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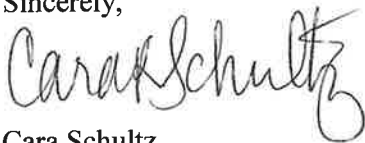
Dear Dr. Greenlee,

We welcome the opportunity to continue our partnership with North Boone School District #200. Attached is the Running Start Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA).

Two original paper copies will be mailed to your office for Board of Education signature. Please have both originals signed and returned attention to Early College by Friday, May 27, 2022. Upon signature by the RVC Board of Trustees, we will return one signed and executed original to you.

The agreement is written to be in effect for the length of one year, through June 30, 2023. This will allow us the opportunity to host a summer meeting with our partner districts to discuss moving forward for the future of the program. We invite you to be a part of this discussion, along with your administrators. A meeting invite for July will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



Cara Schultz
Dean, Early College

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF
NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 200, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 511,
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FOR RUNNING START PROGRAM**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Board of Education of North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200, Boone County, Illinois ("DISTRICT") and the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community College District No. 511, Winnebago County, Illinois ("COLLEGE") (together, the "Parties") in the exercise of their intergovernmental cooperation powers under the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and their respective powers under the School Code and the Public Community COLLEGE Act.

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements for cooperative projects and use agreements in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance, pursuant to Article VII, § 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*), the School Code (105 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*), and the Public Community COLLEGE Act (110 ILCS 805/1-1 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, Running Start is a program that allows select, qualified, academically motivated students enrolled in Illinois Community COLLEGE DISTRICT 511 public high schools an opportunity to earn both their high school diploma and associate degree concurrently by attending COLLEGE full-time during their junior and/or senior years of high school; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that shared commitment to Running Start goals benefits their constituencies and enhances educational opportunities for the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have determined that it is in their respective best interests and that of their constituencies to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for Running Start Program (hereinafter "Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED between the Parties, in consideration of their mutual promises and undertakings set forth herein and for other good valuable consideration, as follows:

Section 1 Incorporation of Preamble Recitals

The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2 Implementation of Running Start

DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to collaborate to implement Running Start as a joint program,

administered jointly by Rock Valley COLLEGE and North Boone School DISTRICT, subject to the following terms and conditions.

- A. The Parties intend to establish and offer Running Start to provide eligible DISTRICT students with full-time instruction at COLLEGE during their junior and senior years of high school in satisfaction of:
 - 1) DISTRICT's requirements for earning a high school diploma; and
 - 2) COLLEGE's requirements for earning an associate's degree.
- B. Any DISTRICT student interested in Running Start will meet with DISTRICT Counselor to discuss whether he/she meets the pre-selection criteria set forth in the Running Start Program Process Procedures (Appendix A). If an interested DISTRICT student meets said pre-selection criteria, he/she will follow the application process set forth in the Running Start Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- C. This Agreement does not cover those students who are not recruited by and identified by the DISTRICT to participate in the Running Start program.
- D. Instruction for DISTRICT students accepted into Running Start shall be provided by COLLEGE, which shall charge the DISTRICT the cost equivalent of in-district tuition and fees for courses taken per student per school year.
- E. The Running Start courses offered pursuant to this Agreement and the respective course locations are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Appendix D. The courses listed in Appendix D will be mutually agreed upon by both parties no later than March of each year that this Agreement is in effect, and are subject to change based upon availability of eligible instructors, student interest and availability in specific courses, and/or local board policy.
- F. If a DISTRICT student is receiving a D, F or W, or is otherwise not meeting Running Start academic standards, at the midterm grading period, COLLEGE will notify the DISTRICT Counselor within one week after the midterm date. COLLEGE and DISTRICT agree to communicate within seven (7) days and develop a success plan with the student for the remainder of the semester. The success plan will be shared in writing with COLLEGE, DISTRICT and student.
- G. At semester end, COLLEGE will provide the DISTRICT Counselor with transcripts for all students enrolled in Running Start.

