# RUNNING START STUDENTS AND WIAA ELIGIBILITY

**WIAA Rule 18.6.0**

**2017-18**

Students who access the Running Start Program at the community colleges find themselves on a different academic calendar from their high school for academic eligibility. There could be times during the high school year that Running Start students are not in school or taking academic courses. To ensure that students remain athletically eligible at their high school, they enter into the following contract with their school and commit to taking and completing the approved academic program at the community college and/or in conjunction with a blended schedule at their high school.

The purpose of this document is to record, in writing, the expectations of the _____ _____School District regarding the Running Start scholastic requirements of _____, a student/athlete at _____High School, and serve as a safeguard for the _____School District against penalty and sanctions if_____ (student) fails to meet the scholastic requirements as a Running Start student during the 2017-18 school year.

Expectations:

1. The _____School District verifies the following approved academic schedule with _____, a Running Start student at _____High School that will meet the WIAA and school district academic eligibility requirements.

2. The student, _____, agrees to attend all classes and to make no changes to his/her approved academic schedule without first consulting with his/her high school on the potential eligibility ramifications of such changes.

**RUNNING START ACADEMIC PLAN for the _____School Year**

**Normal Credit Hour requirement at High School per Semester_____**

| RUNNING START TERM 1 | Credit Hours |
|---|---|
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| | |
| RUNNING START TERM 2 | Credit Hours |
| 1 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| | |
| RUNNING START TERM 3 | Credit Hours |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| | |

| HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 1 | Credit Hours |
|---|---|
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
| | |
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| Total Credits Per Semester |
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| HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER 2 | Credit Hours |
|---|---|
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | |
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| Total Credits Per Semester |
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**This agreement shall be signed and dated by the high school principal, the high school counselor, high school athletic director, the student/athlete, and his/her parents. By signing this agreement, the student and family agree to all terms of the agreement and understand they must adhere to the agreed academic plan for the school year or be subject to WIAA regulations 25.4.1 which states in part: "… [if] it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible … the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year."**

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| _____ | _____ |
| Signature of Principal | Date |
| _____ | _____ |
| Signature of Counselor | Date |
| _____ | _____ |
| Signature of Athletic Director | Date |
| _____ | _____ |
| Signature of Parent/Guardian | Date |
| _____ | _____ |
| Signature of Student | Date |

**25.4.1 The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year. The one (1) year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information had been provided. The one (1) year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.**

## GUIDELINES IN ESTABLISHING RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY (WIAA Rule 18.6.4)

A. Determine the number of credits required for athletic eligibility at the student's high school. Example: Five 5 classes required in a six (6) period school day is equal to **2.5** semester credits needed for eligibility.

B. Establish the student's academic schedule for the year, either entirely as a Running Start student or a student with a blended schedule of classes from both Running Start and the high school.

C. Determine the number of credits to be earned in each of the courses.

D. The credits in the Running Start second term can be used either for the first ($1^{st}$) semester, the second ($2^{nd}$) semester, or split between the two (2) semesters.

E. It is possible that a Running Start student would not attend any classes during one (1) of the three (3)Running Start terms and still be eligible, provided he/she took enough credits during the other two (2) terms to meet or exceed the number of credits per semester for athletic eligibility at the high school.

F. Running Start is a public school mainstream educational program. Eligibility is at the public school of residence where the student accesses the Running Start program. A student could still compete athletically for the private school if he/she maintain enrollment at the private school for at least 50 percent (%) of the school day at the private school.