

JHS Running Start

The Running Start program allows junior and senior students to take college courses at community and technical colleges and apply those credits towards high school graduation and potential college degrees (subject to verification and eligibility).

How to get started: Check out this link on the JHS Counseling website: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/9405>

- **Enroll at a Community College.** They may require a college placement examination or other entrance documentation such as State Assessment scores, Transcripts, etc.
- Meet with your counselor to map out your community college classes and sign your first **EVF**.
- **Enrollment Verification Form (EVF)*:** The EVF must be completed with your JHS counselor each quarter to attend Running Start courses. You have the option to **FILL IN AND SUBMIT IT ELECTRONICALLY** to your counselor for signature, or contact the office to make an appointment at **425-385-7010**. 48 hour notice is appreciated for form pick up. If you make changes to your JHS or college schedule after the EVF has been signed, you must update your counselor regarding these changes.
- LINK to Form: <https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/ossi/k12supports/pubdocs/RSEVF.pdf>
- Be aware of deadlines and calendars: It is **YOUR** responsibility to be aware of community college deadlines, **JHS** closures, holidays, schedule changes, photo date, senior deadlines, as well as **when counselors are available for signatures or meetings**. Please plan ahead and make sure your counselor will be available to sign your form. You may also drop it off in the Counseling Office. Check the JHS website and ESD calendars for dates counselors are off campus, or on breaks.
- **Dropping classes:** You must notify the college and Jackson High School immediately of any intention to drop a class. Failure to notify the college and Jackson when you drop a class may result in you paying the tuition for that class.
- **Residence in high school service area:** You must live within the Jackson High School boundaries, or be attending JHS on a variance, to receive college and high school credit through the Running Start program and Jackson High School.
- **High school graduation requirements:** Refer to the Everett Public Schools “High School/Community College Course Chart” to determine which community college classes meet Jackson High School graduation requirements. You may not continue with the Running Start program senior year if you have completed all graduation requirements at the end of junior year, but if you have not, you may continue in Running Start senior year. (WAC 392-169-020)
- **High school transcript:** When you complete a college class (whether passed or failed), the subject area and grade will appear on your high school transcript (no exceptions).

Credit Transferability: Be aware that NOT every college will accept Running Start community college credits (especially some private and out-of-state colleges). Check with the colleges/universities you want to attend. A better alternative may be to take advanced high school courses instead of community college courses.

**For more information consult the JHS Counseling webpage
and also these Running Start FAQ:**

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/pubdocs/RunningStart-FAQs.pdf>

You must submit this form to your counselor before enrolling in Running Start (keep a copy for your records)

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“I have read the Running Start Program information and have discussed the program with my parent/guardian and my counselor at Henry M. Jackson High School.”

“I understand what is required of me and will complete all required steps with my counselor each quarter to take appropriate classes at the community college.”

Student Name (*please print*)

Student ID #

E-Mail Address

Cell Phone

The community college you are planning to attend: _____

Grade Level (*circle answer*): Junior Senior

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date