 **Running Start** 

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has indicated a desire to participate in the Running Start Program. Along with the benefits of Running Starts (R/S) there are also responsibilities you need to be aware of:

**Important things you need to know: Parent and student please initial each item:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Full time RS students should not be on campus during school hours unless you have an appointment. Part Time RS student may only be on campus during the time they are enrolled in a class. This includes areas such as the library, the commons, and the parking lot.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ All academic information (including grades) is confidential between the college and the student. Parents and HS staff do not have access to this.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Items that are the responsibility of the student and family – Books, Fees, and Transportation – the School District does not provide any transportation.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Mid semester and even semester schedules at ARHS are difficult at best. You should schedule your RS winter and spring schedule around any ARHS classes you are taking. Do not assume ARHS can rearrange your classes at the HS.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ RS students are responsible to call the counseling office and set up appointments each quarter to come see their counselor to receive their EVF forms.**

**­­­­\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ All RS course grades will be posted to the student’s HS transcript and will impact their HS GPA.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ RS students must maintain a minimum of 2.5 credits/semester to be eligible to participate in sports. Students should confirm this with the Athletic Director during the sports season they want to participate. Dropping RS classes my impact your sports eligibility.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ RS classes may conflict with HS extra-curricular activities, sports activities, or vacations. The college will not accommodate for these activities.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ If a student completes all academic requirements at the end of their junior year, earning 24.0 credits in the appropriate areas, (not including state testing or Portfolio requirements) they will no longer be eligible for the (R/S) program. They are still eligible to take classes at ARHS.**

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**College Responsibilities/Expectations:**

* Students will have **adult expectations** and classroom discussions will reflect a wide diversity of backgrounds and experiences.
* Tuition is paid by the school district for courses at the 100 level or above and if the credit load does not exceed the scale prescribed by the state on the (R/S) Enrollment Verification Form.
* College classes progress at a **much faster pace** and demand about 2 hours of homework for each hour of class.
	+ Instructors:
		- May give pop quizzes and will expect daily preparation.
		- May not take attendance.
		- Will not provide make-ups
		- Will not provide **progress reports,** only final grades.

**ARHS Responsibilities/Expectations:**

* (R/S) students are expected to:
	+ Check the ARHS website, mobile app and daily bulletin for sport/activity requirements, SAT/PSAT testing, scholarship application deadlines, portfolio deadlines, adjusted schedules etc.
	+ Complete all required graduation expectations including credit requirements, state testing, and Senior HSBP. (R/S) students **are** assigned a counselor for support.
	+ All HS communication will use the school district email address not a student’s personal address. Students need to be checking this on a regular basis.

**Plans to graduate from the Community College based on state laws that allow this.**

 Student Signature Date Parent Signature Date

 Counselor Signature Date Received