

February 2021



Running Start
Information Session

What is Running Start?



An opportunity to earn **College Credit** and **High School credit** at the same time.

Requirements:

- Junior or senior (Fall 2022)
- Meet all program deadlines
- English placement exam or proper documentation
- Math placement exam for students planning to enroll in a math or science class

Cost:

- Local school district pays the tuition
- Students pay for college courses below 100-level, credits above the limit, books, student fees*, class fees*, and parking/bus* (* = financial support may be available)

Is Running Start right for you?



- *Are you excited about academic challenges?*
- *Are you an independent learner?*
- *Can you be assertive and ask for help?*
- *Are you comfortable with diverse situations?*
- *Have you done well in previous academic work?*

Quarters vs. Semesters



- At SHS, 2 semesters in one academic year and students take 7 classes each semester = 7 annual credits
- At BC full time, 3 quarters in one academic year and students take 3 classes each quarter = 9 annual HS credits
- One class at BC = one year-long class at SHS so the pace of a BC class is 3X that of an SHS class
 - ✦ Requires 3 -5 hours of studying for every hour of class

Quarters vs. Semesters



High School Semesters

1st Semester:
September - January

2nd Semester:
February - June

College Quarters

Fall Quarter:
September - December

Winter Quarter:
January - March

Spring Quarter:
April - June

SHS: [Sep _____ S1 _____ Jan] [Jan _____ S2 _____ Jun]

BC: [Sep ____ Q1 ____ Dec] [Jan ____ Q2 ____ Mar] [Apr ____ Q3 ____ Jun]

Classes at HS vs. Credits



# of classes at HS	*Max credits paid for RS
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	7
5	4
6	3
7	3

*Max credits paid for by program. BSD requires students to remain fully enrolled, this means they must take the max credits each quarter.

Benefits of Running Start



- Free college tuition for college level coursework
- Advanced course work and academic challenge
- Variety in course selection
- Flexible schedule
- Make connections with college faculty
- A new social environment

******* Possibility of earning an A.A. degree *******

Things to Consider



- Scheduling challenges
- Meeting High School graduation requirements
- Transfer credit issues
- Cost of books (not covered by scholarships)
- Pace of classes and time demands
- Online vs. in person
- Conflicting vacations
- After school conflicts
- Self-Advocacy

BC Running Start Academic Policy



- Students who achieve less than a 2.00 quarterly GPA will be placed on academic probation.
- A student achieving less than a 2.0 GPA in **any second quarter and whose cumulative GPA is below 2.0** will no longer be eligible to participate in running start at Bellevue College.
- Dismissal from the program will occur after Spring quarter only for those failing to meet academic policy, thus allowing students a chance to repeat coursework or improve their cumulative GPA to avoid dismissal.

Please note that a 2.0 in High School is a C average we do not have + or -, in college a C- is below a 2.0 GPA.

How does Running Start work?



- Attend the information session at BC and complete all the registration steps this spring by the deadline

[Click Here to See Dates for Info Sessions](#)

- Complete the Running Start Intent Form and Bellevue College Application found [Here](#)
- Follow the directions you receive via email from runningstartnewstudent@bellevuecollege.edu

(check your Spam/Junk folder if you don't receive this within 10 days)

- Meet with your SHS counselor to complete your Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (RSEVF)

Fall 2020 Info Sessions



Your attendance is highly recommended at one session as part of the Running Start application process. Sign up online: [Click Here to See Dates for Info Sessions](#)

Date	Start Time	Location
Saturday February 27th	10:00 am	Online
Saturday March 13th	11:00 am	Online
Saturday March 27th	9:00 am	Online
Saturday April 10th	10:00 am	Online
Saturday April 24th	11:00 am	Online
Saturday May 8th	9:00 am	Online
Saturday May 8th	12:00 pm	Online
Saturday August 14th	10:00 am	Online
Saturday August 28th	9:00 am	Online

Information Sessions are virtual this year.

BSD Running Start and SHS Policies



- Must turn in signed BSD Running Start contract
- May attend full time or part time
- Enroll in BC classes during the spring prior to the fall quarter
- Make an appointment with your SHS counselor before each BC quarter's registration date
- It is important to plan out the courses you will take each quarter for the entire year – meeting with a running start advisor is recommended for this

Questions?



Not sure if Running Start is a
good fit for you?

Discuss with your counselor!

<http://www.bellevuecollege.edu/runningstart/>