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Running Start Information Session

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- RS is a dual-credit program allowing HS Juniors and Seniors to earn both college and high school credit
- It is tuition free for the students
 - This doesn't cover the college fees or the course fees. The student is responsible for covering them. Unless they qualify for a fee waiver.
- Courses are only taken through the High School academic year (September through June)

What is Running Start?

- I encourage students who wish to continue their education after high school to join the Running Start program in order to learn the basics and get the feel what it is like to be around a college campus. This program is designed to give you a head start in your college education while earning the rest of your high school credits for graduation. This program has helped me accelerate further in my education and prepare myself for future college classes. I highly recommend this program for students who desire to complete a substantial number of their first two years of college credits early.

-Karlee Cooper, Graduated from Lummi Nation School (2017).
Karlee earned her DTA from NWIC in Fall of 2018.

From a Student's Perspective

- Running Start is open to any student who is at least Junior by credit level,*
- Is enrolled in either a public high school or home school program, and
- Who tests into English 100 via a placement test

* This is determined by the school district the student is enrolled in.

Who is Eligible?

1. Schedule to take a placement test at either the main campus or the site closest to you.
2. If you pass the ENGL 100 threshold, you should take the Running Start Packet home to be filled out.
3. Return ALL RS packet materials back to either the RS Coordinator or the Site Manager.
4. Meet with your HS counselor to fill out the RSEVF and choose your college classes.
5. Meet with the FYE/RS Advisor or the Site Manager to fill out a Registration form and register for courses. RS students must be registered by 5 pm on the first day of every quarter.
6. This is important... **ATTEND ALL COURSES!!!!**
*** Repeat steps 4-6 Each quarter!**

The Process!!

- Running start entails everything that's in the name. It gave me the chance to ease in to college courses and get general course requirements out of the way. After high school I went straight to a university and because of Running Start I was a semester ahead and I wasn't as nervous because I had already taken college courses. If I had one piece of advice I needed to give to high school students, it would be to utilize Running Start because 1) it's free (and trust me, college is EXPENSIVE), 2) sometimes you'll only have class an hour a day, and 3) it helps you gain skills and transition into university courses; two things that high school can't entirely provide.

-Sarah, was a Lummi Nation School student. She attended Running Start from 2014-2015. Sarah is now enrolled at Washington State University and working on her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

Student Success

- Students may take any 100-200 level course they meet the prerequisite for
- The course must satisfy a requirement for the high school graduation requirements
- Courses may be taken via Face-to-Face, Online, Independent, Telecourse, or Videoconference

Course Selection

- Running Start at NWIC was an amazing experience for me. At Ferndale High School, I felt like I was never capable of getting super good grades and being successful. But at NWIC I was surrounded by Natives and felt more comfortable. I felt more confident in myself and received grades that were higher than any I've received before. I recommend NWIC for students thinking about running start, especially if you are Native American. You will feel like you have a sense of place, you will feel like you belong and then you will succeed.

-Billie, was a Ferndale High School student. She attended Running Start in 2015. Billie is now finishing her Associates of Arts and Science-General Direct Transfer at NWIC.

Student Success

- Common Question: Is my student eligible for financial aid?
 - Answer: No, since the student has not graduated from high school, they are not eligible for federal aid.
- Talk with your tribes higher education department, they will usually help
- JOM- For students who are enrolled and attending a HS in the Ferndale or Lummi School District

What if a student has fees?

- For our site (Port Gamble)- our high school counselor said that our program helps students graduate from high school. She is thankful for our Running Start program.
 - We had one student take only college transferable credits because she is college bound. She is accepted into the University of Washington Bothell campus and will enroll this fall 2016-17.
 - One student said that he learned more in his ENGL 101 class than he learned in his years in high school as a junior.
- Francine Swift, Port Gamble Site Manager

Our Sites, Part 1

- We have had three students do Running Start from the Muckleshoot Site over the past year. One has graduated and is working for the Tribe and the other two are set to graduate this June.

-Muckleshoot Site Manger

Our Sites, Part 2

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Who to Contact