Section 3 DISTRICT Obligations

DISTRICT will:

- A. DISTRICT will recruit eligible students to participate in Running Start.

- B. DISTRICT will ensure students who meet the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines pursuant to Section 10-20.13(b) of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.13(b)) and who are accepted into Running Start are provided equal access to Running Start consistent with the requirements of the Illinois School Code.
- C. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to the COLLEGE the list of eligible and approved students for the Running Start Program by the COLLEGE's annual deadline.
- D. DISTRICT Counselor will be responsible for initiating communication to the Running Start students and a parent or guardian the enrollment and selection of courses defined as Running Start schedules and making any necessary schedule changes through utilizing College Schedule Change Forms.
- E. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to Running Start students and their parents or a guardian in regard to resolving disputes within the overall operation of the Running Start program, including the DISTRICT Running Start selection process results and qualifications.
- F. DISTRICT will be responsible for securing COLLEGE placement test scores from students for the selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- G. DISTRICT will be responsible for the pre-selection and final selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- H. DISTRICT will provide the COLLEGE with no less than one and no more than two points of contact i.e. DISTRICT Counselor to ensure effective and accurate communication.
- I. DISTRICT will provide advising for high school graduation requirements to Running Start students.
- J. DISTRICT will provide all counseling services to Running Start students.
- K. DISTRICT will provide students who successfully complete Running Start with credit towards a high school diploma.
- L. DISTRICT will communicate to the DISTRICT 200 students and their parents or a guardian that they are responsible for covering textbooks and associated instructional material costs.
- M. DISTRICT will calculate the cost equivalent of in-district tuition and fees with the assistance of the COLLEGE for the courses taken per Running Start students and pay the COLLEGE the cost associated with this in-district tuition and fees calculation.
- N. If DISTRICT identifies and recommends instructors for use in the Running Start Program which are then approved by COLLEGE, DISTRICT shall be responsible for hiring and compensating such instructors.
- O. DISTRICT agrees to work with their Running Start students who have an IEP or 504 plan annually. DISTRICT will be responsible for including in the annual transition planning meeting a comprehensive transitional plan for Running Start. Rock Valley College Disability Support Services and Early College Department are available to assist with the transition

planning.

Section 4 COLLEGE Obligations

COLLEGE will provide participating DISTRICT students with:

- A. COLLEGE will provide technology accounts for Online Services, Eagle, and RVC Mail.
- B. COLLEGE will provide a mandatory orientation, including a review of COLLEGE policies and procedures and a copy of COLLEGE's Student Handbook.
- C. COLLEGE will offer the mandatory STU 100, Planning for Success, during the summer semester preceding their fall semester enrollment. DISTRICT is responsible for the tuition and fees for STU 100 Planning for Success.
- D. COLLEGE will provide instruction opportunities to achieve an Associate of Arts Degree or an Associate in Science degree.
- E. COLLEGE will provide final grades for courses within two weeks of the completion of each semester.
- F. COLLEGE will be responsible for administering COLLEGE placement test with and for students (pursuant to Appendix B).
- G. COLLEGE will ensure that any employee or agent of COLLEGE who has direct and regular contact with participating DISTRICT students undergoes a criminal history records check.
- H. COLLEGE will ensure that instructors for Running Start courses are properly qualified to teach such courses, consistent with the Dual Credit Quality Act, 110 ILCS 27/16(5) and ILCS 27/20. COLLEGE shall approve any instructors which DISTRICT identifies and recommends for use in the Running Start Program. Any DISTRICT-recommended instructors shall be hired and compensated by DISTRICT.
- I. COLLEGE will take appropriate steps to ensure that Running Start courses are equivalent in quality and rigor to other courses offered at the COLLEGE for college credit. COLLEGE will ensure that Running Start student learning outcomes are the same as other courses taught at COLLEGE. In addition, COLLEGE will annually evaluate course content, delivery, and rigor, consistent with COLLEGE policy, in consultation with the DISTRICT'S superintendent.
- J. COLLEGE reserves the right to modify or cancel classes based on instructor availability and/or student interest. COLLEGE will support and implement schedule request changes made by DISTRICT Counselor and commit to ensuring any schedule changes of DISTRICT 200 students are approved by DISTRICT Counselor or DISTRICT Director of Career Readiness before being made. In such circumstances the COLLEGE will notify the DISTRICT counselor of such changes.

