



Student Name: _____

Counselor: _____

INFORMATION FOR BSD STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN RUNNING START

1. To qualify for Running Start, a student must be in the 11th or 12th grade by the first quarter of their attendance in Running Start classes. Private school students who choose to register for Running Start may only do so at BSD high schools if they are residents of the Bellevue School District.
2. Entrance into Running Start varies for each community college. All colleges require specific scores on placement exams. Generally, acceptance means placement into English 101 or higher. In addition, appropriate math scores will be required if a student would like to enroll in college level math or science. Courses numbered 099 or below are **not** considered part of Running Start and will **not** be funded nor counted as college credit.
3. There is no guarantee that students will be able to register for the classes desired at the community college. Watch for dates and deadlines. The earlier you register, the better your chances will be to get your desired courses.
4. Counselors and information will be available at the high school, **but it is the student and parent's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met and that junior or senior year timelines, college application, and scholarship procedures are followed.** Students must see their high school counselor for the required Running Start signature each quarter they wish to enroll in Running Start classes. Students taking Running Start classes, especially those at the college full time, should plan to check in regularly at the high school to stay informed of ongoing high school events and activities. This includes checking their BSD e-mail and school websites for information regularly, as well as scheduling and attending Junior Blitz, Senior Blitz and other appointments with their counselor.
5. The Bellevue School District is on a semester (18 week) schedule and the community colleges are on a quarter (11 week) schedule. Starting, ending, and vacation dates will be different. Missing school at one school because the other is not in session will not be accepted as an excused absence. It is sometimes difficult to coordinate daily schedules when attending each school part time. This is particularly challenging during exam periods. Bellevue School District high school class schedules **will not be changed to accommodate conflict with Running Start classes** after the semester has started.
6. Books, class fees, lab fees, parking charges, transportation, etc., are the responsibility of individual students. Bellevue School District pays tuition for up to 15 credits only. Students will be billed for any additional credits by the college.
7. Students will be competing for grades with adults in the Running Start classes. College academic courses frequently require a higher level of self-discipline, ability, and outside study time than high school classes. Furthermore, the college will not send progress reports or warnings, so students are responsible for monitoring their own progress. Students must take all Running Start courses for a letter grade and all grades are posted to the high school transcript as well as the college transcript. A 101 level or above class that is 5 credit (hours) at the college earns 1.0 (two semesters) credit on a transcript. Any 5-credit course not recognized by the college as a college level course will receive a .5 credit (1 semester). For example, a student taking Math 98, not recognized by the college as a college level course, will only receive a .5 credit and tuition is not covered by the District.

9. Not all post-secondary schools, especially those out of state, accept Running Start courses for college credit. Those that do may have special rules about specific courses and whether students with Running Start courses on their transcript will be considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information is available from the individual colleges or universities. It is the student's responsibility to make sure s/he understands these requirements from the school of his/her choice.

10. A Running Start student is only funded for up to 15 credits of college credits per college quarter. Students may only take Running Start fall, winter, and spring quarters; there is no summer Running Start program. Students who choose to attend the college in the summer need to complete a *Learning Experiences Outside of the Bellevue School District* form, Procedure 2410, Exhibit A, for prior approval and need to remember that the District does not pay tuition for summer college courses.

11. Bellevue School District determines how the college classes translate into graduation requirements. Running Start students are subject to the same state and Bellevue School District high school graduation requirements as all other BSD students.

12. The college will treat the Running Start student as a college student and will not communicate attendance or academic problems to the students' parents or guardians. Students work directly with the college Running Start Office regarding any college course concerns.

13. Students who drop out of Running Start mid-term are required to notify their counselor of the drop and to re-enter Bellevue School District classes at the time the Running Start classes are dropped. Depending on the date of re-entry, catching up on coursework may be difficult. This may adversely affect graduation. All Running Start students are required to maintain a full schedule throughout their junior and senior year. Full time Running Start is defined as 15 credit hours.

14. Running Start students are eligible to participate in high school athletics and activities.

15. Students are responsible for officially dropping any Bellevue School District classes or Running Start College classes before the drop deadlines. If a student decides to drop a college class after the deadline, they will receive an "F" grade for that term. This grade would then appear on the college transcript as well as on the high school transcript.

16. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their college courses to be eligible for federal financial aid should they chose to continue on in college after high school and need financial assistance.

17. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their college courses to maintain eligibility in the Running Start program. If the college GPA falls below 2.0, the student will be on academic probation with the college for the following quarter. If the student's college GPA falls below a 2.0 for two consecutive quarters, s/he will no longer be eligible for Running Start.

We have read the information provided for BSD students participating in Running Start.

I am working toward meeting BSD graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma:

Yes: _____ (Initial) or No: _____ (Initial).

Student Signature Print Student Name Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Print Parent/Guardian Name Date