

**RUNNING START AT PC**

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**Running Start 2021-2022**

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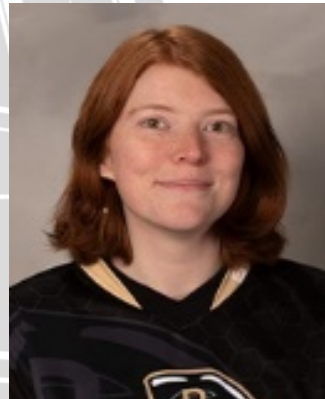
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## What is Running Start?

- Statewide **dual credit** funding program for **juniors** and **seniors**
  - ✓ Credit is earned for college classes at both college and high school
  - ✓ Therefore, credit can apply to both high school and college graduation
- **Tuition is waived (not fees)** for participating students with quarterly documentation (RSEVF)
- Private and home school students must enroll in a **public school/district** to participate.



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## Types of Running Start Participants

Full-Time Traditional	Part-Time Traditional	Degree Completion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follows <b>HS Graduation</b> Requirements, HS issues diploma</li><li>Takes <b>15 credits/qtr</b></li><li>Follows <b>course equivalency guide (Planning Form)</b></li><li>With planning, <b>potential to earn Associate degree</b> at the end of 2 years participation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follows <b>HS Graduation</b> Requirements, HS issues diploma</li><li>Takes <b>less than 15 credits/qtr</b></li><li>Follows <b>course equivalency guide (Planning Form)</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only follows <b>college degree requirements</b></li><li>Takes <b>15 credits/qtr</b></li><li>Student <b>does not walk</b> in HS graduation ceremony</li><li><b>High School Diploma and Associate Degree</b> both issued by Peninsula College</li></ul>



*Any student that earns an Associate's degree, and applies for graduation, will be invited to the PC graduation ceremony in June.*

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## Who is Successful in Running Start?

- **Independent** learners
- Students ready for an **adult learning environment**
- Students with good **organizational** skills and time management skills
- Students with a good **support** system at home and high school
- Students who use campus resources and are unafraid to **ask for help**
- Students who can **balance** school, work, & other responsibilities

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## **How to Qualify for Running Start**

- **Enrollment** at a public high school or school district
- **Junior or Senior status** (determined by high school)
- **Eligible for college level English (ENGL 101) or college level math (Math 107 or above)**



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## **Placement Options**

- **High School Transcript**
- **College Placement Test, ACCUPLACER - \$20.00 testing fee**
- **High School Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores**
- **ACT/SAT scores**
- **AP English Scores**
- **Unofficial college transcript showing completion of ENGL 101**
- **Placement results from another Washington state community college**

*For a full list of alternative placement methods visit the Testing Center webpage*

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## Alternative Placement *Interim* Options

English Requirement	Placement	
High school Honors English class with B or above in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above	English 101	Submit unofficial transcripts to: <a href="mailto:Testing@pencol.edu">Testing@pencol.edu</a> for placement review.
High school English classes with B or above in 3 semesters	English 101	
Math Requirement	Placement	
High school Algebra 1 and Geometry with B or above in 3 semesters	Math 098/Math 107/Math 111/Math 146	Submit unofficial transcripts to: <a href="mailto:Testing@pencol.edu">Testing@pencol.edu</a> for placement review.
High school Algebra 2 with C- to B- in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Math 098/Math 107/Math 111/Math 146	
High school Algebra 2 with B or above in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Math 141	
High school Pre-Calc with C or above in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	Math 141	



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## Smarter Balanced Assessment

SBAC Score Requirement	Math Placement Option	SBAC Score Requirement	English Placement Option
Level 3 or 4 <i><b>PLUS B or better in HS pre-calculus or higher class</b></i>	Math&141 (Pre-Calculus)	Level 3 or 4	Any entry college (100-level) English course
Level 3 or 4 <i><b>PLUS B or better in Algebra 2</b></i>	Math&107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math&146 (Statistics)	<b>OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College English Class</b>	Any entry college (100-level) English course
<b>OR B or better in a designated Bridge to College Math class.</b>	Math&107 (Math in Society), Math 111 (Finite Math), Math&146 (Statistics)		

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## Costs of Participation in RS

- Running Start is not 100% free
  - Tuition is waived for up to 15 credits per quarter (summer not included)
- Students are still responsible for the cost of:

### Course & Student fees

(lab, technology, bus pass/parking, wellness center, graduation and other class supplies)

**Tuition for pre-college courses & credits over the funding limits (per RSEVF)**

### All other costs

(books, supplies, transportation, etc.)