- K. COLLEGE will maintain appropriate academic control over the curriculum of all Running Start Program courses, consistent with State and/or Federal law and as required or negotiated by the Higher Learning Commission.

Section 5 Participating DISTRICT Students' Obligations

The DISTRICT will cause participating DISTRICT students to comply with the following requirements (pursuant to Appendix B):

- A. Student will complete information in the COLLEGE Welcome Packet.
- B. Student will attend mandatory COLLEGE Running Start Orientation.
- C. Student will respond to email communication via COLLEGE Mail on a daily basis.
- D. Student will schedule an advising appointment each semester with a COLLEGE advisor and DISTRICT Counselor in advance of assigned priority registration dates.
- E. Student will schedule an appointment each semester with a designated DISTRICT Counselor to ensure each DISTRICT student meets all requirements for Running Start and high school graduation.
- F. Student will keep all scheduled appointments.
- G. Student will adhere to COLLEGE and DISTRICT policies and procedures.
- H. Student will demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility and respect in their conduct both in and out of the classroom as noted in the COLLEGE Student Handbook.
- I. Student will meet and maintain requirements as set forth in the Running Start Academic Conduct Policies (Appendix C).
- J. Students not meeting the Academic Conduct Policies will be placed on Academic Probation for one semester and be required to develop an Individual Academic Recovery Plan or be dismissed. This plan will be shared with the DISTRICT Counselor and signed by the DISTRICT, COLLEGE, parent/guardian, and student. Students who do not meet the terms of the Academic Conduct Policy after the Academic Probation semester may be dismissed from Running Start.
- K. Student will meet with the DISTRICT and a parent or guardian to ensure the applicable high school graduation requirements are met.

Section 6 Shared Obligations and Understandings of the Parties

- A. The DISTRICT and COLLEGE acknowledge and agree that this Agreement solely

memorializes implementation of Running Start, and that there are no other promises, representations, or agreements between the Parties except as provided in this Agreement.

- B. DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to comply with all applicable federal and State nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, rules and regulations. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection status, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, veteran status, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking), or any other legally protected category. The Parties will coordinate regarding an appropriate response to any report of alleged harassment, including sexual harassment, involving students or employees involved in the Running Start Program, taking into consideration the nature of the report, the parties involved and the location and context in which the alleged harassment occurred.
- C. In carrying out its respective obligations under this Agreement, each Party and its employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information concerning the students enrolled in Running Start courses, and shall adhere to all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations now in effect or later adopted relating to the confidentiality of student records and information, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and Illinois School Student Records Act ("ISSRA"), 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq. With regard to the education records/school student records and information to which a Party and/or its employees shall be granted access under this Agreement, that Party and its employees shall be deemed "school officials" with legitimate educational interests in such records and information. The Party and its employees shall have the right to access and use such records and information solely for the purpose of performing the Party's obligations under this Agreement. The Party and its employees shall not re-disclose personally identifiable student information that is received under this Agreement to any third party, except as directed or permitted by the other Party, or as required by law. Each Party shall have in place reasonable policies and procedures, which the other Party may monitor or audit upon request and with reasonable notice, to prevent such re-disclosure.
- D. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other party or against third parties.
- E. The Parties agree that their respective representatives shall use their best efforts to

timely communicate with one another as needed to pursue the objectives and implementation of Running Start, and to work cooperatively to resolve any issues which may from time to time arise in the course of their collaboration. The Parties shall, not less than annually, review the provisions of this Agreement and identify any updates, as may be needed. Any such updates are subject to the requirements of Section 8.E, below.

