RUNNING START INFORMATION SESSION

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What does it take to be a Running Start student?

- Time management

- Organization - Know your due dates and deadlines

- Access information & communicate: Check websites and send emails to ask questions and check in with professors

- Internally motivated: Teachers do not reach out to you or your parents if you are struggling, or if you are at risk of failing. You must read each class syllabi to understand how to receive a favorable grade.

How is college different from high school?

- In college, there are no test corrections and no late work. Missed assignments receive a grade of 0, not 50%!

- In high school, a passing grade is 60%. In College, passing is 65%.

- College coursework is faster paced.

- As a college student, you are under FERPA regulations. FERPA is a national law that says colleges cannot release information about you, your classes, or your grades without your consent. **Parents cannot communicate on your behalf to anyone at the college, you are fully responsible for yourself!**

Running Start Registration Process:

- Apply to the community college you plan to take classes at.
  - Once you have applied, you will receive your student ID number through your college email account.

- Take placement tests in English and Math to determine what classes to register for.

- Complete an enrollment packet for the college.
  - This includes filling out an **Enrollment Verification Form (EVF)** with your high school counselor, which includes the courses you are approved to take in the following quarter.

- Complete the college orientation process.

Maximum number of courses you can take at Running Start and Garfield

RS	Garfield
4	0
3	2
2	4
1	6

- Taking the maximum number of courses may not be possible due to scheduling conflicts.

- Taking the maximum number of courses will affect ability to take summer quarter classes.

- If you are sure that you are taking Running Start courses next year, please select "Running Start" course option when selecting classes for next school year.

GHS Running Start Contract

Running Start students are expected to check their Seattle Schools email address regularly, even they do not attend classes at Garfield High School.

As college students, they are also expected to check their college email address frequently, as well as their personal email address if that has been provided to their Garfield counselor.

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The community colleges run on a quarter system. Students must enroll in classes during all three quarters of the school year – Fall, Winter, and Spring. Students may take classes during Summer Quarter if they have not exceeded their funding for courses during the school year.

Students must meet with their Garfield counselor to complete an Enrollment Verification Form before enrolling in classes for the upcoming quarter. This amounts to three meetings each academic year (four meetings if participating in Summer quarter). Students must be proactive about scheduling these meetings.

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Community college courses can fill up quickly. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in college courses as soon as possible during each registration season.

Each community college maintains an Academic Calendar, accessible online, that includes when course registration for each quarter opens.

We cannot guarantee that students will have a place in their selected college classes. If students fail to enroll early and are placed on a waitlist, they must communicate with the instructor of the class about being admitted.

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Students are responsible for all non-tuition costs at the community college, which may include lab fees, online fees, or program fees. Fee waiver requests must be explicitly communicated to the Garfield counselor.

Small Group Q & A with your counselor