

# Thinking about Running Start?



The Running Start Program is authorized by the Washington State Legislature and the Auburn School District. The program allows qualified students to attend classes at community/technical colleges to earn college and high school credit simultaneously. Students must pass specific criteria to be eligible to participate in this program. Tuition is funded under the Running Start Program. Students are responsible for purchasing any required books, lab and miscellaneous fees, and for providing their own transportation.

- A student **must be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade** to participate in Running Start.
- A student **must be at least 16 years old** during the first quarter of enrollment in Running Start.
- A student **must meet certain requirements to participate in Running Start** – credits, GPA, and qualify via college placement test or acceptable substitution.
- A student can be **Full-Time** (only taking classes at college) or **Part-Time** (taking classes at both the college and at AMHS) to total full-time schedule status.
- A student **must have completed Advanced Algebra/Trig with an A or B grade** to qualify for college math.
- A student **must take a class each quarter that meets high school graduation requirements.**
- Tuition will be paid by the school district for **100 level courses or above** for a credit load that does not exceed **15 community college credits**. Books, supplies, fees, and transportation are the responsibility of the student and their family. Tuition for summer courses are not paid for by the district.
- Running Start courses may **conflict with high school extracurricular activities**. This is also true of Auburn School District breaks and recognized holidays.
- Seniors must take a minimum of 3 classes or 10.5 credits either at AMHS or Running Start the spring quarter/semester of their Senior year in order to walk at Auburn Mountainview graduation in June.
- **ACADEMIC PROBATION/ALERT:** if a student fails one class or withdraws from a class, they may be put on academic probation or alert. If the student fails a class or withdraws from a class while on academic probation, they may be dropped from Running Start and will need to return to AMHS for classes.
- **Non-Resident Waiver/Transfer students** must take a minimum of 2 credits at AMHS each year.
- **Counselor, parent, and student will all meet for 1<sup>st</sup> EVF meeting** to go over expectations, classes, and answer questions. Plan 30 minutes for this appointment.
- **Students will meet with their AMHS Counselor before each quarter to review classes and verify that they are on track to graduate. EVF appointments** begin 2-3 weeks before they are due to the college – Students are responsible to make their own appointments with their AMHS Counselor.
  - late April or May (May registration for Fall Session)
  - late October (November registration for Winter Session)
  - late January (February registration for Spring Session)
- **Students who are home schooled** must be enrolled in their boundary high school to enroll.
  - Home schooled students must complete the following forms:
    - **Home Schooling Letter of Intent** (must be completed each school year)
    - **Request for Ancillary Services**
    - **Running Start Enrollment Request Home-Based Instruction Students Only**
    - **AMHS Counselor Contract**
  - Home schooled students do not need an appointment with their Counselor, they only need a signed EVF form.

# How to apply to Running Start

For students interested in Running Start, they must first apply to the college they plan to attend (Green River, Highline, Bellevue, or Pierce College). Once you complete your application, you should receive a confirmation email from the college within a few days or up to a week.

Once you have your acceptance email, you will then need to take a placement test to determine whether you are academically eligible for college classes at this time. You must show that you meet the English Placement standard to enroll in Running Start.

You should receive your placement tests results immediately. Share them with your counselor via email when you receive them, and then you will be able to schedule a meeting with them. Counselors are specifically looking to see that a student earns college level placement scores on the exam to qualify.

As always, students should have a 3.0 GPA or higher to be considered a strong candidate for Running Start. Please know, that this is not a “soft start” to college, it is the real deal! Students will begin building a College Transcript through Running Start and will be treated like any other College Freshman with all the same requirements and standards. Beginning this process does not require you to see it through. Students are not obligated to take Running Start classes in the fall, even if they are registered.

Please be aware that if a student gets less than 2.0 GPA in Running Start, for 3 quarters, they will be exited from Running Start and need to return to AMHS (or resident school) for classes.

## Where to start:

\*\*These links are for Green River College. If you intend to attend another college, please visit their website for specific links.\*\*

**Step 1:** Talk with your parents about Running Start. Check your credits. You will want to have 12 credits by the end of your Sophomore year and 18 credits by the end of your Junior year, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for Running Start.

**Step 2:** Apply to Green River (or other college): <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/getting-started/runningstart/> \*\*Apply online at the College website, obtain your college email account and student ID number, and complete the Online Orientation. If you have questions about your college application, please contact the college.

