

Running Start Contract-College Diploma

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter, _____, has indicated a desire to participate in the Running Start Program through Auburn School District and a community/technical college. Along with the benefits of the program there are also cautions you need to be aware of.

- Running Start is conducted on a college campus with adults and Running Start students will have **adult expectations**. Students will interact with adults from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Classroom discussions will reflect this diversity.
- In Running Start courses there are **no progress reports** only final grades and all academic information is considered confidential between the college instructor and the student. Neither parent nor high school staff can access that information.
- Running Start classes progress at a **much faster pace** than high school classes and College classes demand an average of 2 hours of homework for each hour of class.
- Attendance is between the student and the instructor. Instructors may not take attendance.
- Students are expected to be prepared for class each day and meet all deadlines with no make-up possibilities. **(Pop quizzes are always a possibility)**
- While Running Start students are high school students, their courses are taken at the college and they should **not be on the ARHS campus** unless they have a class at our building – and then only during that class time. This includes areas such as the library, the commons during lunch, and the parking lot.
- Tuition will be paid by the school district for courses at the 100 level or above for a credit load that does not exceed the scale prescribed by the state on the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form. Books, supplies, fees, and transportation are the responsibility of the student and their family.
- Running Start courses may **conflict with high school extracurricular activities**. This is also true of vacations and breaks.
- Running Start students are **out of the information loop** for things such as activity requirements, PSAT testing, scholarship application deadlines etc. **It is the student's responsibility to be aware of such dates.**
- Be careful! Some community colleges do not use the grading scale set forth by the state for running start high school credit. Credit may be earned at the community college but credit at the high school may or may not be awarded for low grades earned at the community college.
- **Plans to graduate from the Community College based on state laws that allow this.**

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date Received

Student e-mail address (required)