

# **Running Start Student Handbook**

## **Pateros High School**

### **School Year 2019-2020**

#### **The Running Start Program**

Running Start is a statewide program that allows high school students to take college classes at the local community college. At Pateros High School our students may attend Running Start classes at Wenatchee Valley College. Each completed Running Start course will earn the participating student both, high school and college credits.

#### **Funding for Running Start**

Running Start is funded by the state, with the funds provided to school districts to educate each student. Both the high school and the college share this allocation for eligible students. The funds pay only for tuition at the college. The students must pay for all books, admission tests, fees, materials and transportation. Students who receive Free or Reduced Lunch, may be eligible to receive assistance in paying for books, admission tests and fees. Talk to the Running Start College Advisor for more information.

#### **Eligibility for Running Start (Chapter 392-169 WAC)**

- ✓ The student must be under the age of 21 as of September 1 of the current year.
- ✓ The student must be eligible for enrollment in the school district where Running Start credit is being sought.
- ✓ The student has not, as of the beginning of the school year, earned the credits required for high school diploma, or its equivalent.
- ✓ The student is eligible if they have the credits required to be in the eleventh or twelfth grade.

#### **Placement Testing**

Running Start students are limited to "college-level" courses at the community college, and the placement test results are used to determine readiness for college-level work. To qualify for non-math related courses, students need a college-level score in the WritePlacer section of the Accuplacer. A score of 5 or higher is considered to indicate college readiness. To qualify for math-related courses, students may qualify with a grade of C or higher in Algebra 2 at the high school. They need to provide copies of transcripts to the Running Start office to be placed using this method.

Students may also qualify for Running Start and college-level courses using the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students achieving a level 3 or 4 on the SBAC: ELA or the SBAC: Mathematics, may be placed in college-level courses by providing copies of the scores to the Running Start office.

## **Expectations**

- ❖ Adherence to all deadlines for registering, adding/dropping and withdrawing from classes at WVC.
- ❖ To be considered of full time status, a Running Start student must maintain a minimum of 12 college credits.
- ❖ Running Start students may attend all PHS functions and are strongly encouraged to participate fully in PHS sports, clubs and activities.
- ❖ Students are expected to only be on campus during their High School classes or when attending other PHS activities.
- ❖ All PHS student discipline and attendance policies apply to Running Start students.
- ❖ Students will be receptive of guidance from parents, teachers, and counselor.

## **Student Athletes**

All RS students need to abide by WIAA Interscholastic Eligibility Standards 18.0.0 – 18.7.6. Students who fail a class will be placed on suspension for a period of 5 weeks for the current sport they're participating in or the following sport they participate in. If, at the end of the suspension period, the student is passing they may be reinstated for interscholastic competition.

## **Application Procedures**

All students wishing to take Running Start courses must meet all the deadlines and procedures established by WVC and Pateros High School, as defined below.

1. Attend an orientation in the spring of the school year prior to enrolling in Running Start. A parent/guardian must also be in attendance as per WVC's policy.
2. Take and pass the ACCUPLACER test with a 5 or high or have a 3 or high on your SBAC prior to being allowed to enroll in classes.
3. Turn in the completed college application to WVC.
4. Schedule an advising session with both the college advisor and the high school counselor to review results of the ACCUPLACER test and current progress towards HS graduation requirements.
5. Obtain all required signatures before Running Start enrollment can be considered final.
6. Sign up for classes.

Every quarter, Running Start students will have to complete their Enrollment Verification Form (EVF). This EVF allows the student and the high school counselor to meet on a regular basis and review credit requirements for graduation. The EVF also reflects the student's full-time equivalency at the HS and the maximum number of college credits enrolled. Students will be responsible for bringing an EVF and also their two year plan to each meeting with the high school counselor.

If a student enrolls in the fall and finds that Running Start is not for them, the student will be able to join PHS classes and have the opportunity to earn PHS credits based on “Seat Time” as required per OSPI policy.

If an eligible student finds that they want to enroll after WVC’s Fall quarter has begun, they will have the opportunity to enroll for the following Winter quarter. This will be the ideal time to enroll because it’s the closest time period where both WVC and PHS start new terms; WVC starts their Winter quarter and PHS starts their 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. During this transition the student will still be responsible for completing and turning in all assignments from both WVC and PHS. If the student runs into a course conflict between his/her WVC and PHS courses, it is the student’s responsibility to coordinate with their instructors to complete and turn in any assigned work.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Running Start students must meet Washington State and Pateros School District requirements before being considered eligible for graduation.

### **Running Start Transcripts and Grades**

- All Running Start grades will be posted to both college and HS transcripts
- All Running Start grades will be calculated with equal weight into the high school GPA

### **College Credits**

All college credits transfer to high school transcripts at the ratio of 5:1. Credits will be applied toward the subject area requirement for high school graduation, as indicated on the Enrollment Verification form.

College courses eligible for meeting Pateros High School subjects are as follows:

**WVC/PHS Course Equivalency**

<b><u>English 11</u></b>	English 101
<b><u>English 12</u></b>	English 201, 202, or 203
<b><u>Math</u></b>	Math 107 or above
<b><u>US History</u></b>	History 146 or 147
<b><u>CWP (Any from ECON, POLS, or GEOG)</u></b>	Econ 101, 201, 202 Pols 101, 202, 203, 205 Geog 100, 102
<b><u>Science</u></b>	Any Lab
<b><u>PE</u></b>	Any PEH
<b><u>Health</u></b>	PEH 181
<b><u>Visual/Performing Arts</u></b>	Any
<b><u>CTE</u></b>	Any
<b><u>Computer Science</u></b>	Any 100 level or higher computer science, technology or business comp tech
<b><u>World Language</u></b>	Any
<b><u>Electives</u></b>	Any 100 level or higher

**CREDIT EQUIVALENCY**

WVC	PHS
5 Credits	1.0 Credits
4 Credits	.75 Credits
3 Credits	.50 Credits
2 Credits	.50 Credits
1 Credit	.25 Credits