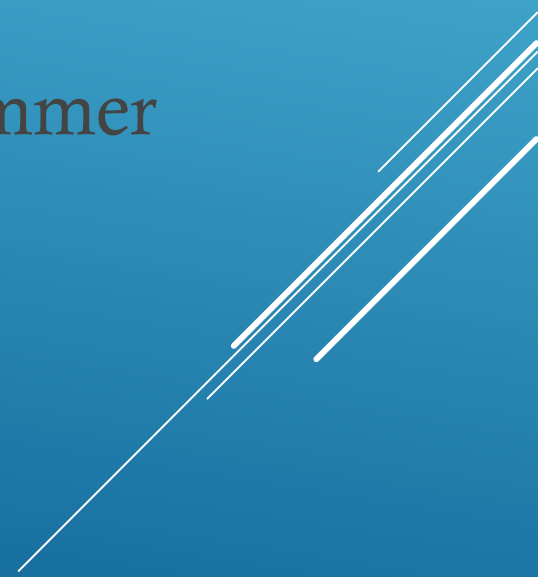
# WHAT IS RUNNING START?

- “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.
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# 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.
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# 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?
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# 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
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# 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
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# 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.
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# 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
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# BELLEVUE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS


Fall 2022 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 college's Mandatory Registration & Orientation
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# 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
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# Questions

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