

FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT RUNNING START EQUIVALENCY GUIDE 2026-27

High School Graduation Requirement	Highline College Equivalency
English (11 TH and 12 TH Grades)	Business (BUSN) 157 (crosslinked with HOST 157); Communication Studies (CMST&/CMST) &101, &102, 205, &210, &220, &230, &240; Diversity & Global Studies (DGS) 120, 152, 207; English (ENGL/ENGL&) &101, &102, &111, &112, 122, 123, 200, &235, 266, 290; Film Studies (FS) 102, 103, 107, 110, 112, 113, 114, 116; Hospitality & Tourism (HOST) 157 (crosslinked with BUSN 157); Journalism (JRNL) 101, 201, 202, 203
Mathematics	Mathematics (MATH&/MATH) &107 and above; Computer Science (CSCI) 143, 180, 242 <i>all for 3rd year math</i> ; Hospitality & Tourism (HOST) 210 <i>for 3rd year math</i> ; Philosophy (PHIL&) &120; Business (BUSN) 210 <i>for 3rd year math</i>
Social Studies Washington State History	History (HIST&) &214
World History	Ethnic and Gender Studies (EGS) 150, 180; History (HIST) HIST 101, 102, 103, 115; Political Science (POLS&) &203, &204
U.S. History	Ethnic & Gender Studies (EGS) 137, 142, 150; History (HIST/HIST&) &146, &148;
Civics	Political Science (POLS/POLS&) &101, 115, &202, 275
Social Studies Elective	Anthropology (ANTH&) &100, &104, &204, &206, &207; Diversity & Global Studies (DGS) 103, 104, 110, 160, 162, 166, 168, 170, 216, 260; Economics (ECON/ECON&) 110, &201, &202,221; Ethnic & Gender Studies (EGS) 100, 136, 137, 142, 143, 150, 155, 156, 160, 172, 180, 205, 210, 217 (cross-linked with POLS 217); Geography (GEOG) 100, 120, 160, 205; History (HIST&/HIST) 101, 102, 103, &146, &147, &148, &214, 225; Hospitality & Tourism (HOST) 102, 156, 175; LEGAL 162, 166, 168; Philosophy (PHIL&/PHIL) &101, 110, &115, 131, 145, 146, 147, 148; <i>Continued next page</i>

	Political Science (POLS/POLS&) &101,103, 104, 115, &200, &202, &203, &204, 217, 275 Psychology (PSYC&, PSYC) &100, 120, 121, 130, 131, 135, 142, 152, &180, &200, 202, 205, 220; Sociology (SOC&/SOC) &101, 115, 130, &201, 202
Fine Arts	Any Art (ART&/ART) or Music (MUSC&/MUSC) 100 level or above
Lab Science	Astronomy (ASTR&) &101; Biology (BIOL&, BIOL) &100, 103, 110, 119, 125, &160, &175, &211, &212, &213, &241, &242, &260; Chemistry (CHEM&) &110, &121, &131, &161, &162, &163, &261, &262, &263; Engineering (ENGR&) &204, &214, &215, &225; Environmental Science (ENVS&/ENVS) &101, 102, 105; General Science (GESC) 101; Geology (GEO) 100, 101, 103, 111, 130; Oceanography (OCEA&) &101; Physics (PHYS&/PHYS) &110, 210, 202, 203
Non-Lab Science (<i>Lab science courses also accepted</i>)	Astronomy (ASTR) 102; Biology (BIOL) 121, 123; Engineering (ENGR&) &104; Geology (GEO) 104, 105, 107
Health	Physical Education (PE) 100, Personal Health Science (Not an activity PE class)
Physical Education (See units/credits below)	Any Physical Education (PE) activity/fitness courses 100 level or above that is an activity or fitness center class (as indicated in Highline College's Class schedule).
Occupational Education/ Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Any 100 level and above course taken from the following disciplines: Accounting, Business, Business Technology, Computer Info Systems, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Drafting, Early Child Education, Engineering, Education, Healthcare Professions, Emergency Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Services, Interior Design, Legal Studies/Paralegal, Library Technology, Multimedia Design, Nursing Assistant, Nutrition, Sustainability, Visual Communications
World Languages	Any 100 level or above course in American Sign Language (ASL&), Arabic (ARAB), Chinese (CHIN&), or Spanish (SPAN&).
Electives	Any 100 level or above courses.

- The Running Start program will fund classes numbered 100 level or higher. Students may take classes numbered less than 100 level on a self-pay basis only.
- Common Course Numbers (CNN) are designated with the "&" symbol.
- **Minimum Highline College grade to earn credit for high school is .7.**

College Unit/Credit Translation guide:

College Unit/Credit	High School Credit
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5 unit/credit class	= 1.0
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4 unit/credit class	= .80
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3 unit/credit class	= .60
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2 unit/credit class	= .40
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1 unit/credit class	= .20
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PE classes are 1 or 2 credits (must be an activity/fitness class)

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