

Running Start Students

We are excited to be able to offer our juniors an opportunity to earn college placement in English and math through the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students who score a 3 or 4 on the English or math portion of the assessment can elect to send the scores to the college of their choice, guaranteeing them college placement in English or math in 34 community colleges, all public universities, and 9 private colleges in our state. Students who do not score a 3 or 4 do not need to send their scores, but will have an opportunity to take senior course work that will guarantee them college placement into math. As you can see, this is a win-win situation for all students.

The assessment will be given over four mornings at Jackson High School. The dates are May 18, 19, 27, and 28. Sophomore students will be taking the English portion of this assessment on May 20th and 21st. To minimize the impact of testing on classroom instruction we will be running three days of reverse schedules during this testing period. On May 19, 21, and 28 we will start with 6th period and end with 1st period. This will minimize the impact of testing on every class.

We know Running Start students have special needs. Your student could elect to test in the afternoon rather than morning. If this is more convenient for your student, they should show up in the library at noon.

Students should bring photo ID; pencils and pens, a novel (in case they finish testing early), and a few snacks that they can consume during breaks. We will be providing headphones, but students are welcome to use their own headphones or earbuds.

You can also find this information on our website.

Thank you!!

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