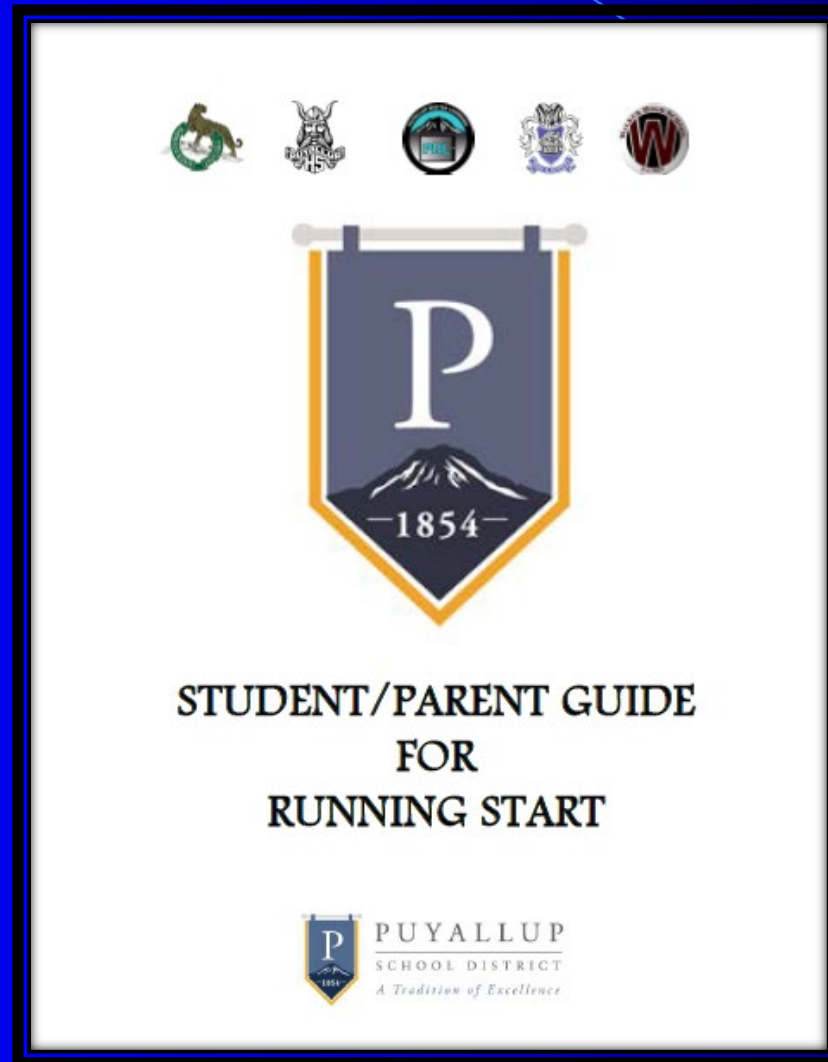


Running Start 2019-2020



What is Running Start?

- ✓ A statewide Community & Technical college program for qualified junior and senior high school students.
- ✓ Students enroll in college courses to earn college and high school credits to meet graduation requirements (Dual Credit).
- ✓ Taking full advantage of program, a student may earn an Associates degree.

Eligibility

- ✓ HS Junior or Senior
- ✓ Through a college Placement assessment (Accuplacer, SBA Level 3, Grade of 'B' or better in English 11 or Alg. II), student assess into college-level English (101) and/or Math (107)

Getting Started

1. Attend information session March 19.
2. Submit Pierce College admissions application online. Receive student ID (SID). www.pierce.ctc.edu/getstarted
3. Complete placement assessment (SBA, HS transcript, Accuplacer).
4. Make appointment and meet with your Counselor April 15 – 26th to complete Running Start Plan and Enrollment Verification form.
5. Attend PC Advising. Register for courses & pay Quarterly fee.

Time Line

- ✓ March 19 – May 24: Complete college steps to Running Start.
- ✓ April 3, 2:45 – 4:45 pm, Accuplacer assessment, ERHS.
- ✓ April 5, Advisory/Jag: Test Results
- ✓ April 15 – 26: Meet with Counselor
- ✓ May 29: PC Fall registration begins.
- ✓ August 19 - 23: Meet with counselor to adjust ER course request.
- ✓ September 23: Fall Quarter begins.

Forms Needed

- ✓ PSD Running Start Agreement form
- ✓ Placement assessment (Accuplacer)
Individual Score Report, Transcript.
- ✓ College Enrollment form
- ✓ Running Start Plan
- ✓ Advisory Opt-Out form
- ✓ Enrollment Verification Form (EVF)
(Counselor)

Enrollment

- ✓ Running Start is available only in fall, winter and spring quarters.
- ✓ Students may enroll in high school and college courses, or full time in college.
- ✓ Full time Running Start students may enroll in one HS course.

Tuition & Credits

- ✓ College tuition for eligible classes are free.
- ✓ The maximum credit eligible is based on students combined high school and college enrollment.
- ✓ One five (5) credit class at the college earns one 1.0 HS credit.

Credit Equivalencies

✓ 5 Qtr. Cr = 1.0 HS Cr

✓ 4 Qtr. Cr = .80 HS Cr

✓ 3 Qtr. Cr = .60 HS Cr

✓ 2.5 Qtr. Cr = .50 HS Cr

✓ 2 Qtr. Cr = .40 HS Cr

✓ 1 Qtr. Cr = .20

Approximate Cost?

- ✓ Tuition: Free
- ✓ Provide own transportation
- ✓ Books @ 450.00
- ✓ Student fees @ 114.00
- ✓ Lab fees @ 15.00 – 20.00
- ✓ Approximate total: 1,755.00 a year
- ✓ Fee waivers may be available

Facts to Consider

- Running Start is a full year commitment.
- The State of Washington covers the cost of tuition up to 15 college credits per quarter.
- Enrollment Verification Form (EVF) must be completed prior to the end of the school year for fall registration.

Facts to Consider

- Students enrolled in part-time Running Start may find it difficult to schedule classes both at the high school and college.
- If or when you have a conflict in your schedule, **your high school classes will be your priority.**

Facts to Consider

- College grades are calculated into your high school GPA.
- Grades at the community college stay on permanent college transcripts. Keep in mind, it may impact any plan to transfer to a four-year college.

Facts to Consider

- College credits earned prior to high school graduation may not transfer to independent or out of state colleges.
- Instruction at the college level is provided at a faster pace with less faculty support.

Facts to Consider

- Many college classes fill up quickly. Therefore, class choices may be limited.
- Running Start does not pay for high school completion courses or college classes taken during the summer.

Facts to Consider

Running Start students are still responsible for completing the High School and Beyond Plan, Resume, Community Service, Student Led Conference.

Meet State assessment requirements in order to earn a diploma from the Puyallup School District.

Facts to Consider

Parents will not have access to college transcripts/and or records, grade reports and attendance, unless your student signs a waiver with the college.

Reference/Resource

- ✓ Parent/Student Guide to Running Start
- ✓ ERHS Website
- ✓ College Website
- ✓ College Board Accuplacer
- ✓ Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)