



# RUNNING START

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*EWU expands opportunities for personal transformation through*

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## Facts

- *Running Start in the High School* is the Washington State program that pays for all qualified high school juniors and seniors to receive up to 10 free credits of college/university work through local institutions of higher education.
- *College in the High School* is the Washington State program that offers college/university level credits for high school juniors and seniors who pay for it on their own.
- *Running Start*, *Running Start in the High School*, and *College in the High School* are governed by WAC 392-169 and RCW 28A.600.280 - 400.
- In 2013-2014, EWU *Running Start in the High School* had 3118 students enrolled in Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP – any form of college or university curriculum being offered to and taken by high school students on their high school campus) in 52 high schools in 38 districts statewide.
- Of the 3118 enrolled students, 1433 were considered free and reduced lunch\*\* or 46% of enrollment.
- All 3118 enrolled students earned “free” credits. EWU *Running Start in the High School* bills high schools from the enhanced 0.2 FTE. Total revenue generated for EWU was \$1,157,333; total SCH 9833.
- In 2013-2014, EWU *Running Start in the High School* had less than 100 students participating in *College in the High School* (the self-pay program).
- Only 8% of our enrolled high school students take three or more CEP courses a year. The new WSAC legislative proposal would eliminate the name *Running Start in the High School* and replace it with a common *College in the High School*.

## Implications of the Governor's Budget for *College in the High School*

- The current budget proposal would limit *College in the High School* to free and reduced lunch or wealthy students who can afford to pay the fee to individual universities.
- Based on the 2013-2014 enrollments 1685 students would no longer receive free college credits if *Running Start in the High School* is eliminated.
- The current budget proposal would limit access for 54% of EWU 11-12 grade students who wish to take a CEP course on their high school campus.
- By not expanding CEP opportunities to all high school grades (9-12) who are academically qualified another group is now excluded from earning college credits in high school.
- As a state, only 28% of CEP participation qualifies for free/reduced lunch, limiting access to the other 72% of students who do not qualify for free/reduced lunch but participate in CEP courses at their high school in Washington state.\*\*

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- This budget proposal will only positively impact University of Washington's CEP program because they currently are 100% self-pay. With the addition of state money for *College in the High School* it will allow more students to take *UW in the High School* courses.
- Eliminating the program and not providing an equitable funding model for *College in the High School* will eliminate students' higher education access opportunities, eliminate the voter and legislative agendas of increasing student access to higher education opportunities, and eventually retard the state's workforce development and in turn its economic growth.

### Intentions of WSAC Council Workgroup on Dual Credit Legislation

- Expand higher education access for all academically qualified high school students (9-12) regardless of free/reduced lunch qualification
- Provide equitable funding for all students enrolled in CEP programs
- Increase enrollment rates across all demographics for CEP credits
- Eliminates the 10 credit cap on CEP credits earned
- Opens the opportunity for more students to take more CEP courses and earn more college credit, thus lowering the cost of a 2 or 4 year degree.

\*Data is from the EWU Running Start in the High School enrollment numbers for 2013-2014

\*\*Free and Reduced Lunch data is from OSPI's State Report Card for corresponding districts. Accuracy of the data is not suspect, but it provides a snapshot of free/reduced lunch participation in CEP programs for 2013-2014. For calculations, a general assumption was made that the overall percentage of free/reduced lunch participation at a high school would be the same percentage participating in EWU Running Start in the High School.