

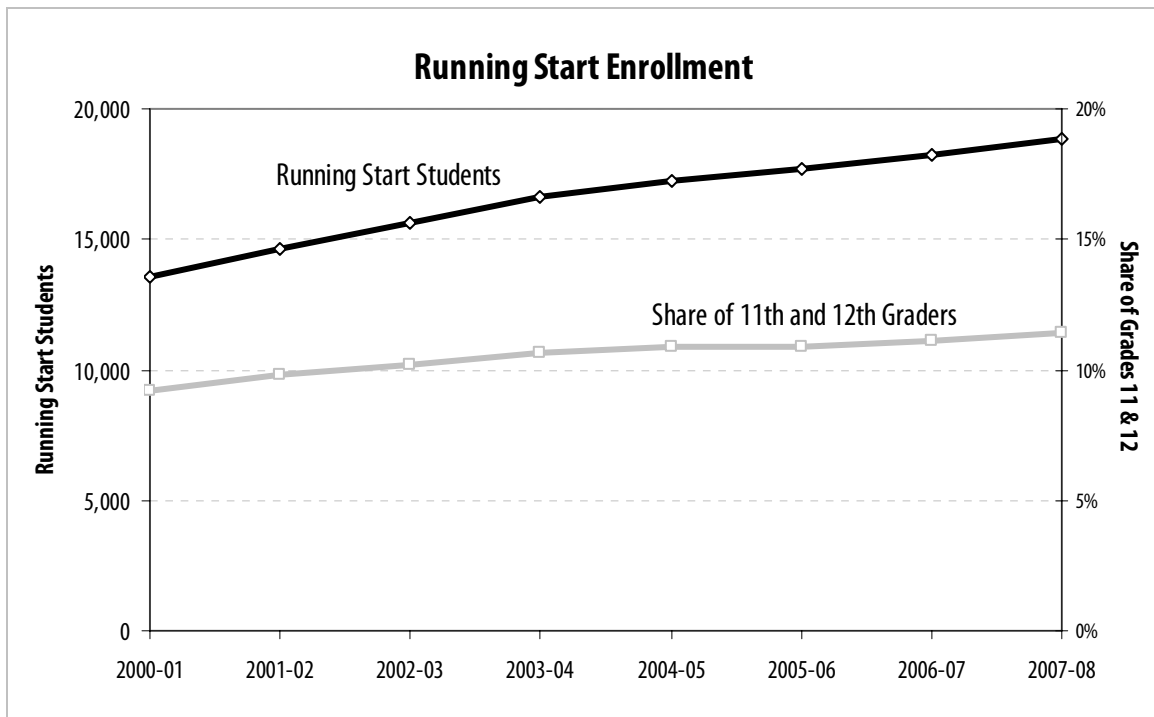
RUNNING START ENROLLMENT

Dual credit programs allow high school students to take coursework leading to both high school and college credit. Programs that offer dual credit are Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Tech Prep, College in the High School, and Running Start.

Running Start is a program that allows 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses at Washington's 34 community and technical colleges, and at Washington State, Eastern Washington and Central Washington Universities, The Evergreen State College and Northwest Indian College. Dual credit programs like Running Start provide access to a wide variety of academic and technical courses, savings in time and money on a college degree, and pathways for students to move efficiently between the K-12 and postsecondary systems.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

After a dramatic increase in participation at the start of the Running Start statewide in 1992-93, enrollments in Running Start have stabilized at 10 to 11 percent of the high school 11th and 12th grade enrollment. The total number of Running Start students has increased each year the program has been available.



RELATED DATA:

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total Running Start Enrollment*	14,673	15,623	16,648	17,240	17,666	18,238	18,847
Public K-12 11 th and 12 th graders	149,995	153,440	156,028	158,005	162,070	164,145	164,539
Running Start enrollment as a share of total 11 th and 12 th grade enrollment	9.8%	10.2%	10.7%	10.9%	10.9%	11.1%	11.5%

*Unduplicated headcount Running Start enrollment in community & technical colleges, public 4-year institutions (EWU, WSU, CWU, TESC), and Northwest Indian College.

DEFINITIONS:

Unduplicated headcount enrollment for Running Start was obtained from published SBCTC reports, from the Public Centralized Higher Education Enrollment System (PCHEES) for public 4-year institutions (currently EWU, WSU, and CWU), and Northwest Indian College. K-12 11th and 12th grade enrollment is the October 1 headcount enrollment for grades 11 and 12 plus the total enrollment for Running Start only students, who are not reported by grade.

SOURCES: State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) MIS
Public Centralized Higher Education Enrollment System (PCHEES)
Northwest Indian College

DISCUSSION:

Ideally, this indicator will be expanded to show an unduplicated number of students participating in any dual-credit enrollment option in high school – Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate, Running Start, College in the High School, and Tech Prep.