



Lynden High School

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RUNNING START (RS) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

There are many benefits to participating in RS while in high school. However, parents and students must also consider the expectations, responsibilities, and possible challenges associated with RS. Since you are likely aware of the benefits, this document is intended to clarify other things you may not be as familiar with. Please read the following document carefully and acknowledge your understanding and consent by signing below.

1. LHS recommends students meet the following criteria to attend RS:
 - a. Must be of at least junior standing (minimum of 16 credits earned).
 - b. Should have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.
 - c. Should be able to engage in college-level coursework.
2. Any GPA points earned through RS courses become a part of the permanent college transcript, which impacts their college GPA and future application to other colleges and universities.
3. Any RS student who earns a GPA below 2.0 for one quarter will be placed on “Academic Alert” by the community college.
4. Associated costs related to attending RS (travel, books, fees, parking, equipment, etc.) are the student’s responsibility.
5. Tuition for course below the 100 level are the responsibility of the student.
6. Any student who earns an AA is eligible for a Washington State High School diploma through the college. However, this is not an LHS diploma and does not qualify the student to participate in the LHS Graduation Ceremony. Students seeking an LHS diploma and LHS graduation must meet all LHS graduation requirements. See your counselor for specifics.
7. LHS graduation requirements will not be waived to meet AA requirements.
8. RS students must have met all LHS graduation requirements at the time of the Graduation Ceremony to participate. RS students still taking courses required for LHS graduation at the time of Commencement must provide instructor verification that they are currently passing that course.
9. RS students must consult with their LHS Counselor and the HS & Beyond Center once prior to EVERY quarter.
10. WCC is on a “quarter” system and LHS is on a “semester” system. Start, end, and vacation dates will differ.
11. RS students are responsible for maintaining awareness of important dates, deadlines, events, and changes at LHS. Examples include: senior photo due dates, assemblies, class meetings, late arrival, early release, etc.
12. Adults (over 18) and minors (under 18) are all in the same courses at RS.
13. RS students may only come to LHS during the school day for meetings with school staff or special events such as “grad class meetings.” RS students may not attend LHS lunch.
14. RS students who meet eligibility requirements may participate in athletics and activities at LHS.
15. Students holding an ASB or Class Officer position must take at least two credits each semester on LHS campus.
16. Earning an Associate’s Degree may impact a student’s eligibility for future financial aid. Consult with your specific university of interest to determine how/if this will impact future tuition payments.

By signing below, I indicate my understand and agreement to the expectations, responsibilities, and possible challenges above.

Student Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Counselor Signature	Date	Signature	Date