Section 7 Participation in Running Start Program by Students with Disabilities

The Parties will work collaboratively and utilize the following processes to ensure that individual students with disabilities have access to Running Start Program courses, provided that they are able to meet the criteria for entry into such courses:

- A. The DISTRICT will identify all eligible students based upon the requirements as set forth in the Running Start Pre-Selection Criteria (Appendix A) and DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- B. The process is established as follows:
 - The DISTRICT will identify students who have a current IEP or 504 Plan on the final and approved DISTRICT Running Start list, as referenced in Appendix B.
 - The DISTRICT will ensure that each student with an IEP or 504 Plan and their parent/guardian is informed of the differences in college ADA accommodations versus high school accommodations.
 - The DISTRICT Counselor and COLLEGE Early College department will assist with connecting students to Disability Support Services so that college accommodations can be developed prior to the start of Running Start coursework.
 - The DISTRICT will assist in providing students a copy of their current IEP or 504 Plan to provide to the COLLEGE Disability Support Services.
- C. A student with a disability shall have access to the supplementary aids and accommodations included in their individualized education program under Article 14 of the Illinois School Code or Section 504 Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 while the student is accessing a Running Start Program course on DISTRICT's high school campus, in accordance with established DISTRICT practices for providing these services.
- D. A student with a disability who accesses a Running Start Program course on COLLEGE's campus shall have access to appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for which the student is eligible through COLLEGE's Disability Support Services office. The Parties agree that the COLLEGE'S Disability Support Services office will coordinate with and involve the District in identifying appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for eligible students.
- E. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall regularly communicate regarding the progress,

performance and individual needs of students with disabilities who are enrolled in Running Start Program courses.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as to release DISTRICT from its obligations as the "Resident District" and/or "Local Education Agency," as those terms may be defined in State or federal laws, rules and/or regulations relating to students with disabilities. DISTRICT represents and warrants that, at all times and during all situations governed by this Agreement, it shall remain the Resident District and Local Education Agency for any and all students with disabilities participating in the Running Start Program hereunder.

Section 8 Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective upon the date as of which it has been approved and fully executed by both of the Board of Education of DISTRICT and the Board of Trustees of COLLEGE.
- B. **Term of Agreement; Non-Assignability.** This initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and expire automatically on June 30, 2023. This Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Parties. There are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement.
- C. **Termination.** Either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any semester during the initial term and any extension thereof, by in whole or in part upon providing written notice of termination to the other Party at least 30 days prior to the last day of student attendance in any such semester.
- D. **Notices.** All notice required pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent by means capable of providing a confirmation of receipt, including (a) deposit with postage pre-paid in the U.S. mail, certified and return receipt requested, (b) personal service, or (c) facsimile transmittal, to the Parties at their addresses set out below or as otherwise specified in writing to one another. All notices mailed shall be deemed effective three days after mailing.

If to DISTRICT:

North Boone Community
Unit School District No. 200
Att'n: Superintendent
6248 N. Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Facsimile: (815) 765-2053

with a copy to counsel;

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Orland Park, IL 60462
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If to COLLEGE:

Illinois Community COLLEGE
DISTRICT No. 511
Att'n: Chief Academic Officer
3301 North Mulford Rd.
Rockford, IL 61114
Facsimile: (815) 921-6974

with a copy to counsel:

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Chicago, IL 60603-5144
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Email: jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com

E. **Amendments.** No change, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and approved by the Parties' respective governing boards.

F. **Good Faith and Dispute Resolution.** The Parties agree to use their best, good faith efforts to promote and operate the Running Start program. In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement which cannot be resolved informally by the Parties' designated representatives and the Parties' respective governing boards, the Parties agree to first engage in mediation to resolve the conflict. If mediation is unsuccessful, the Parties may, by subsequent written agreement, elect to engage in binding arbitration pursuant to the procedures of the American Arbitration Association, in lieu of litigation.

G. **Severability.** If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is determined by an arbitrator to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be deemed severed and the balance of the Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist upon strict and prompt performance of the terms and conditions shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of that Party's right thereafter to enforce any such term or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.

H. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

- I. **Signature in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute on and the same instrument. Counterparts may be exchanged in PDF format by email.

WHEREFORE, the Parties by their respective officers have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**Board of Education North
Boone School District
No. 200
Boone County, Illinois**

**Board of Trustees
Illinois Community COLLEGE
District No. 511
Winnebago County, Illinois**

President

President

Secretary

Secretary

Date

Date

APPENDIX A
DISTRICT Running Start Program Process Procedures

Pre-Selection Criteria for DISTRICT High School Students

1. Meet with the DISTRICT Counselor regarding the selection process.
2. Must be in their high school sophomore or junior year to apply for Running Start.
3. Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA.
4. Be on track for high school graduation by the end of the sophomore year for the 2-year program; junior year for the 1-year program.
5. Completed one year of Algebra, one year of Geometry or Integrated Math 1 and Integrated Math 2 with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year.
6. Completed two years of English with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year.
7. Completed one year of Chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year for the 2-year program; junior year for the 1-year program.
8. Have a positive recommendation from the DISTRICT high school Principal and/or Counselor.
9. Have the permission of a parent or legal guardian.
10. Work with the DISTRICT Counselor to complete steps outlined in Appendix B.
11. DISTRICT may implement additional pre-selection criteria above and beyond the minimum pre-selection criteria given above.

APPENDIX B

DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions

Note: "DISTRICT" refers to North Boone DISTRICT 200. "RVC" refers to Rock Valley COLLEGE's Early COLLEGE Office.

1. DISTRICT determines list of students who are qualified.
2. DISTRICT determines who is interested in applying for the Running Start Program.
3. DISTRICT interested students complete an RVC Application for Credit Courses.
4. DISTRICT testing proctors will administer ACCUPLACER testing at DISTRICT campuses, or alternatively schedule a test date at the COLLEGE Testing Center. (Students must complete RVC Applications no less than 1 week prior to testing.)
5. DISTRICT students will take the RVC ACCUPLACER placement test in Reading, English, and Math, or submit ACT/SAT scores for possible waiver of the placement test.
6. DISTRICT students will be allowed one re-test in Reading, English, and Math during the Running Start application process for a cost of \$5 per subject re-test. If testing is proctored at the high school, RVC will waive re-test fees.
7. COLLEGE provides ACCUPLACER scores report to DISTRICT.
8. DISTRICT Counselors review and determine if students are ready for COLLEGE coursework as part of the RVC Running Start Program based on ACCUPLACER scores.
9. DISTRICT staff will place student's data into a shared file that is compatible with MS Excel or Google Sheets format. The file will include the RVC Student ID for each student and specify all students who are qualified based on DISTRICT selection criteria.
10. DISTRICT submits file of fully qualified students to RVC.
11. COLLEGE will verify qualified students and send the confirmed report back to DISTRICT to complete the DISTRICT selection process.
12. After DISTRICT selection process is conducted, DISTRICT will send final and approved DISTRICT Running Start student list to RVC.
13. DISTRICT Counselors notify ALL students of award of placement into DISTRICT Running Start Program OR placement on DISTRICT waiting list.
14. COLLEGE sends welcome packet to DISTRICT students to final and approved DISTRICT Running Start students.
15. DISTRICT students return completed welcome packet forms to COLLEGE.
16. DISTRICT manages DISTRICT Running Start waiting list, if such list exists.
17. DISTRICT sends transcripts to COLLEGE of accepted Running Start students after spring grades are posted to confirm eligibility requirements have successfully been met.
18. Based on transcripts, DISTRICT will determine if a student no longer meets Running Start eligibility requirements and DISTRICT will inform impacted student.
19. Students and DISTRICT Counselors are responsible for ensuring students will meet DISTRICT High School graduation requirements.
20. COLLEGE schedules students each semester and provides student schedules to DISTRICT Counselor for students enrolled in the DISTRICT Running Start Program.
21. DISTRICT Counselors work with students each semester to verify students are on track with their individual COLLEGE Student Academic Master Plan (STAMP) and high school graduation requirements.