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## The “RS EVF”

### • Running Start Enrollment Verification Form

1. Student Information Portion
  2. HS Counselor Portion
  3. Signatures Portion (Parent + Student)
- \*\* NEW! FRPL section for fee waiver

### • Calculates ratio of tuition waived

- Uses Funding Limit Table
- Up to 15 credits



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**Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch (FRPL) Status**  
Students who are FRPL eligible may receive tuition and fee waivers from a college. Is the student currently eligible for FRPL? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If No, no Counselor initials.

**Running Start Funding Limit Table**

Enrolled High School	Available College	
	Weekly Minutes *	FTE
0-360	0.00-0.25	0.00
361-450	0.25-0.27	0.00
451-500	0.28-0.30	0.01
501-574	0.31-0.40	0.01
575-750	0.41-0.47	0.01
751-899	0.48-0.55	0.01
900-1,000	0.56-0.60	0.01
1,001-1,124	0.61-0.67	0.01
1,125-1,200	0.68-0.70	0.01
1,201-1,349	0.71-0.80	0.01
1,350-1,499	0.81-0.87	0.01
1,500-1,599	0.88-0.90	0.01
1,600 or more	0.91-1.00	0.01

**Recommended Running Start Choice**

College Course Title & Number	# of College Credits	High School Equivalent	# of HS Credits

**Lower HS enrollment**

**Higher # of college credits paid for**

Signature of High School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Running Start is a program of the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges. It is a cooperative effort between the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges and the Washington State Board of Education. The program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school. The program is subject to the policies and procedures of the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges and the Washington State Board of Education. The program is not a guarantee of admission to a college or university. The program is not a guarantee of financial aid. The program is not a guarantee of a job. The program is not a guarantee of anything. The program is just a program.



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## Fee Waiver / Book Assistance Program

### **Fee Waiver (free & reduced lunch students):**

Income eligibility is confirmed via the RSEVF (for students who have qualified at any time during the past five years for the *free/reduced* lunch program) This waiver covers class fees (excluding consumable fees), and tuition for excess credits.

### **Running Start Textbook Assistance (*for students who qualify for free lunch only*):**

Free lunch eligibility documentation from the school district is required annually.

Students are loaned books from the RS Book Library & also receive up to \$175.00 per quarter to purchase books in the campus bookstore.

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## Credits and Equivalency

Most college classes are 5 college credits and equal to 1 high school credit

- A full-time RS student can earn up to 9 HS credits per year
- Tuition free college credit is based on the funding limit table on the RSEVF (basically more classes at the high school means less tuition free courses at the college)

### Number of Classes taken at the HS

0-1 class

2

3

5-7

### \*Number of College Credits Tuition Free

= 15 credits (3 classes)

= 12-13 credits

= 10-11 credits

= 3-6 credits

\*Allowed credits may vary- dependent on number of weekly minutes and terms at the high school

## Accommodations

- **Students with documented disabilities can request accommodations through Peninsula College SSD. You will need to work with our SSD staff to receive your accommodation.**
- **If you have an IEP or 504 plan, it does not automatically follow you to the college. To set up accommodations, please follow the steps outlined on our Services for Students with Disabilities website page.**
- **Contact [ssd@pencol.edu](mailto:ssd@pencol.edu) for additional information**



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## FERPA- Confidentiality of Student Records

- Academic records are protected by federal law. Even though a RS student may be under the age of 18, PC cannot release educational records to parents, families, guardians, or friends without the student's consent.
- Students may choose to give written consent for their records to be disclosed to parents or others. A Release of Information Form must be on file for the college to disclose any information to parents.



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## What classes can be taken?

- Any college level class that the student meets the prerequisite for (on campus, online, hybrid).
- You will be assigned a PC Team Advisor based on which high school you attend
  - They will keep track of your remaining high school graduation requirements by following your Planning Form (Equivalency Guide)
  - Build a 2-year academic plan covering all high school classes needed and the courses to complete an Associate's degree
- Save one required HS class for senior year
- Try to finish all HS required classes by winter quarter your senior year
- Listen to the advice of your high school counselor and assigned PC Team Advisor



# Benefits

- **Head start** on college studies and transcript
- **Save money** on tuition
- Take a **wide variety of classes** that may not be offered at your high school.
- Potential to **finish Associate** degree
- Degree completers walk in the **PC graduation** ceremony
- Can participate in **college clubs**/activities, leadership, intramural sports & other programs. Participation on college sports teams is prohibited with the exception of Esports.





