

## *Running Start Appeal Letter for Admission*

Running Start is a program for high school juniors and seniors who are ready for college level courses. To be eligible for Running Start at Olympic College students must place at the college level on the college assessment and demonstrate academic success in high school (2.5 GPA).

Students who are ready for English 101 and/or college level math on the Accuplacer assessment but do not meet the cumulative 2.5 GPA requirement may write a letter of appeal requesting an exception to the GPA criteria due to extenuating circumstances and/or student characteristics.

To appeal the GPA requirement, complete the following steps:

1. Write a letter of appeal, addressing the following questions in your letter:
  - Why do you believe you are a good candidate for Running Start? What traits, skills and habits you possess that will help you succeed in college level classes?
  - Describe your high school experience and any extenuating circumstances that resulted in a GPA below a 2.5. What is different now?
  - What are your educational goals?
  - If admitted to the Running Start Program, what class(es) would you want/need to take at Olympic College?
2. Attach the appeal letter to your *Running Start Application Form* with a copy of your *Accuplacer scores, high school transcript and Student/Parent Agreement* and submit to the Running Start Office.

The Director of Running Start will contact your high school counselor and consult with them regarding your appeal letter. Subsequently Director of Running Start and Dean of Enrollment Services will review your appeal letter and make a decision regarding probationary admission.

If you have any questions, contact the Running Start Office at 360-475-7646 or toll-free at 1-800-259-6718 ext. 7646.