22. When a student scheduling change or STAMP change is requested by the DISTRICT or the DISTRICT student, the student submits the "RVC Schedule Change Form" to DISTRICT Counselor for approval.
23. RVC provides students access to COLLEGE advisors to assist with changes to STAMP and scheduling, as needed.
24. If approved, DISTRICT Counselor submits the signed "RVC Schedule Change Form" to RVC for processing.
25. RVC provides student transcripts to DISTRICT Counselor for each semester completed by participating students within two weeks of final grades posting.

APPENDIX C

Running Start Student Academic Conduct Policies

All *Running Start* students at Rock Valley College (RVC) are expected to demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility, and respect in their conduct, both in and out of the classroom. All RVC policies can be viewed in the [Student Handbook](#) found on our website: www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook. Adherence to all policies is essential and required to remain in the *Running Start Program*.

ADVISING & COMMUNICATION

Running Start students are expected to:

- Meet with your high school Program Counselor for high school graduation and semester schedules.
- Only add or drop classes with your high school Counselor.
- Meet with an RVC Advisor for RVC graduation requirements.
- Respond to communication via RVC Mail and EAGLE accounts on a daily basis.
- Keep all scheduled appointments.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend every class meeting and arrive on time. There is no college policy permitting absences. Each faculty member will decide when and how absences affect grades. It is the responsibility of the student to adhere to the course syllabus. If a student needs to miss class, they must contact their instructor and their home high school office.

MAINTAINING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Please refer to page 47 of the Student Handbook: <http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook>

ACADEMIC EARLY WARNING

Transitioning from high school to college can be a challenge and students may find it difficult to adjust. "Academic Alert" is designed to assist students by alerting the Dean of Students office of any student who misses class or struggles academically within the first few weeks of school. This early intervention is intended to make a difference in the student's academic performance before midterm and set a pattern of success for the rest of the semester. Notification to the Dean of Students is dependent upon faculty report.

ACADEMIC PROBATION & INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC RECOVERY PLAN (IARP)

Students must earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher and not receive a "D", "W" or "F" for a course, or they will be placed on Academic Probation for one semester and be required to develop an IARP. If during the probation semester students fail to raise their GPA to 2.5 or higher or they earn an additional "D", "W" or "F", then they **will** be dismissed from the program and be returned to high school.

Assistance to improve academic performance is available by taking advantage of the following:

- Meet with instructors to review course expectations and create a plan of action. Instructor office hours can be found on the course syllabus.
- Visit the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and/or Math Lab for instruction, tutoring, and study skills enhancement. These services are free to RVC students.
- Students will be **required** to meet regularly with their high school program counselor to ensure academic recovery.

DISMISSAL FROM PROGRAM

All *Running Start* students may be dismissed from the program as a result of *any* of the following:

- Failure to attend and complete STU 100: Planning for Success in their first summer semester with a grade of "B" or higher. No repeat allowed.
- Failure to raise cumulative GPA to 2.5 or earn "D", "F" or "W" during the Academic Probation semester.

- Failure to participate in the IARP meetings during the probation semester.
- Demonstration of behavior and/or attitudes that undermine the integrity and privilege of program participation, as deemed by RVC and/or the participating School District.
- Violation of any of the Code of Conduct policies and/or Academic Misconduct policies.
- Receiving a failing grade in a required academic core and/or prerequisite course.

In addition, students in their first year of *Running Start* may also be dismissed from the program as a result of any of the following:

- Earning a combination of three “D”, “F” or “W” grades in a single semester.
- Earning two “F” grades in a single semester.
- Earning a semester or cumulative GPA less than 2.0.
- Needing to recover more than 7 credits by the end of the first year in the program.

Appendix D
Running Start Program Course Offerings 2022-2023
Running Start Courses Approved to be taken at an RVC Campus