

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 fees, miscellaneous fees, and for providing their own transportation to and from the college.

- A student **must be in 11th or 12th 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/or 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).
- A student **must have completed Advanced Algebra/Trig with an A or B grade** to qualify for college math. Students who do not qualify can attend math classes at AMHS and be a Part-Time student at the college.
- 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**. (ASD Breaks and 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** are not eligible for Full-Time Running Start status, they must take a minimum of 2 credits at AMHS each year.
- **Counselor, parent, and student will meet for 1st EVF meeting** to go over expectations, classes, and answer questions. Plan about 45 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 a few weeks before they are due to the college and students should plan 30 minutes for this appointment. **Students are responsible to make their own appointments** with their AMHS Counselor through the counselor's Calendly link.
 - late April or May (for Fall Quarter)
 - late October (for Winter Quarter)
 - late January (for Spring Quarter)
- **Students who are home-schooled** must be enrolled through their resident boundary high school.
 - Home-schooled students must complete the following forms:
 - **Home-Schooling Letter of Intent** (must be completed each school year prior to EVF meeting)
 - **Running Start Enrollment Request Home-Based Instruction Students Only** (OSPI form)
 - **AMHS Counselor Contract**
 - Home-schooled students need to **submit their College Success Reading Assessment scores** to their AMHS to obtain a signed EVF form.

How to apply to Running Start

Students interested in Running Start, must first apply to the college they plan to attend (Green River, Highline, Pierce, etc.).

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:

Links are for Green River College. If you plan to attend another college, please visit their website for specific information.

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 1: Apply for admission to GRC. Once students receive their acceptance email and ctclink ID number (this is typically within three business days), they need to:

- Activate their ctclink account at myaccount.ctclink.us
- Begin the Running Start online orientation at orientation.greenriver.edu

Step 2: Determine Engl& 101 eligibility/Eligibility for Running Start

- If you have a GPA of 3.0+ from at least 3 semesters, you are eligible for Engl& 101 and Running Start.
- If not, students can take the [College Success reading assessment](#). Email score to your AMHS counselor.

Step 3: Schedule appointment with AMHS counselor to obtain an Enrollment Verification Form (EVF). A parent or guardian must attend the first meeting with you and your AMHS counselor.

Step 4: Submit all forms below with the [Enrollment Packet](#) to www.greenriver.edu/upload. Be sure to upload the documents to a specific department and select 'Running Start.'

- The enrollment packet requires the following documents to be submitted:

Enrollment packet (this includes a cover page, responsibility agreement, and optional fee waiver/book loan program application), EVF, Unofficial HS transcript, List of remaining HS grad requirements.

- GRC Running Start staff will process paperwork in the order received, only if *all* documents uploaded.

AMHS Counselors email and Calendly links:

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