**Step 3:** Take the College Success Assessment test (English Placement test) at the college: <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/assessment-testing-center/course-placement/>

**Step 4:** Submit your College Success Assessment results to your AMHS Counselor by email and schedule an appointment through Calendly.com to determine classes to take and obtain your EVF form. A parent or guardian must attend this first meeting with you and your counselor.

AMHS Counselors email and Calendly links:

Deb Landis	A-Da	<a href="mailto:dlandis@auburn.wednet.edu">dlandis@auburn.wednet.edu</a> & <a href="https://calendly.com/dlandis-1">calendly.com/dlandis-1</a>
Heather Neumann	De-H	<a href="mailto:hneumann@auburn.wednet.edu">hneumann@auburn.wednet.edu</a> & <a href="https://calendly.com/heatherneumann">calendly.com/heatherneumann</a>
Melissa Lemanski	I-Me	<a href="mailto:mlemanski@auburn.wednet.edu">mlemanski@auburn.wednet.edu</a> & <a href="https://calendly.com/melissalemanski">calendly.com/melissalemanski</a>
Kevin Nishimoto	Mi-Sc	<a href="mailto:knishimoto@auburn.wednet.edu">knishimoto@auburn.wednet.edu</a> & <a href="https://calendly.com/knishimoto">calendly.com/knishimoto</a>
Kari Heinz	Se-Z	<a href="mailto:kheinz@auburn.wednet.edu">kheinz@auburn.wednet.edu</a> & <a href="https://calendly.com/kariheinz">calendly.com/kariheinz</a>

**If you have questions, please contact the Auburn Mountainview Guidance Office at 253-804-4548.**



# RUNNING START AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

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## AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT RUNNING START EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

High School Graduation Requirement	Green River College Equivalency
American Literature/Writing or Honors American Literature	<u>English</u> &101, &244, &245, &246
12th Grade Elective English	<u>English</u> &112, &113, &114, 115, 126, 127, 128, 160, 161, 163, 164, 165, 168, 180, 181, 183, 185, 187, 190, &220, &226, &227, &228, &236, &237, 247, 248, 249, &254, &255, &256, 257 <i>Below classes may not satisfy NCAA or four year college entrance requirements.</i> <u>Communication Studies</u> &102, &210, 212, 215, &220, &230, 238, 245 <u>Humanities</u> 100, 110, 133, 186, 190, 191, 224 • <u>Journalism</u> 100.1, 100.2, 100.3, 101
Math	<u>Math</u> 106, &107, &141, &142, 147, &148, &151, &152, &153, 238, 240, &254 <i>Below classes may not satisfy NCAA or four year college entrance requirements.</i> <u>Math</u> &171, &172, &173 • <u>Engineering</u> 106, &204, &214, &215
Washington State history	<u>History</u> &214
U.S. History	<u>History</u> 135, &136, &137, &215, 240, 250
Global Issues	<u>Geography</u> 123, &200, 201 • <u>History</u> 103 • <u>Philosophy</u> 102, 110 <u>Political Science</u> &203, &204
Civics	<u>Political Science</u> &202, 207, 209
Social Studies Elective	Courses which meet Green River's 'Social Sciences' requirement, with the exception of Business classes.
Lab Science	Courses which meet Green River's 'Natural Sciences' lab requirement as outlined on the AA Degree.
Non-lab Science	Courses which meet Green River's 'Natural Sciences' requirement but do not include a lab component.
Health	<u>Health Education</u> 150, 160, 180
Physical Education	All courses in the PE Dept.
Occupational Education	Any 100 and above level course taken from the following disciplines: Automotive • Aviation • Business Administration • Business Management Business Technologies and Administrative Careers (BTAC) • Carpentry Computer Reporting • Computer Science • Computerized Machining & Manufacturing Criminal Justice • Design Drafting Tech • Early Childhood Education Education in Early Childhood • Education • Engineering • Industrial Education Information Tech • Journalism • Natural Resources • Welding
Fine/Performing Arts	Any 100 and above course in Art, Music, or Drama • <u>Photography</u> 101, 111
Foreign Language	Any – see counselor/college Running Start advisor.
Other Elective	100 level or above – see counselor.

