

RUNNING START FAQ

What is Running Start?

An opportunity for juniors and seniors to complete two years of college while still in high school.

How much does it cost?

Tuition is free. Books, supplies, transportation, lab fees are the student's responsibility.

Where do I go to school?

You can take some classes at WRHS, but many students spend their entire day on the community college campus. Schools in our area include Green River CC, Pierce CC, Tacoma CC, Bates Technical College and Clover Park Technical College.

How do I sign up?

Stop by the counseling office between now and February and we will give you an information packet.. Contact the school you wish to attend in order to take the Compass test. Bring your Compass scores back to your high school counselor.

How do I decide if Running Start is for me?

Consider the pros and cons of the program. Running Start is a great opportunity, but it's not for everyone.

PROS:

- There is a wider variety of classes offered.
- If you are especially mature, you may feel like high school is not fitting your needs.
- You can earn up to two years of college credits FREE.
- You know exactly what you want to do in life. Running Start gives you a great head start.

CONS:

- Taking WRHS Honors and AP classes looks good on college applications.
- Not all Running Start credits may transfer to four-year colleges.
- Transportation is your responsibility.
- You'll miss out on high school—friends, extra-curriculars, etc.
- Just because you're a good student doesn't mean you're mature enough for college.