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## Considerations

- **Readiness** to be a college student
- **Involvement** in sports, drama, and other HS activities
- Classes cover more material in depth at a **faster pace**.
- The **college breaks** do not always align (holidays, finals, and vacations).
- **Grade impact** – Grades are recorded on your HS and college transcript and become a part of your permanent record at PC. Low grades or failure to complete courses may jeopardize high school graduation, admission to another college or other future educational plans.

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## Campus Resources

- Student Development –support via Zoom
  - Transfer Advising
  - Counseling Services
  - Services for Students with Disabilities
  - Career Exploration
- Writing Lab, Tutoring Services, eTutoring and Math Lab- currently supporting students online via Zoom
- Library research help- online
- Forks Learning Center & Port Townsend Learning Center- currently supporting students online via Zoom

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## Educational Options

### ■ University Transfer

- Preparation for transfer to four-year colleges
- Complete an Associate's Degree
  - Associate in Arts or Associate in Arts Honors (DTA)
  - Associate in Science (Transfer Track)
  - Associate in Business (DTA/MRP)
  - Associate in Computer Science (DTA/MRP)
  - Associate in Math Education (DTA/MRP)
  - Associate in Nursing (DTA/MRP)

### ■ Professional Technical

- Career Focused Programs
- Complete an Associate in Applied Science (AAS), AAS-Transfer(AAS-T) or a Certificate



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## Ready to start? Here are your next steps:

- ❑ Complete an online PC application at [www.pencol.edu](http://www.pencol.edu) - click on Admissions/Getting Started/Apply
- ❑ Qualify through an approved alternative placement (or take the placement test). You must qualify into college level English or Math to participate in Running Start.  
If you plan to test check out practice tests, and other testing information at: [www.pencol.edu/placement-testing](http://www.pencol.edu/placement-testing).  
*Note: Submit all alternative placement documents for review to [testing@pencol.edu](mailto:testing@pencol.edu).*
- ❑ Fill out the student portion of the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (RSEVF) and sign the bottom of the form. Email your high school counselor the completed form to verify your intent to participate in RS. Your counselor will fill out their portion of the RSEVF, complete your Planning Form, and email them to [testing@pencol.edu](mailto:testing@pencol.edu).  
**Homeschool students** should email their high school and/or school district once they qualify. The school district and/or high school will fill out the Homebased Instruction Students Only Form and/or Planning Form and email them to [testing@pencol.edu](mailto:testing@pencol.edu).

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## Steps Continued:

- ❑ **Review and sign the Peninsula College Running Start Agreement Form**  
[https://pencol.formstack.com/forms/running\\_start\\_agreement](https://pencol.formstack.com/forms/running_start_agreement)
- ❑ **Advise and register**  
When all the above forms have been completed (Application, RSEVF, Planning Form, and the Peninsula College Running Start Agreement), **use the contact information below to schedule an advising appointment to select your classes and register.**
- ❑ **Running Start Orientation**  
Learn about college resources and program procedures. **RS Orientation is mandatory for all new RS students.** During COVID restrictions, orientation will be available only online at:  
[https://pencol.formstack.com/forms/running\\_start](https://pencol.formstack.com/forms/running_start)

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## Steps Continued:

### ■ Pay fees and purchase textbooks

After you register, you will be able to view your fees owed in your ctcLink Student Portal. The payment due date is listed on the Academic Calendar available on the website.

You may purchase your books from the PC Campus Bookstore (The Bookaneer) online. Book rental options are also available. Fee waivers and bus passes are available for students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program through their school district. In addition, limited book assistance is available for students who qualify for the free lunch program.

Contact Information: Main Campus: [piratecentral@pencol.edu](mailto:piratecentral@pencol.edu) or 360.417.6340 Option #2

Port Townsend extension site: [pt@pencol.edu](mailto:pt@pencol.edu) or 360.385.4605

Forks extension site: [forks@pencol.edu](mailto:forks@pencol.edu) or 360.374.3223

[www.pencol.edu](http://www.pencol.edu)

**Classes Begin on September 27**



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## Upward Bound

"Upward Bound is a federally funded college preparation program that offers support to low-income and first-generation high school students with college aspirations. Serving students in Port Angeles, Joyce, Forks and La Push, our focus is to help students develop the skills necessary to be successful in their educational pursuits and enroll and graduate from college.

If you're highly motivated, need extra support to get you through high school, and wish to go to college, Upward Bound may be for you. To learn more, email our Recruitment Coordinator, Hilary Powers at [hpowers@pencol.edu](mailto:hpowers@pencol.edu)."

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