

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Attending college during your senior year is a privilege in the State of Illinois. As a result, the Running Start Program is coveted by Canton students. There is a cap of 25 students allowed to participate within the Running Start Program. Accordingly, to ensure student success in the Running Start Program, Canton High School has implemented an application process. The process will include the following:

1. Complete the formal Running Start Application.
2. Complete the Spoon River College Online Application, if you have not enrolled in a dual-credit course before.
3. 300 Word essay describing the professional and intellectual aspirations and prior personal experiences, passions, and special interests of the candidate.
4. The candidate will be expected to draft a two-year educational plan. The educational plan will include educational goals, vision, anticipated course work, and post baccalaureate professional plans.
5. Attendance and discipline records will be reviewed during the application process.
6. Candidates will complete an interview process. The interview team will include the principal, guidance counselor, and an SRC representative.
7. No discipline problems the previous year, prior to application.
8. A minimum of 3.0 GPA cumulative in high school at the time of application.
9. Completed 1 year of Algebra, 1 year of Geometry, and 2 years of English and earned grades of "B" or higher before starting the program.

***Completed application, essay, and two-year educational plan are due to the counseling office by March 1st, 2024.**

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING START APPLICATION

DATE: _____

STUDENT FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

STUDENT SOCIAL SECURITY#: _____

STUDENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____
(address, city, state, zip)

STUDENT PHONE: _____ STUDENT EMAIL: _____

PARENT PHONE: _____ PARENT EMAIL: _____

STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR: ____ FREE LUNCH ____ REDUCED LUNCH ____ NONE

1. SRC and CHS reserve the right to determine admission to Spoon River College and certain courses.
2. Running Start students are CHS students and are required to pay CHS fees.
3. All books and transportation are the responsibility of the students. Tuition, lab fees, and certification will be paid for by CUSD66.
4. Running Start students are required to maintain a relationship with Canton High School. Students are required to check their school email, announcements, and Google classroom homeroom.
5. CHS is the final authority on high school graduation requirements. Students must work closely with a high school counselor to ensure that graduation requirements are met.
6. It is understood that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that college courses completed as part of the Running Start program will also meet CHS graduation requirements.
7. The parent/guardian and student understand that if the student does not successfully complete the Running Start courses, the student may not meet high school graduation requirements.
8. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the academic calendar for both SRC and CHS.
9. SRC may have a different attendance policy than CHS. Running Start students are expected to follow their attendance policy.
10. SRC only awards semester grades. Running Start students are NOT eligible for CHS Quarter Honor Roll – they are eligible for CHS Semester Honor Roll.
11. The student gives permission for SRC to release grades and given information to his/her school administrators and parents and waives all FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) rights.
12. I understand that there is not a Skyward system at SRC. All grade communication will be initiated by the student/parent regarding SRC grades.
13. The parent/guardian and the student understand that the student is expected to participate fully in all course activities, including labs exposure to alternative viewpoints and may include material of an adult nature.
14. The parent/guardian and student understand that Canton High School is not liable for the student's health and safety when the student has left the high school campus.
15. Student agrees to attend Spoon River College orientation and meet with an academic advisor one time per semester.
16. Students will complete CHS concurrent enrollment forms to register for classes.
17. Students will complete the CHS drop form to drop a class.
18. Students will enroll in at least 12 credit hours per semester (full-time college student).
19. Students can enroll in a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Students can petition CHS and SRC, if they would like to enroll in more classes.
20. Students are required to enroll in dual-credit courses at CHS, if the class is offered.
Exceptions:
 - a. Students can enroll in these classes at SRC/online, if they are taking all classes at SRC/online.
 - b. Students can enroll in these classes at SRC/online, if they have a scheduling conflict (must be approved by CHS administration and counselor).

21. Withdrawing from a class at SRC may have a serious impact on a student's high school graduation status, athletic eligibility, college admissions status, and financial aid. Students will receive a WF on their high school transcript, if they withdraw from a class.
22. Students are required to complete the withdrawal form from CHS and SRC.
23. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester. Students whose GPA falls below a 2.5 for any one semester may be dismissed from the Running Start Program and may not receive a high school diploma. Students face dismissal or sanctions from Spoon River College, if they are academically deficient. Students should review the Academic Standards section in the college catalog.
24. Spoon River College courses are weighted and will be calculated in class rank and GPA.
25. Student agrees to complete all Canton High School graduation requirements.
26. Transcripts showing college credit need to be requested from Spoon River College.

My signature on this form constitutes acceptance and approval of the states listed above.

Student Signature	Date	Parent Signature	Date
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This student is enrolled at Canton High School, is under the age of 21 as of September 1st of the school year that the college course(s) will be taken and comply with the DOE and community college's requirements.

Canton High School Counselor Signature	Date	Canton High School Principal Signature	Date
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