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Recent Legislation Impacting the Running Start Program

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Summary: This correspondence is intended to document how Substitute House Bill 2119, signed into state law on May 11, 2009, will impact Running Start students attending community and technical colleges starting Fall Quarter 2009. SHB 2119 amends RCW 28A.600.310 and has the following effect:

1. In lieu of tuition and fees (operating, building, and S&A fees), Running Start students shall pay to the community or technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each community or technical college.
2. The institutions of higher education must make available fee waivers for low-income Running Start students.
3. Each institution must establish a written procedure for the determination of low-income students before offering the fee waiver.

The effects specific to Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) are as follows:

(1) Mandatory fees

- a. Application fee: \$15.00 (one time)
- b. Registration fee: \$6.00 per quarter
- c. Comprehensive fee: \$14.00 per quarter (SCC only)
- d. Health Center fee: \$6.00 per quarter (SCC only)
- e. Technology fee: \$4.00 per credit not to exceed \$40.00 per quarter
- f. Other lab and course fees are based on courses taken. To see the complete list, go to www.ccs.spokane.edu, click on Catalog and then click on Tuition and Fees.
- g. Students who have already registered for Fall Quarter 2009 will receive an invoice for fees due.

(2) Mandatory fees will be waived for low-income Running Start students who provide documentation showing they are or have been eligible for free or reduced lunch anytime in the last five years.

(3) It is the student's responsibility to provide the college with the verification of eligibility letter.

Please forward this information to current and potential Running Start students, parents, and appropriate counselors and staff so they are aware of these changes. Questions concerning this document should be directed to me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Minkler".

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