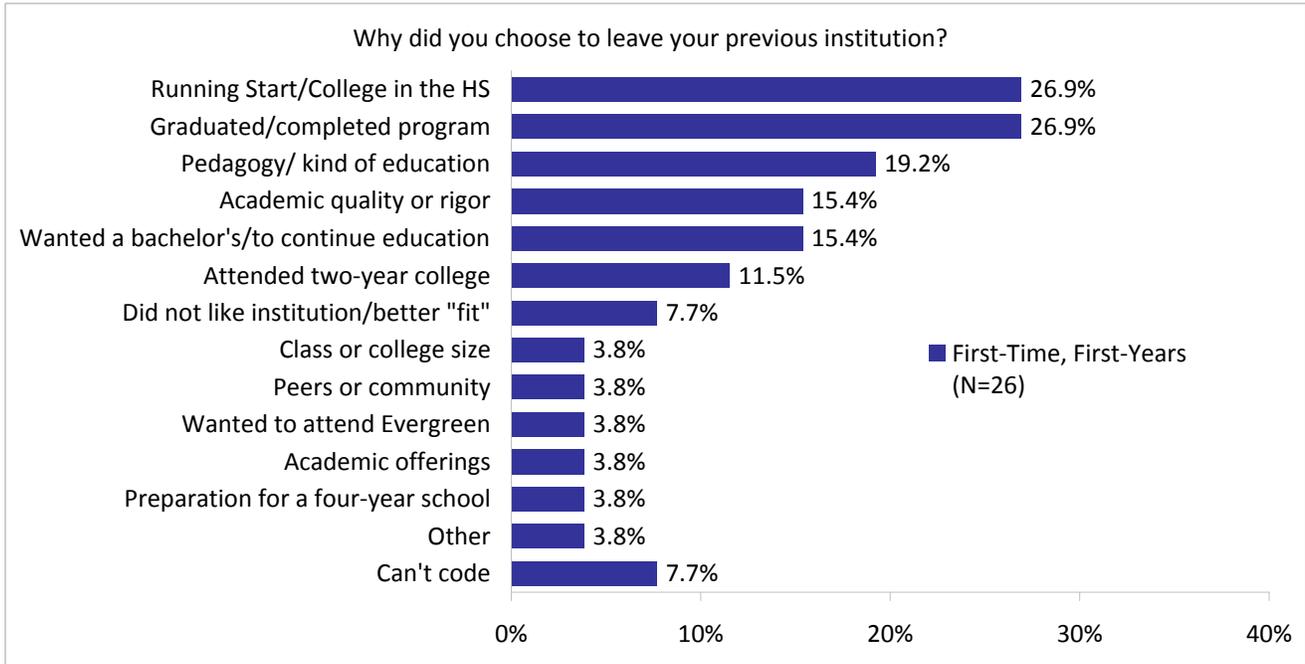


**The Evergreen State College**  
**Evergreen New Student Survey 2010**  
***Olympia Campus - First-time, First-years***

**Reasons for Transferring**

New students were asked "If you are a student transferring from another college or university, why did you choose to leave your previous institution?" First-time, first-years who answered this question could have attended college before high school completion (i.e. Running Start or College in the High School) or have previously attended an institution without completing coursework.



**Why did you choose to leave your previous institution? (Categories are not mutually exclusive)**

	First-Time, First-Years (N=26)	
	N	%
Running Start/College in the HS	7	26.9%
Graduated/completed program	7	26.9%
Pedagogy/kind of education	5	19.2%
Academic quality or rigor	4	15.4%
Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education	4	15.4%
Attended two-year college	3	11.5%
Did not like institution/better "fit"	2	7.7%
Class or college size	1	3.8%
Peers or community	1	3.8%
Wanted to attend Evergreen	1	3.8%
Academic offerings	1	3.8%
Preparation for a four-year school	1	3.8%
Other	1	3.8%
Can't code	2	7.7%

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New students were asked why they chose to leave their previous institution. Detailed below are the individual responses of first-time, first-years grouped by category in order of frequency. Comments are redacted to protect individual students' identities.

**Running Start/College in the HS**

[2-year school] was only attended for Running Start

Finished Running Start, didn't want another year at the same place, REALLY like Evergreen

I did running start during High School. I decided I wanted to go evergreen where they integrated subjects. [Community college] was too much like high school.

I graduated high school, plus nearly exhausted my running start

I transferred from [Community College] because I received my AA through running start and felt that getting my BA/BS was the next step. I specifically transferred to Evergreen because I feel at home on the campus, I feel like the evergreen environment is going to be a healthy one for me and I am excited to see what I can learn.

running start

Went to [community college] through running start. I want to go to a real college.

**Graduated/completed program**

after the full two years at SPSCC, there's kind of no further that you can go from staying there

Because I finished my AA

Completed AA at Seattle Central, and knew Evergreen was the next step.

I graduated high school, plus nearly exhausted my running start

I graduated with my Associates Degree

I received my AA degree at community college, which is as far as I can go.

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**Pedagogy/ kind of education**

Further education, interdisciplinary approach

i appreciate evergreen learning methods and principles significantly over other colleges i have knowledge of

I did running start during High School. I decided I wanted to go evergreen where they integrated subjects. [Community college] was too much like high school.

My ideals conflicted with the learning climate of the institution. I chose to pursue a more personal education, with freedom.

Seeking a more holistic approach to education.

**Academic quality or rigor**

Community college was a waste of time and effort... a lot of talk, but deeper concepts were rarely ever discussed

Institution was sub-par

Not challenging enough

The university I previously attended was enormous and rather impersonal; I was not receiving the quality of education or the opportunities that I would at a smaller (liberal-arts-type) school.

**Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education**

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#### Attended two-year college

Green River

I attended Bellevue College and am now in my second quarter- it was close to home and I was able to prepare for Evergreen.

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#### Did not like institution/better "fit"

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I also spoke with SPSCC but realized that TESC was a better fit, both in goals and and timing and skillsets.

#### Class or college size

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#### Peers or community

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#### Wanted to attend Evergreen

Finished Running Start, didn't want another year at the same place, REALLY like Evergreen

#### Academic offerings

i liked the programs evergreen offered more

#### Preparation for a four-year school

I attended Bellevue College and am now in my second quarter- it was close to home and I was able to prepare for Evergreen.

#### Other

I hoped that being in the dorms would make it easier to completely focused so that I can get better grades.

#### Can't code

did i mention very very few students support the gasification plant?