

MOUNT SI HIGH SCHOOL

Running Start Participation Agreement

The student and guardian listed below have reviewed the contents of this agreement for participation in the Mount Si High School Running Start Program and understand the requirements detailed within this document.

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Student's Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	
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Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature	
_____	_____	
Student Email	Parent Email	
_____	_____	
Running Start College Name	Grade	Date

Please initial after reviewing each item detailed below.

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Student Guardian

Running Start Program Eligibility Requirements & Scope:

In order to be recommended for the Running Start program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be on track to graduate (12 credits by the end of 10th grade or 18 credits by the end of 11th grade)
- Have placed into college-level courses at the chosen community college via transcript submission or by taking a placement test at their campus
 - If a student places below college-level (100 level) for math, the student will be required to take their math class at Mount Si High School or show proof of registration in Math 098 or higher at their chosen community college for Fall Quarter.

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Student Guardian

Communication from Mount Si High School: RS students are responsible for staying informed of MSHS news and required events. Students & guardians should:

- Submit their email addresses Constant Contact messages
- Submit their cell phone numbers for SMS Texts
- Regularly check their email and MSHS information sources
 - MSHS website announcements
 - Counseling webpage
 - Senior webpage
 - Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)

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High School Students as College Students: RS students are subject to the same privileges, rules, and responsibilities of any college student, including those that govern course requirements, registration, grading and appropriate behavior. Colleges will not share attendance or academic issues with parents or with MSHS. Students are responsible for monitoring their own progress and for communicating directly with the college RS office and instructors regarding college course concerns. Bellevue College RS students who would like to grant a parent access to their RS educational records may do so by completing a Student Information Release Form. This form is available on the [Bellevue College Running Start Forms webpage](#).

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Participating in HS Sports: RS students who meet WIAA eligibility standards may participate in MSHS sports with a completed and signed WIAA RS Contract prior to the start of the season. RS students need to attend classes daily and can **NOT** drop any classes without counselor and Athletic Director approval. If classes are not attended or dropped this violates the contract and can result in removal from the team and declared ineligible for competition for a period of one year.

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Obtaining College Credit: Not all post-secondary schools, especially those out of state, accept RS courses for college credit. Additionally, some may have special rules about specific courses or about whether incoming students are considered entering freshmen or transfer students. It is the student's responsibility to collect and understand this information from their prospective colleges and universities.

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RS GPA Requirements to Maintain RS Student Status: RS students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in RS courses. If the student's GPA falls below 2.0, the RS college will place the student on academic probation. Students on academic probation are required to raise their GPA above the 2.0 minimum during the next grading period. If the student does not raise their GPA, the RS college will withdraw the student from the RS program. Transitioning back to the MSHS mid-year is difficult and could adversely impact graduation due to the difference in quarter/semester start and end dates.

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Mixed MSHS & RS Schedules: Coordinating mixed schedules is difficult and not recommended:

- MSHS has a "block schedule".
- SVSD is on an 18-week semester schedule while colleges are on an 11-week quarter schedule. School start, end, and vacation dates differ. Missing school at one institution because the other is not in session does not qualify for an excused absence.
- MSHS has short days on Fridays (traditionally).
- Exam schedules may require that you miss class at one school. It is the student's responsibility to make any necessary arrangements to meet the requirements for the MSHS class.
- RS classes cannot interfere with the timing of MSHS classes.

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Recommended Year-Long Commitment: Because grading periods do not align between MSHS and RS community colleges MSHS strongly encourages students to make RS a year-long commitment. Students who begin or withdraw from RS mid-year will do so with adverse effects to course credits and graduation.

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Running Start Course Placement Requirements: Placement into RS courses varies for each college and may include providing high school state testing results, transmitting high school transcripts, and or taking placement exams at the RS college.

- Students are responsible for working with the RS college to define their specific placement requirements.
- Students placed into college courses ≤ '099' must pay tuition fees associated with those courses. Classes numbered '099' or below are not included in the RS program and do not qualify for state funding.

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Registering for Classes & Education Verification Forms: Students are responsible for monitoring all information and registration deadlines provided by the RS college. To help meet RS registration deadlines, MSHS counselors will schedule quarterly walk-in days and times for students to complete Education Verification Forms prior to registration. The MSHS Counseling Center will communicate walk-in schedules through "opt-in" text messages, Constant Contact emails, and announcements made on the MSHS main webpage.

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Dropping Courses: RS students are responsible for officially dropping MSHS or RS classes before drop deadlines.

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504s & IEPs: Students with a 504 Accommodation Plan or Individual Education Plan (IEP) are responsible for informing and providing the RS college with all necessary documentation.

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Student Costs: RS students are responsible for all costs associated with registration, books & materials, lab fees, parking, transportation, etc. RS students are also responsible for a mandatory MSHS Communications & Consumables Fee.