THIS PRESENTATION PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW AND SERVES AS AN ORIENTATION TO THE RUNNING START PROGRAM.

IT WILL COVER WHAT THE PROGRAM IS, SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING IF YOU WANT TO BE A RUNNING START STUDENT, AND HOW TO ENROLL

STAFF IN THE RUNNING START OFFICE WILL HELP YOU WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.
IN WASHINGTON STATE YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE CREDIT. THESE INCLUDE:

- AP, IB, COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL, TECH PREP, AND RUNNING START.

AP, IB, COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND TECH PREP OCCUR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

RUNNING START IS NOT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. YOU LEAVE THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COME TO THE COLLEGE CAMPUS TO TAKE CLASSES.

THE CREDITS YOU EARN AT THE COLLEGE CAN BE APPLIED TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND CREDITS THAT COUNT TOWARDS A COLLEGE DEGREE AND CAN TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY.
OVER 20,000 STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

STUDENTS’ FIRST PRIORITY IS TO MEET HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS. THEN YOU CAN TAKE ADDITIONAL COURSES THAT CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS A COLLEGE DEGREE.

Running Start

- Must be in 11th or 12th grade.
- Eligibility for 2 years
  - 6 quarters (Fall, Winter Spring) for junior and senior year.
- Tuition is FREE for college level classes.
- Savings:
  - EdCC, - about $4,000/year
  - UW Seattle, $12,000/year
YOU CAN DO RUNNING START FULL TIME – 15 CREDITS OR 3 COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES PER QUARTER.

OR YOU CAN DO RUNNING START PART TIME. YOU SPLIT TIME BETWEEN THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

ABOUT HALF THE RUNNING START STUDENTS AT EDMONDS CC ARE FULL TIME. THE OTHER HALF ARE PART-TIME.

AVERAGE AT EDCC FOR STUDENTS DOING RUNNING START IS 2 CLASSES (10 CREDITS). THIS MEANS THESE STUDENTS ARE ALSO TAKING 2 OR 3 CLASSES AT HIGH SCHOOL.

YOU CAN START THE PROGRAM PART TIME, AND CHANGE TO FULL TIME LATER. OR YOU CAN START FULL TIME AND DROP TO PART TIME. THE PROGRAM IS FLEXIBLE.
A SCHOOL YEAR IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT AT THE COLLEGE.

IN COLLEGE THERE ARE THREE QUARTERS. THE HIGH SCHOOL HAS 2 SEMESTERS.

IF YOU TAKE ONE COLLEGE LEVEL CLASS FOR ONE QUARTER AT THE COLLEGE, THIS WILL COUNT AS 1.0 CREDIT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

FOR EXAMPLE IF YOU TAKE ENGLISH 101 AT THE COLLEGE DURING A QUARTER (10 – 11 WEEKS), IT WILL COUNT AS 1.0 CREDIT OF ENGLISH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.
RUNNING START COVERS TUITION FOR CLASSES. YOU DON’T PAY FOR TUITION.

HOWEVER THERE ARE SOME COSTS YOU HAVE TO PAY. THERE ARE STUDENT FEES, TEXTBOOKS, AND STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO THE COLLEGE.

ORCA BUS PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR APPROXIMATELY $36 PER QUARTER. THIS GIVES YOU UNLIMITED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

FEE WAIVERS ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU MEET CERTAIN INCOME REQUIREMENTS. FILL OUT THE FEE WAIVER APPLICATION. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE OR GIVE US A CALL.

FEE WAIVER ALSO INCLUDES SOME ASSISTANCE WITH BOOKS. THIS YEAR BOOK ASSISTANCE IS $100/QUARTER. IT VARIES EACH YEAR.
WE FIND RUNNING START STUDENTS ARE TAKING COURSES FOR THREE DIFFERENT REASONS: TRANSFER, JOB SKILLS, AND TO EXPLORE WHAT COLLEGE IS LIKE.

TRANSFER: YOU WILL WORK WITH HS COUNSELOR ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

YOU WILL WORK WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE STAFF AND ADVISORS ON COLLEGE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.

CLASSES YOU TAKE THROUGH RUNNING START ARE COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES THAT TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY AND CAN COUNT TOWARDS A BACHELORS DEGREE.

AS A RUNNING START STUDENT, IF YOU COME FULL TIME AND PLAN CAREFULLY YOU CAN GET AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

1,000 STUDENTS OUT OF 20,000 DO THIS AND ACTUALLY GET AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE.

MORE COMMON THOUGH, IS STUDENTS TAKE SOME COLLEGE CLASSES THAT WILL TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY.
JOB SKILLS:

TAKE COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES THROUGH RUNNING START THAT GIVE YOU JOB SKILLS TO MOVE DIRECTLY INTO THE WORKFORCE AND COUNT TOWARDS A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, OR AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN A TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL AREA.

THESE ARE THE DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DESIGNED TO MOVE YOU DIRECTLY INTO THE WORKFORCE.

SOME STUDENTS ARE TAKING RUNNING START CLASSES WITH THE GOAL OF GETTING A PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL DEGREE.
STUDENTS DO RUNNING START TO EXPERIENCE THE COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT AND SEE WHAT COLLEGE IS LIKE.

YOU HAVE 100’S OF CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM.

TAKE ONE OR TWO COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES.

