

AHS RUNNING START INFORMATION NIGHT



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RUNNING START DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

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Goals for the day:

- Overview of Dual Credit programs
- Discuss educational opportunities
- Funding Options
- Questions and Answers



What Is Running Start?

- Dual enrollment at Skagit Valley College & local high school
- May receive high school and college credit for successful course completion
- Class Attendance Options:
 - Both high school and college classes
 - Only college classes



Who Qualifies for Running Start?

- Academically motivated high school juniors and seniors
- No GPA Required

You Belong Here!

How Does Running Start Work?

- 5.0 college credits = 1.0 high school credits
 - Each 5 credit college course = approximately 5 hours per week in class
- Running Start students are treated like every other SVC student
 - No special courses or exceptions
- Cost of books, supplies & fees are the responsibility of the student
- Financial assistance may be available for free/reduced lunch students

How Does Running Start Work? (continued)

- Covers up to 6 quarters at SVC
 - Fall, winter and spring quarters of Junior and Senior year
- May take one class per quarter or work toward 2-year degree
- Students may finish an Associate Degree and earn a High School Diploma
 - Must be enrolled full time at SVC all 6 quarters to earn AA
- # of credits per quarter based on combined RS & High School classes
 - Max college credits per quarter is 15

How Does Running Start Work? (continued)

- Each high school decides which SVC classes meet which high school requirements
- Class registration is quarterly (fall, winter & spring)
 - In order to register, RS students must first meet with their High School Counselor
 - High School Counselors advise on high school requirements & complete the required Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (RSEVF)
 - Student must turn in the signed RSEVF to SVC in order to register for classes.

How Does Running Start Work?

- Running Start covers tuition costs
- Cost of fees and books are the student's responsibility
 - Fee waivers for eligible students
 - Must provide proof of enrollment in free/reduced lunch at their high school
- Classes must be "college level" 100 or higher - Ex: ENGL 101
 - Transferable courses
- Student pays tuition for any classes under #100
 - Example: Math 98 or English 99

Running Start Pathways:

Starting as a junior

- Part-time and full-time students.
 - Work with High School Counselor to meet HS graduation requirements.
 - Work with SVC Advisor to meet SVC Degree requirements (if applicable)
- Full-time in a program
 - Opportunity to receive Associates Degree & High School Diploma

Starting as a senior

- Part-time and full-time students.
 - Work with High School Counselor to meet HS graduation requirements.
- Full-time in a program
 - Often difficult to earn Certificate or Degree and meet remaining HS requirements.

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Degrees at SVC

- Associate in Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement
- Associate in Science Transfer
- Associate in Applied Science (AAS, AAS-T)
- One year Certificates
- Micro-Certificates (One Quarter)

Professional/Technical Transfer



Academic Standards

- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA at SVC
 - If GPA falls below 2.0 student is placed on academic alert
 - If GPA is below 2.0 next quarter student is placed on academic probation
 - If GPA is below 2.0 for 3 consecutive quarters student is dismissed from SVC

Parents' Access to Student Records

- SVC follows federal guidelines & Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Students must give written permission for SVC staff to share records with parents
- Communication between parent and student is vital

SVC Running Start English Course Placement Options

COLLEGE LEVEL ENGLISH

- **SVC Accuplacer Exam**
- **AP Exam Score**
- **Smarter Balance ELA score of 3 or 4**
- **High School Transcript with**
 - 3.0 GPA or higher AND
 - 2 FULL years completed = 10th graders not eligible until June

SVC Running Start Course Placement Options

COLLEGE LEVEL MATH

- **SVC Accuplacer Exam**
- **AP Exam**
- **Smarter Balance Math Score of 3 or 4**

AND

- **Grade of B or better in PreCalculus (full year)**

OR

- **Smarter Balance Math score of 3 or 4**

AND

- **Grade of B or better Algebra II (full year)**

AND

- **Successful completion of Junior Year Math (full year)**



Running Start Admissions Process

1. Submit an online SVC Admissions Application form
2. Complete Online Orientation: Cardinal Pre-Flight
3. Determine Course Placement
4. Meet with High School Counselor *before school year ends*
 - a. Complete “Running Start Enrollment Verification Form”
5. Attend “Cardinal Take-off” group advising & registration session at SVC
6. Email your SVC course schedule to your High School Counselor

Is Running Start Right For You?

- Opportunity to take classes not offered at local high school
- Opportunity to attend college while in high school
- College level courses provide a greater academic challenge
- Get a “Running Start” on college without tuition expense
 - As long as student places into “college level” classes
- College environment vs. high school environment
- Academic organization, motivation & self-discipline required
 - Creating your “permanent” college transcript
- Transportation is the student’s responsibility

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