Seattle Public Schools

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 for completed courses to be added to the Official SPS Transcript, that my Seattle Public School must receive official transcripts from the college. Courses taken during Spring quarter of senior year do not apply towards graduation ceremonies. That summer courses are to be pre-approved and at the expense of the parent.

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 classes taken at Seattle Public Schools. Any additional credit(s) taken have fees and are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

3. We understand that if our student chooses to earn their diploma from Seattle Public Schools then the priority of classes taken through Running Start must meet Seattle Schools’ graduation requirements.

4. Students wishing to earn their diploma from the community college will have their courses evaluated towards SPS graduation requirements. Students will then not earn a diploma from Seattle Schools they will earn the diploma from the community college. Seattle Schools will note the completion of the diploma once an official copy is received.

5. We understand that students seeking a Seattle Public School diploma must meet all graduation requirements, including service learning hours and meet proficiency requirements for state exams (this means students must take state exams potentially missing class time at the college). Students will not be allowed to go through commencement exercises unless they have met all Seattle Public School graduation requirements at the time of Senior Check-Out.

6. We understand that part-time Running Start students will be responsible for checking on any changes to their Seattle School bell schedule (assemblies, late start days, etc.) and that the public school is not required to change the students’ schedule to accommodate courses at the community college. Student’s may need to choose between courses at the high school or the college based on availability.

We agree to these statements and choose to participate in the Running Start program and will meet all state and local requirements.

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Student Signature                  Print Student Name                Date

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Student College and/or personal email

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Student Phone Number

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Parent Signature                  Print Parent Name                Date

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Parent email

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