

RUNNING START

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT RUNNING START EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

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High School Graduation Requirement	Highline College Equivalency
English <i>*ENGL& 101 must be completed</i>	English (ENGL/ENGL&) &101, &102, &111, &112, 200, 201, &235, 266
Mathematics 3rd Year Math Requirement (Alg 2 Trig)	Third Year Algebra MATH 098 (Pre-college course, not covered through Running Start); MATH 111, 220, 230; MATH& 107, 141, 142, 146, 148, 151, 152, 163, 264; Philosophy (PHIL&) 120 Note All courses require placement eligibility or pre-requisite. High school math courses with A or B final grades may fulfill some course placement eligibility.
Social Studies Washington State History	History (HIST&) 214
U.S. History I (1 st semester)	U.S. History I History (HIST&) 147
U.S. History II (2 nd semester)	U.S. History II History (HIST&) 148
Civics	Political Science (POLS&) 202
Contemporary World Problems	Introduction to International Relations (POLS&) 203 Comparative Government (POLS&) 204 Diversity & Global Studies (DGS) 110
Social Studies Elective	Diversity & Global Studies (DGS) 110-170 Global Economic Issues (ECON) 110 Microeconomics (ECON&) 201 Macroeconomics (ECON&) 202 Ethnic & Gender Studies (EGS) 142-250 Geography (GEOG) 160, 200, 205, 207 History (HIST) 103, 115, 160, 260, 273 Political Science (POLS/POLS&) &101, 115, 160, 205, 217 Psychology (PSYCH/PSYC&) &100, 120, 121, 130, 131, 135, 142, 152, &180, &200, 202, 203, 205, &220, 230, 250, 278, 320 Philosophy (PHIL) &101, 103, 110, &115, 145, 147, 148, 160 Sociology (SOC/SOC&) &101, 115, 130, &201, 202
Fine Art	All Art 100 level or above All Music 100 level or above

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World Language	American Sign Language (ASL&) 121, 122, 123; Japanese (JAPN&) 121, 122, 123, 221, 222, 223; Spanish (SPAN&) 121, 122, 123, 221, 222, 223
Science Lab science (two years required) Third year science can be lab or non-lab natural science.	Lab Science Astronomy (ASTR&) 101; Biology (BIOL/BIOL&) &100, 101, 110, 119, 125, &160, &175, &211, &212, &213, &241, &242, &260; Chemistry (CHEM&) 110, 121, 131, 161, 162, 163, 261, 262, 263; Environmental Science (ENVS&) 101, (ENVS) 102; Geology (GEO) 100, 101, 102, 103, 108, 111; Oceanography (OCEA&) 101; Physics (PHYS/PHYS&) &110, 201, 202, 203 Non-Lab Natural Science Astronomy (ASTR&) 100, (ASTR) 102; Biology (BIOL) 116, 121, 123, 170; Environmental Science (ENVS) 103; Geology (GEO) 104, 105, 107, 112, 151, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158; Physics (PSYS) 139
Health	Must have evidence of a current CPR card or complete PE 160 (3 credits) and one of the following: PE 100 PSYC& 180 NUTR& 101
Physical Education	Any PE 100 level and above that is an activity class The following courses are NOT PE activity based: PE 100, 101, 160, and 171.
Occupational Education/CTE (Verify with High School counselor)	Any course, 100 level and above in: 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

**The Running Start program funds classes at the 100 level or above.*

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