



Running Start Contract

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter, _____, has indicated a desire to participate in the Running Start (shown as RS hereinafter) Program. This comes with benefits and additional responsibilities.

College Responsibilities/Expectations:

- Students will have **adult expectations** and classroom discussions will reflect a wide diversity of backgrounds and experiences.
- All academic information is confidential between the college and the student. Parent and HS staff cannot access that information.
- Tuition is paid by the school district for courses at the 100 level or above and if the credit load does not exceed the scale prescribed by the state on the RS Enrollment Verification Form.
- Books, supplies, fees, and transportation are the responsibility of the student and their family.
- College classes progress at a **much faster pace** and demand about 2 hours of homework for each hour of class.
 - Instructors:
 - May give pop quizzes and will expect daily preparation.
 - May not take attendance.
 - Will not provide make-ups.
 - Will not provide **progress reports**, only final grades.

ARHS Responsibilities/Expectations:

- Although registered at ARHS, RS students take courses at the college, and they should **not be on the ARHS campus during the school day** unless they have an ARHS class – and then only during that class time. This includes areas such as the library, the commons during lunch, and the parking lot.
- RS may **conflict with high school extracurricular activities**, vacations, or even classes the student is taking at ARHS. Mid Semester and even Semester schedule changes at ARHS to accommodate RS course are difficult and should be avoided at all costs.
- RS students are expected to:
 - Use specific college equivalency guides posted by the college and on the ARHS website to ensure that you take corresponding courses that meet HS graduation requirements.
 - Check the ARHS website, mobile app and daily bulletin for sport/activity requirements, PSAT/SAT testing, scholarship application deadlines, portfolio deadlines, adjusted schedules etc.
 - Complete all regularly required graduation expectations including state testing, Senior Portfolio/HS and Beyond plans, etc. RS students **are** assigned a Portfolio Advisor for support and completion sign off, check with your counselor in the fall.
 - All HS communication will use the school district email address not a student's personal address. Students need to be checking this on a regular basis.
- If a student completes all academic requirements at the end of their junior year, earning 24.0 credits in the appropriate areas, (not including state testing or Portfolio requirements) they will no longer be eligible for the Running Start program. They **are** still eligible to take classes at ARHS.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date Received