

CHANGES TO RUNNING START AND COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE on the passage E2SHB 1546 and the effects for Running Start and College in the High School Programs

Running Start

With the passage of E2SHB 1546, the definition of Running Start has changed to include the following:

“The course sections and programs offered as running start courses must also be open from registration to matriculated students at the participating institution of high education and may not be a course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high school campus.”

Due to this change, the Running Start Enrollment Verification Form (RSEVF) has been revised to remove the option for Running Start in the High School. See the revised form attached.

College in the High School

E2SHB 1546 bill expands College in the High School (CHS) programs to allow 10th grade students to enroll.

Additionally, the bill provides limited state-funded subsidies to pay the CHS fee for 11th and 12th grade students enrolled in these classes. This funding is allocated at an amount per college credit and shall be prioritized to high schools in the following order:

1. For 2015-16 school year only, high schools that had offered Running Start in the High School program in 2014-15 school year,
2. High schools who are more than twenty miles from a college main or branch campus,
3. High schools that receive Small School funding, and
4. For remaining high schools, based on the high school's Free and Reduced Price Lunch percentage.

For items 1 through 3, state-funded CHS subsidies would be available to pay for a maximum of 10 college credits per 11th and 12th grade student enrolled in CHS classes at eligible high schools. For item 4, the state-funded CHS subsidies is limited to 5 college credits per 11th and 12th grade student enrolled in CHS classes at eligible high schools.

Districts interested in applying for the CHS subsidies must complete an iGrants application by July 1, 2015. Currently, OSPI is developing the application and will notify districts when it is available. Districts will report their projected CHS credits for the 2015-16 school year for each of their high schools. OSPI will notify districts by September 1, 2015 if the high school's students will receive the CHS subsidies.

This message, and future updates will be posted on the OSPI dual credit web page at <http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/DualCredit/default.aspx> under “What's New” and on the Running Start web page at <http://www.k12.wa.us/SecondaryEducation/CareerCollegeReadiness/RunningStart.aspx> under “What's New” along with the revised RSEVF form.

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