

New Running Start Student Advising Appointment Guide – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the new Running Start student appointment entail?

A: During this 30-minute new RS student appointment, you will meet with an Advisor on the Advising team to discuss your transition to South and the Running Start program. Together, we will review and discuss:

- The Running Start enrollment packet
- Placement results
- 1st Quarter class registration
- Registration processes
- Resources and next steps for after the appointment

Q: What should I prepare before the appointment?

A: We are happy to answer any questions or help you navigate processes at South. To have the most helpful conversation with your Advisor, we highly recommend preparing to share:

- Specific questions you have for your Advisor
- High school schedule for upcoming quarter if you will be part-time (ex: I'll be taking a math class during 6th period; I have Orchestra in the mornings and won't be available to come to South until 9:00am)
- Academic and career goals if you know them (it's okay to also be undecided)
- Preference for in-person/hybrid classes, online classes, or a mix of both. Learn more about our course modalities [here](#).
- Review the [class schedule](#) to get some ideas of available classes that may be of interest to you

Q: Can I bring my parent(s)/sibling/friend/etc. to the appointment?

A: If you would like to! We respect the student's choice and are happy to welcome anyone else into the appointment if you consent to it. Parents/guardians are not required to attend. Please note that every new Running Start student should have their own new student appointment. We are not able to accommodate two different new students in the same appointment.

Q: I originally scheduled the appointment as an on-campus/Zoom meeting, and I need to switch to the other modality. How do I request this change?

A: If you need to change your appointment modality for any reason, please contact the [Running Start office](#) and we'll be happy to change it. Please update your appointment modality as early as possible as we might not be able to accommodate last-minute changes.

Q: Can I schedule a phone appointment instead of a Zoom or on-campus appointment?

A: Unfortunately, we ask that all **new** RS student appointments be on-campus or via Zoom. During this appointment, we will look at specific electronic documents or websites together. We may be able to accommodate a phone appointment in extenuating circumstances – please communicate this to us and we will try to best support your needs.

Q: Will the Advisor I'm meeting with be my Advisor the entire time I'm in Running Start?

A: It depends! Most of our Advisors work with Running Start students. Some students meet with the same Advisor, some students meet with the lead Running Start advisor, and some students meet with different Advisors throughout the program. Based on your specific academic and professional goals, your Advising code will be updated to match your Area of Study Primary Advisor. Find your assigned Advisor in your [Starfish](#) network.

Q: What will not be discussed at this appointment but may be addressed in a future Advising appointment?

A: The new RS student appointment is only 30 minutes but is designed to address the key things you need to know before starting at South in your first quarter. There are many other Advising services that we would be happy to help you with in a future appointment:

- Creating an education plan (a quarter-by-quarter map of courses you will take at South to earn your degree or meet your specific goals)
- Academic concerns
- University application assistance
- And more!

Q: What if I forgot to ask about something or can't remember some of the resources discussed in my appointment?

A: It is not expected that you will remember everything! Your Advisor will walk through all the useful new student resources at South including our online tools, tutoring services, parking/transportation, and more. Your advisor will also copy you on an email that has links to these resources for you to reference later.

- You are always welcome to schedule a follow-up appointment if you feel there was not enough time or if you have additional questions or concerns that come up later. You can make an advising appointment by calling our office at 206-934-5387 or [booking an appointment](#) online.

- Please note you will receive access to the online **Running Start New Student Orientation** two weeks before the start of your first quarter at South. This orientation will serve as an invaluable resource to you the entire time you are in Running Start.

Q: I have a 504 plan or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) at my high school. Do I need to bring a copy of my 504/IEP to my first advising appointment?

A: You do not need to bring this documentation to your advising appointment. If you have a disability, a 504 plan, and/or IEP, you will want to work with our [Access Services Department](#) to request accommodations at South. *Please note accommodations may look different than they do at your high school.*