



# GET STARTED in Running Start

## 1 Admission



- Apply for admission to Green River College online at [greenriver.edu/applynow](https://greenriver.edu/applynow).
- Activate your required student email account at [greenriver.edu/studentemail](https://greenriver.edu/studentemail). **All Green River communication will be sent to your Green River student email account.**
- Questions? Contact Enrollment Services at (253) 833-9111, Ext. 2500 or [enrollmentservices@greenriver.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@greenriver.edu).

## 2 Determine eligibility



- To participate in Running Start, you must be eligible for ENGL& 101. Students wishing to take math courses or courses with math prerequisites need to show eligibility for college-level math. Visit [greenriver.edu/placement](https://greenriver.edu/placement) for assessment and placement options. Proof of eligibility may include test score or transcript.
- English eligibility is determined by taking the College Success Assessment; math eligibility is determined through the WAMAP math entrance exam. Each assessment is \$10; you will need your Green River student ID number, photo ID, and payment to test. Allow up to 1-1/2 hours for the assessment. You will receive your scores and eligibility determination once you finish. Visit [greenriver.edu/testing](https://greenriver.edu/testing) for locations and hours.
- To utilize a transcript or test score other than College Success or WAMAP, bring a copy of your transcript or score to the Welcome Center to meet with a Getting Started Specialist to verify ENGL& 101 or math eligibility.

## 3 Obtain Running Start forms



- Take proof of eligibility for ENGL& 101 to your high school counselor (or district office for home schooled or private school students) and obtain your Enrollment Verification Form (EVF).
- **Questions?** Contact Running Start at (253) 833-9111, ext. 2674 or go to [greenriver.edu/runningstart](https://greenriver.edu/runningstart).

## 4 Submit Running Start Documentation



- Scan and email your completed EVF to [runningstart@greenriver.edu](mailto:runningstart@greenriver.edu). Make sure the EVF is completely filled out. It is important it includes your Green River student ID number, a valid and legible email address and phone number, and is signed by your high school (or district), you, and your parent/guardian.

## 5 Complete orientation and registration



- We will email you the instructions on how to complete an online Running Start orientation session. Once you complete this you will be given an appointment for an in-person Running Start Registration, Advising, and Planning session where you will have the opportunity to register for classes for the upcoming quarter. Both of these sessions are mandatory for participation in Running Start at Green River.

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# What Is **RUNNING START?**

The Washington State Legislature established the Running Start Program as an option to offer high school students more choices regarding their education. The program provides academically qualified and publicly enrolled students at junior or senior standing the opportunity to earn college and high school credit simultaneously.

Students interested in the Running Start Program should determine its appropriateness for themselves through close examination of the benefits and considerations of participating.

## Benefits

- Running start students and their families do not pay tuition, up to 15 tuition-free college credits per quarter based on high school enrollment.
- Large variety of classes.
- Flexible class schedule; day, afternoon, evening, hybrid, and online courses available at multiple campus locations (Auburn, Kent, Enumclaw).
- Small class sizes compared to major universities (average of 32 students).
- Earn high school and college credit simultaneously and accelerate through the education system.
- With careful planning, potential to earn an associate degree along with high school or college awarded diploma.
- Experience college-level coursework and develop independence and personal responsibility.
- Participate in college leadership opportunities and activities, excluding intercollegiate athletics.

## Considerations

- Classes move at a faster pace than high school, as one quarter is 11 weeks in length and covers a year's worth of high school material.
- Green River has different break schedules than high school. Students are responsible for organizing their schedules
- College is an adult learning environment. Classroom topics cover contemporary and world issues, which may not be censored.
- Parent/guardian access to student records is limited. The college must abide by strict privacy rules. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records without specific student written permission. We provide all Running Start students an opportunity to complete a Release of Information form.
- Students must arrange their own transportation to and from the College; parking on campus is free.
- Running Start is not free. See the sample cost breakdown below for details. Running Start offers a Fee Waiver and Book Loan Program to students who qualify, which can significantly reduce the cost of attending.

## Sample of costs and potential savings based on 15 credit enrollment

Tuition	\$1,283.90	*Approximate cost (varies by class)
Student-Voted Fees**	165.00	**Fee Waiver & Book Loan Program waives Student-Voted fees and assists with books
Individual Class Fees*	\$40.00	
Books (varies)**	\$250.00	
Transportation	<u>varies</u>	
Typical Student Cost	\$1,738.90	
Running Start Covers***	<b>(\$1,283.90)</b>	<b>Your Cost Savings***</b>
<b>Average Cost per quarter for</b>		
<b>Running Start Student</b>	<b><u>\$455.00</u></b>	
<b>taking 15 credits</b>		

\*\*\*Tuition savings varies based on high school enrollment. Students are eligible for a maximum of 15 credits of free tuition fall, spring and winter quarters. Students are responsible for tuition in excess of the approved credit maximum as determined by their high school (or district), and tuition for pre-college coursework (below 100 level).