**Please note:** Common Course Numbers (CCN) are designated with the “&” symbol.

5 college credits = 1 HS credit • 3 college credits = .5 HS credit  
Minimum Green River College grade to earn credit for high school is 1.0.

<b>AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT RUNNING START EQUIVALENCY GUIDE</b>	
<b>High School Graduation Requirement</b>	<b>Highline College Equivalency</b>
American Literature/Writing or Honors American Literature	<b>English</b> &101, &244, &245, &246, 247
12th Grade Elective English	<b>Above classes plus:</b> <b>English</b> 110, &111, &112, &113, 115, 123, 200, 201, 205, &220, &235, &254, 256, 257 <i>Below classes may not satisfy NCAA or four year college entrance requirements.</i> <b>Communication Studies</b> &101, &102, 200, &210, &220, &230; <b>Diversity Global Studies</b> 150; <b>Humanities</b> &116, &117, &118, 120; <b>Journalism</b> 101, 115
Math	<b>Math</b> &107, 111, &141, &142, &146, &148, &151, &152, &153, 180, 181, 220, 230, &254
Washington State History	<b>History</b> &214
U.S. History	<b>History</b> 115, &146, &147, &148, 225
Global Issues	<b>History</b> &118; <b>Philosophy</b> 110; <b>Political Science</b> &203, &204
Civics	<b>Political Science</b> 150, &201, &202
Social Studies Elective	Courses which meet Highline’s ‘Social Sciences’ requirement
Lab Science	Courses which meet Highline’s ‘Life and Physical Science’ lab requirement as outlined on the AA Degree.
Non-lab Science	Courses which meet Highline’s ‘Life and Physical Science’ but do not include a lab component as outlined on the AA Degree.
Health	<b>Physical Education</b> 100, 101
Physical Education	Any PE Activity courses.
Occupational Education	Any 100 and above level course taken from the following disciplines: Accounting, Business, Business Technology, Criminal Justice, Computer Info Systems, Computer Science, Early Child Education, Engineering, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Services, Healthcare Professions, Interior Design, Library and Info Services, Multimedia Design, Nursing Assistant, Optical Licensed Dispensing, Paralegal, Personal Fitness Trainer, Respiratory Care, Visual Communications
Fine/Performing Arts	Any 100 and above level course in Art or Music
Foreign Language	Any—see high school counselor or college Running Start advisor.
Other Electives	100 level or above courses—see counselor.

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# ***Auburn Mountainview High School***

## ***Memorandum of Understanding Between Students and Parents Pertaining to Enrollment in Running Start***

We, the student and parent, understand the following conditions to be true if we choose Running Start as an educational opportunity.

1. We understand that in order to be successful, the student must be self-motivated and self-directed, and that even so, most students experience a drop in their GPA.
2. Full-time Running Start students are eligible for up to 15 college credits per quarter; part-time student credits will be dependent upon the number of AMHS classes taken.
3. We understand that students seeking an AMHS diploma must meet all graduation requirements, including the 4-year portfolio program with a senior presentation in the spring. Students will not be allowed to go through commencement exercises unless they have met all AMHS graduation requirements at the time of Senior Check-Out.
4. We understand that students currently on a waiver from out of our boundary must take a minimum of 2 credits at AMHS to enroll in Running Start each year.
5. We understand that seniors must take a minimum of 5 classes at the high school OR 12 credits at the college OR a combination of both equaling full time school attendance the spring quarter/semester of their senior year in order to walk at Mountainview graduation in June.
6. We understand that all students are assigned a senior advisor at the beginning of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year and Running Start students will be responsible to connect with their advisor to receive help.
7. We understand that students will be participating in Senior Portfolio/Presentations and are responsible for all materials required, due dates, meetings with advisor, and presentation deadlines.
8. We understand that part-time Running Start students will be responsible for checking on any changes to the AMHS bell schedule (assemblies, late start days, etc.).

It is through this Memorandum of Understanding that we, the student and parent, take full responsibility for the success of the student while attending Running Start.

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Student Signature

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Print Student Name

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Date

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**Student** college and/or personal email

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**Student** Phone Number

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Parent Signature

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**STUDENT COPY**  
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Parent Signature Date

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Print Parent Name Date

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Counselor Signature Date

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Principal Signature Date

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