

**HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RUNNING START EQUIVALENCY GUIDE 2026-27**

High School Graduation Requirement	Highline College Equivalency
<b>Language Arts</b>	Any <b>English (ENGL&amp;/ENGL)</b> or <b>Communication Studies (CMST&amp;/CMST)</b> 100 level and above; <b>Ethnic &amp; Gender Studies (EGS)</b> 100, 136, 137, 142, 143, 150, 155, 172, 210, 217; <b>Film Studies (FS)</b> 107, 112; <b>Journalism (JRNL)</b> 101, 201, 202, 203; <b>Political Science ( POLS)</b> 217
<b>Mathematics</b>	Any <b>MATH (MATH/MATH&amp;)</b> course 100 level and above; <b>Philosophy (PHIL&amp;)</b> 120; <b>Business (BUS)</b> 210; <b>Hospitality &amp; Tourism Mgmt (HOST)</b> 210
<b>Social Studies</b> Pacific Northwest History	<b>History (HIST&amp;)</b> 214
Contemporary Global Issues	Any <b>Diversity &amp; Global Studies, Economics, Geography, Legal or Sociology</b> course 100 level and above; <b>Criminal Justice (CJ)</b> 200; <b>EGS/POLS</b> 217; <b>Ethnic &amp; Gender Studies (EGS)</b> 150, 217; <b>History (HIST)</b> 103, 273; <b>Hospitality &amp; Tourism Mgmt (HOST)</b> 102, 175; <b>Political Science (POLS&amp;/POLS)</b> &203, &204, 217
U.S. History	<b>Diversity and Global Studies (DGS)</b> 168; <b>Ethnic and Gender Studies (EGS)</b> 137, 142, 150; <b>History (HIST&amp;/HIST)</b> 115, &148; <b>LEGAL</b> 168
Civics	<b>Diversity and Global Studies (DGS)</b> 162; <b>LEGAL</b> 162; <b>Political Science (POLS&amp;/POLS)</b> 115, &201, &202, 275
Other Social Studies	Any <b>Anthropology, Diversity &amp; Global Studies, Economics, Ethnic &amp; Gender Studies (except EGS 205), Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology</b> course 100 level and above; <b>Hospitality &amp; Tourism Mgmt (HOST)</b> 102, 175
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Any <b>Art (ART&amp;/ART)</b> or <b>Music (MUSC&amp;/MUSC)</b> 100 level and above.

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<b>Health</b>	<b>PE 100</b> plus evidence of a current CPR card <b>OR PE 100</b> plus <b>PE 160</b> ; <b>Nutrition (NUTR&amp;) 101</b> ; <b>Biology (BIOL&amp;) 241, 242</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	Any <b>PE 100</b> level and above that is an activity class* <i>Caution: Most college level PE courses equal .2 high school credits.</i>
<b>Lab Science</b>	<b>Astronomy ASTR&amp; 101</b> ; <b>Biology (BIOL&amp;/BIOL) &amp;100, 101, 103, 110, 119, 125, &amp;160, &amp;175, &amp;211, &amp;212, &amp;213, &amp;241, &amp;242, &amp;260</b> ; <b>Chemistry (CHEM&amp;) 110, 121, 131, 161, 162, 163, 261, 262, 263</b> ; <b>Engineering (ENGR&amp;) 104, 204, 214, 215, 225</b> ; <b>Environmental Science (ENVS&amp;/ENVS) &amp;101, 102</b> ; <b>Geology (GEO) 100, 101, 103, 111, 130, 210, 220</b> ; <b>Oceanology (OCEA&amp;) 101</b> ; <b>Physics (PHYS&amp;/PHYS) &amp;110, 201, 202, 203</b>
<b>Non Lab Science</b> <i>Lab science courses also accepted.</i>	<b>Astronomy (ASTR&amp;/ASTR) &amp;101, 102</b> ; <b>Biology (BIOL) 116, 121, 123</b> ; <b>Engineering (ENGR&amp;) 104, 204, 214, 225</b> ; <b>Environmental Science ENVS 103</b> ; <b>Geology (GEO) 104, 105, 107, 108, 112, 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158</b>
<b>World Language</b>	Any World Language 100 level and above.
<b>Occupational Education/CTE</b>	Any course, 100 level and above in: <b>Accounting, Business, Business Technology, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Drafting, Early Childhood Education, Education, Engineering, Healthcare Professions, Homeland Security Emergency Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Services, Interior Design, Library Technician, Multimedia Design, Nursing Assistant, Paralegal/Legal Studies, Visual Communications</b> <b>Career Studies (CARER) 110</b>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY GUIDANCE GIVEN TO STUDENTS BASED ON PRIOR EQUIVALENCY GUIDES WILL BE HONORED THROUGH SPRING QUARTER 2026.**

- 5 college credit equals 1.0 high school credit (The # of high school credits = the # of community college credits multiplied by .2)
- **Running Start only funds classes at the 100 level and above.**
- Credits will be awarded for any grade D (.7) or higher.

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