

# MTHS Running Start Agreement

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As a Running Start student you must do the following, *please initial by each item*:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **APPOINTMENTS .....** YOU (the student) must make an appointment with your MTHS Counselor each quarter, to review graduation requirements and obtain signatures for selected college classes. Please be sure to do this well in advance of registration at the college. You are able to schedule appointments with your counselor by coming in or calling 425-431-5661.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Know your limits!** You may only be enrolled for a total maximum of 1.2 FTE between MTHS classes and college courses (including eLearning). Going over this limit will incur charges from the college that you will be responsible for.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Be responsible** for tracking your graduation status which may be found on Skyward.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **It is your responsibility to attend mandatory senior meetings regarding Commencement (Graduation)** and know that you will need to see your counselor prior to the mandatory Commencement practice to get signed off by your counselor, receive your tickets and choose your seating.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Complete** High School and Beyond Plan and the Culminating Project graduation requirements.
- **Culminating Project** is completed in English 12 or AP English 12 at MTHS. Those students not taking senior English at MTHS MUST enroll in Bridge 101 (Culminating Project @ EDCC).
  - Complete **WA State History** requirement. If you are taking U.S. History through RS you will also need to complete WA State History. Currently, you may fulfill this requirement through HIS214 or POLSC206 @ EdCC. These will also fulfill your senior history requirement. Other options may be available, see your counselor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Be aware** the college and high school timelines often do not match. Students are expected to attend scheduled MTHS classes. Please see your counselor ASAP if there are scheduling conflicts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Keep informed** of changes in our bell schedule (advisory, late arrival, assembly schedule). See our school website for current activities and information ([www.edmonds.wednet.edu/mths](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/mths)).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Review information** on the MTHS website, <http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/mths>, particularly the section for students/seniors which contains information pertinent to senior year deadlines and activities. As graduation approaches, details on senior events & activities change or become more specific.  
**It is your responsibility to be aware of what is required.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Follow outlined college procedures if a class must be dropped. Your MTHS counselor must also be notified **immediately**. If you do not follow the procedures for dropping a class, you may receive an F grade on both your college and high school transcript.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Maintain fulltime student status between MTHS & Running Start classes.** Students must earn at least 2.5 high school credits per semester **or they will jeopardize their athletic and activity eligibility** as well as they could be off track for graduation. If you have any questions about eligibility, check with Kim Stewart or your counselor. (See WIAA Agreement on the following pages.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be aware that having earned credits as a Running Start student may affect the length of time a student can receive financial aid, and the annual maximum award amounts for **federal student loan programs**. **Tip:** Students with questions about the effect of Running Start on their student aid or scholarship packages should always check directly with the college/university's admissions, financial aid, and scholarship offices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Students applying to four year colleges** must also request an official transcript from the community college to be sent at the time of application at the completion of Running Start.

**Note:** Diplomas for seniors will be issued upon receipt of the final official transcript from the community college.

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Student Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Grad year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email \_\_\_\_\_ Student cell or home # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## Running Start Students and WIAA Eligibility

Students who access the Running Start Program at the community colleges find themselves on a different academic calendar from their high school for academic eligibility. There could be times during the high school year that Running Start students are not in school or taking academic courses. To ensure that students remain athletically eligible at their high school, they enter into the following contract with their school and commit to taking and completing the approved academic program at the community college and/or in conjunction with a blended schedule at their high school.

The purpose of this document is to record, in writing, the expectations of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ School District regarding the Running Start scholastic requirements of  
\_\_\_\_\_, a student/athlete at \_\_\_\_\_ High School, and serve as a safeguard  
for the \_\_\_\_\_ School District against penalty and sanctions if  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student) fails to meet the scholastic requirements as a Running Start student during  
the \_\_\_\_\_ school year.

**Expectations:**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ School District verifies the following approved academic schedule with \_\_\_\_\_, a Running Start student at \_\_\_\_\_ High School, that will meet the WIAA and school district academic eligibility requirements.
  
2. The student, \_\_\_\_\_, agrees to attend all classes and to make no changes to his/her approved academic schedule without first consulting with his/her high school on the potential eligibility ramifications of such changes.

**RUNNING START ACADEMIC PLAN for the \_\_\_\_\_ School Year**

**Normal Credit Hour requirement at High School per Semester \_\_\_\_\_**

RUNNING START TERM 1	Credit Hours	HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 1	Credit Hours	Total Credits Per Semester
1		1		
2		2		
3		3		
4		4		
RUNNING START TERM 2	Credit Hours			
1				
3				
4				
RUNNING START TERM 3	Credit Hours	HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 2	Credit Hours	Total Credits Per Semester
1		1		
2		2		
3		3		
4		4		

This agreement shall be signed and dated by the high school principal, the high school counselor, high school athletic director, the student/athlete, and his/her parents. By signing this agreement, the student and family agree to all terms of the agreement and understand they must adhere to the agreed academic plan for the school year or be subject to WIAA regulations 27.4 which states in part: "... [if] it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible ... the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year."

_____	_____
Principal	Date
_____	_____
Counselor	Date
_____	_____
Athletic Director	Date
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian	Date
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian	Date
_____	_____
Student	Date

**27.4.0 USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT** - The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year. **The one (1) year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information had been provided.** The one (1) year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.

### **GUIDELINES IN ESTABLISHING RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY**

1. Determine the number of credits required for athletic eligibility at the student's high school.  
Example: 5 classes required in a 6 period school day is equal to **2.5** semester credits needed for eligibility.
2. Establish the student's academic schedule for the year, either entirely as a Running Start student or a student with a blended schedule of classes from both Running Start and the high school.
3. Determine the number of credits to be earned in each of the courses.
4. The credits in the Running Start second term can be used either for the first semester, the second semester, or split between the two semesters.
5. It is possible that a Running Start student would not attend any classes during one of the three Running Start terms and still be eligible, provided he/she took enough credits during the other two terms to meet or exceed the number of credits per semester for athletic eligibility at the high school.
6. Running Start is a public school mainstream educational program. Eligibility is at the public school of residence where the student accesses the Running Start program. A student could still compete athletically for the private school if they maintain enrollment at the private school for at least 50 percent of the school day at the private school.