THIS CAN HELP YOU DECIDE IF COLLEGE IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO PURSUE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
YOU CAN BE A RUNNING START STUDENT!!  YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES TUITION FREE.

COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES ARE ANY COURSES WITH A NUMBER OF 100 OR ABOVE.

TO HELP US IDENTIFY CLASSES YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE AND WILL BE A GOOD MATCH, YOU MUST DETERMINE YOUR PLACEMENT IN ENGLISH.

YOUR PLACEMENT WILL DETERMINE WHICH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO DO RUNNING START YOU CAN.  EVERYONE IS WELCOME.  WE WILL HELP YOU FIND CLASSES YOU CAN TAKE.
IN MAKING THE DECISION, THERE ARE SOME CONSIDERATIONS:

AS A RUNNING START STUDENT - FIRST AND FOREMOST YOU ARE A COLLEGE STUDENT.

YOU WILL BE TREATED LIKE ALL OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS – SAME EXPECTATIONS EVEN THOUGH RUNNING START.

ON CAMPUS – STAFF AND FACULTY DON’T KNOW YOU ARE A RUNNING START STUDENT AND IN HIGH SCHOOL. YOU ARE A COLLEGE STUDENT.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
YOU WILL BE IN A COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT WITH DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION.

WE HAVE 10,000 STUDENTS.

ALL DIFFERENT AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENT IS 30.

PRACTICALLY, THOUGH, YOU WILL BE IN CLASSES WITH MANY OTHER RS STUDENTS AND STUDENTS JUST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL.

CLOSE TO 1,000 RUNNING START STUDENTS ON CAMPUS, FROM MANY DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

AS A COLLEGE STUDENT YOU WILL HAVE DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES.

LOTS OF CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM.

ON CAMPUS - ATHLETICS, THEATER, LECTURES, CLUBS, A DIVERSITY CENTER YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN.
WHAT WE SEE AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR RUNNING START STUDENTS IS THAT ATTENDING COLLEGE THERE IS THE SHIFT IN TERMS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE.

AS A COLLEGE STUDENT, YOU WILL HAVE MORE INDEPENDENCE THAN AT HIGH SCHOOL.

YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR TIME AND DAY AND ACTIVITIES.

NO ONE WILL BE CHASING YOU AROUND KEEPING TRACK OF YOU.. ENSURING YOU ATTEND CLASS OR HAVE YOUR HOMEWORK DONE.
YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW A SYLLABUS FOR THE CLASS AND MEET ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS, HAND IN ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME AND MEET DEADLINES.

THIS WILL ALL BE UP TO YOU.

CLASSES ARE FAST PACED. HIGH SCHOOL IS 10 MONTHS. THE SAME MATERIAL AT COLLEGE IS COVERED IN 11 WEEKS.

YOU WILL NOT BE IN CLASS AS LONG AS AT HIGH SCHOOL. BUT YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO SPEND MORE TIME OUT OF CLASS ON HOMEWORK.

TIME MANAGEMENT IS CRITICAL.

STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO THE LEARNING CENTER WHERE TUTORS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL SUBJECTS.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE AND VERY LIKELY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. APPROXIMATELY 85% OF THE 950 RUNNING START STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE ARE PASSING CLASSES WITH A “C” OR BETTER.
AS A RUNNING START STUDENT YOU WILL START A COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT. YOUR TRANSCRIPT WILL BE WITH YOU FOREVER.

IF YOU GET AN A IN EDCC CLASS, COUNTS FOR TWO SEMESTERS AT HIGH SCHOOL.

IF YOU GET A D IN EDCC CLASS – THIS TOO WILL COUNT FOR TWO SEMESTERS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

IF YOU DON’T GET 2.0 AND COMPLETE ALL CLASSES YOU TAKE AT THE COLLEGE YOU WILL BE PUT ON PROBATION. THEN SUSPENSION AND UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RS.

COLLEGE HAS RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU BE SUCCESSFUL. TUTORING, CAREER COUNSELING, ADVISING, COUNSELING.
COLLEGE follows the Federal Educational Privacy Act. FERPA.

This protects privacy of student.

Parents do not have access to student records.

If a parent calls college staff or instructors, they will not be given information about student.

Exception: If student fills out and signs a form saying it is ok for college to talk to parents, or parent provides proof of dependency as defined by IRS.

But even with this form filled out, running start staff don’t have detailed information about the student, and faculty will talk to the student, but not a parent.
AS A RUNNING START STUDENT, YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED TO AND INVOLVED IN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

CHECK CALENDARS FOR BREAKS. THEY MAY NOT BE AT THE SAME TIME WITH COLLEGE AND THE HIGH SCHOOL.
ENROLL NOW.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UP UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

HOWEVER, IT IS BEST TO APPLY EARLY SO YOU WILL HAVE THE BEST SELECTION OF CLASSES.
HERE ARE THE STEPS TO ENROLL.

GO TO THE RUNNING START WEBSITE AND FOLLOW EACH STEP.

PRINT OUT OR GET AN APPLICATION PACKET. THE PACKET INCLUDES THE VARIOUS FORMS YOU NEED TO COMPLETE.

ALSO CHECK WITH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL. THE HS MAY HAVE OTHER REQUIRED STEPS.
CONTACT US.

WE CAN HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE PROGRAM.