

Rock Valley College

Running Start Participation Agreement

Student and parents/guardians: **Please read this information carefully, initial each item, and sign below.**

Please return to confirm your seat in the program.

1. Participation in the Running Start program requires the student be registered with their local high school and be on track for high school graduation prior to beginning the program. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they remain on track for high school graduation as they progress through the program. _____
2. Courses will satisfy requirements for high school graduation and RVC AA/AS degrees (or towards completion for 1 year students). RVC courses are scheduled at the main RVC campus between 7:30am – 10:15pm. All courses will be scheduled by your high school counselor. **The permission of your high school program counselor is required to add or drop courses, and appropriate schedule changes may only be made under extreme circumstances.** _____
3. Students will be expected to meet all course deadlines; participate in all course activities, including labs and field trips; be prepared for class; and to conduct themselves as responsible adults. A college course may give exposure to alternative viewpoints and may include material of an adult nature. _____
4. Students are required to attend class. If you are going to be absent, please contact your professor and your high school. _____
5. All RVC courses will become part of the student's official college transcript. A transcript will be sent to your high school at the end of each semester. Students have access to their midterm and final semester grades via Online Services. College credits are transferable to other state colleges and universities according to the guidelines of the receiving institution. _____
6. RVC provides an active program of academic advising and other campus resources, including tutoring, a writing center, math lab, and career planning. Students are responsible for seeking out these services. _____
7. Running Start students will be considered full-time RVC students. In order to complete high school graduation requirements and earn an AA/AS degree within a two (2) year time frame, students will need to take between 14-18 credit hours per semester. _____
8. Running Start students are responsible for the following:
 - All non-tuition costs (books, supplies, meals, transportation, and fees, where applicable).
 - Tuition for credit or non-credit courses that will not apply towards graduation.
 - Repeated courses or those taken post-high school graduation or post-RVC graduation.
 - Applying for RVC graduation by March 1st of your graduation year.
 - Taking required high school testing: ACT/SAT/PARCC - juniors coordinate with the high school; Constitution Test - seniors coordinate with the high school. (You must still communicate missed days to your instructors). _____
9. There are many opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities at RVC, including Running Start Club. Running Start Club membership will be automatic and may require attendance at special meetings up to once per month. _____
10. Running Start students have the same rights and responsibilities as any other RVC student, except where rules and regulations specific to the Running Start program may take precedence. _____
11. Students are to follow the *Running Start Academic Conduct Policies*, as well as all RVC *Academic and Student Policies*. _____
12. Students are expected to set up their RVC technology password prior to 2019 Orientation (in May), if not already completed, and begin responding to communication on their RVC Mail accounts frequently. Students must retrieve their class schedules from Online Services prior to the beginning of each semester. _____
13. Students are responsible for attending scheduled courses based on RVC's Academic Calendar, not the high school district calendar. _____
14. Students are required to attend one of the mandatory Running Start Orientations, scheduled on the evenings of _____.

By signature, parent/guardian and student grant Rock Valley College officials permission to share information regarding student's academic record (i.e. test scores (ACT, SAT, ACCUPLACER), transcript, grades, attendance) and financial account with the articulated high school and parent/guardian for the duration of the students enrollment at RVC as a high school student. Also, students are responsible for policies and procedures in the RVC Student Handbook www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook.

I, _____, agree to the above and give permission to Rock Valley College.

Print Student Name

Student signature

Date

Parent (Guardian) signature

Date

Permission to share information with the following individuals:

NAME: _____

Relationship to student: _____

NAME: _____

Relationship to student: _____