

REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN RUNNING START 2021-2022

Carefully read the following before you begin the Running Start program

Enrolling in the Running Start program is big decision which will have a significant impact on student's high school and college education. It's important for students and parents to understand the following key points regarding enrollment responsibilities and the impact of participation in the Running Start program. Students, please read and initial each line:

- _____ **Students are required to check in quarterly with their counselor.** Running Start enrollment requires that students complete a Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (RSEVF) each quarter they are enrolled in the program. Counselors will communicate drop-in days each quarter; students should make their best effort to attend the drop-in sessions and get quarterly paperwork signed. If students cannot attend the drop-in sessions, they are responsible for scheduling individual appointments with their counselor to have the RSEVF completed before they enroll in their college classes each quarter.

- _____ **It is the student's responsibility to ensure that high school graduation requirements are being met.** RS students are subject to the same state, district, and school graduation requirements as all Redmond High students. Counselors and information will be available to help guide students, but enrolling in classes that meet graduation requirements, developing a High School and Beyond Plan, and completing a graduation pathway are the responsibility of the student. There is no guarantee that students will be able to register for classes desired at the community college. It will be important to watch for dates and deadlines posted by the college. The earlier you register, the better your chances will be to get your desired classes. Seniors should not wait until spring quarter to take graduation requirements.

- _____ **High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) activities are required and are to be completed independently.** All activities and information will be posted to the HSBP classroom in Microsoft Teams. Students will need to log into Teams at the beginning of the year and should set up email notifications to get updates as activities are posted in Teams. Questions and requests for assistance regarding HSBP activities can be directed to the HSBP Coordinator Ms. Lalas nlalas@lwsd.org.

- _____ **Students are required to activate and regularly check their LWSO student email.** LWSO email accounts need to be reactivated every year. Please contact the library if you need assistance with this. Important information, student bulletins, events, and graduation requirements are regularly shared through student email. RS students are eligible to participate in all high school athletics, clubs, and activities. **Forgetting to activate or check your LWSO email will not be accepted as an excuse for missing a deadline.**

- _____ **Running Start is only funded for up to 15 credits of 100 level or higher college credits per quarter,** and students are only funded for up to a 1.2 FTE when combined with high school classes. Funding is only available for fall, winter, and spring quarters; Summer quarter is not funded. Students must submit their signed RSEVF to the college each quarter BEFORE they enroll in classes at the college, failure to submit your RSEVF by the college's deadline may result in being charged tuition for all enrolled credits. Students will work with their counselor to determine how many credits they are eligible to take, students who elect to take additional credits beyond their Running Start funded limit will be responsible for any additional tuition costs. Books, registration, parking/transportation fees etc. are also the responsibility of the student. Please let your counselor or college advisor know if this is a concern.

- _____ **Courses numbered 099 or below are not considered part of RS and will not be funded nor counted as college credit;** however these courses may still count for high school credit (please check with your counselor). In order to participate in the Running Start program, students must place into English 101 or higher. In addition, appropriate math scores are required if a student plans to enroll in college level math or science. Algebra 2 is not a college level class and students who have not completed Algebra 2 will have to take the class at RHS or make other arrangements with their counselor to complete this requirement.

_____ **Community college courses may not conflict with a student's Redmond High School schedule.** The Lake Washington School District is on a semester (18 week) schedule and the community colleges are on a quarter (11 week) schedule. Starting, ending, and vacation dates are different. Missing school at one facility because the other is not in session will not be accepted as an excused absence. It is sometimes difficult to coordinate daily schedules while attending each school part time. This is particularly challenging during exam periods. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of dates and communicate with their teachers/counselor if there is a conflict.

_____ **All grades earned through Running Start will become a permanent part of the student's high school and college transcript.** Grades earned through the Running Start program will be reported to RHS by the college and will be directly transcribed on student's RHS transcript. Running Start students enrolled in RHS classes are responsible for dropping any RHS classes before the RHS drop deadline. If a student decides to drop a class at RHS after the deadline, they will receive an "F" grade for the semester.

_____ **Running Start students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of all Running Start information and orientation/support sessions offered on their community college campus,** including meeting with an academic advisor once enrolled. The college treats the RS student as a college student and does not communicate attendance or academic problems to the parent or high school unless the student signs a release with the college. Students will need to take an active role in ensuring they get the support they need to be successful in their college courses. Students must work with the college directly regarding any college course concerns.

_____ **It is the student's responsibility to make sure they understand college credit transfer policies and requirements.** Not all post-secondary schools, especially those out of state, accept RS courses for college credit. Those who do accept these credits may have special rules about specific courses and whether students are considered entering freshmen or transfer students. Information is available from the individual colleges or universities.

_____ **Students who are not seeking a Redmond High School diploma must still check in with their high school counselor for quarterly course approval.** These students may opt to take classes of their own choice, but if they decide to later try for a Redmond High School diploma, they must make up any missing graduation requirements including course requirements, the High School and Beyond Plan, and meeting a graduation pathway before a Redmond High School diploma can be issued.

Please sign and return this agreement page to your Redmond High School counselor. This form must be on file before you register for classes at the community college.

Your signature below indicates that you have thoroughly read the RHS Agreement for Participation in Running Start and you understand and agree to all requirements of the program.

Student Signature

Print Student Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date