HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Tyee High School**

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**2020-2021 Tyee High School Running Start Contract**

Running Start was established by the Washington State Legislature in 1990 to give high school students an opportunity to access college level academic course work while in high school. The purpose of this contract is to ensure that students and parents/guardians are aware of the differences and responsibilities of taking classes at a community college through Running Start.

By signing this contract you are acknowledging that you are aware of the following:

1. When a student enrolls in Running Start they will be treated as a college student. Parents/guardians may not be able to access grades, attendance and instructor information unless the student completes a *Release to Exchange Information* form for that academic year.
2. Students are responsible for their own transportation, and need to plan their schedules accordingly.
3. Grades earned through Running Start will be used in computing a student’s high school GPA. Grades issued through the 2-year college cannot be changed or altered by the high school. Official transcripts from courses taken in the summer need to be submitted by the student.
4. Grades earned through Running Start begin a student’s college grade point average. This GPA will follow them throughout their college career, and may impact financial aid eligibility.
5. Transferability of Credits: state four-year institutions recognize community/technical college credits. Some in-state private colleges and out-of-state universities do not recognize college credit taken during high school. All Running Start students are advised to check with the four year college they plan to attend to be sure their credits will be accepted.
6. Families are responsible for paying for student fees and books. They are also responsible for paying for courses under the 100 level and for any courses above the FTE allowed on the Enrollment Verification Form.
7. IEP’s or 504 Plans: Running Start students have a responsibility to request any necessary accommodations from their college directly. The student should contact the college’s disability services office well in advance of any published deadlines to make the request. The college may require documentation in support of a request for accommodations.
8. If a Running Start student fails to progress toward fulfilling graduation requirements and/or is placed on academic probation at the college, a meeting with parent/guardian, student, administrator and counselor will be required prior to authorizations to register for subsequent quarters.
9. All Running Start students are required to schedule and attend quarterly meetings with their Tyee High School Counselor.
10. It is the student’s responsibility to regularly check email and Google classrooms, as counselors use these as the main forms of communication with Running Start students. It is also the student’s responsibility to seek information about extracurricular and social events at Tyee High School.
11. As a student in Running Start, it is the student’s responsibility to remain in frequent contact with their counselor regarding the High School & Beyond Plan, State Testing, and other graduation requirements.

