

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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The Board of Trustees encourages students to pursue extended learning opportunities (ELOs) as a way to gain knowledge and skills outside the traditional classroom. The district shall allow students to receive credit for ELOs.

“Extended learning opportunity” or “ELO” shall mean an out-of-classroom learning experience that provides a student with:

1. Enrichment opportunities outside of a classroom setting;
2. Career readiness or employability skills, including internships, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships; or
3. Any other type of out-of-classroom educational opportunity approved by the State Board of Education or the district.

ELOs may include, but are not limited to performing groups, internships, community service, apprenticeships, or other opportunities approved by the district, in conjunction with board policies.

All ELOs shall comply with applicable laws and regulations, including child labor laws and regulations governing occupational safety.

ELOs shall not include activities for religious purposes.

The district maintains a policy of not charging a fee for any course for which academic credit is awarded. In keeping with this policy and with the State Constitution’s requirement to maintain a system of free public schools, ELOs may not include activities for which a fee is charged.

An organization such as a nonprofit organization, an Idaho business, a trade association, or the United States Armed Forces may apply to offer district students a for-credit ELO. The application must demonstrate the opportunity will teach students specific Idaho Content Standards or the Idaho College and/or Career Readiness Competencies and Subskills.

Requests by organizations seeking to offer an ELO shall be evaluated by the superintendent or designee.

At a minimum, all applications by supervising organizations or students must meet the following criteria:

1. Provide for administration and supervision of the program; and
2. Meet rigorous standards, including the minimum standards established by the district.

If a middle level or high school student participates in an approved ELO, the student shall receive credit toward their graduation requirements.

Granting of credit shall be based on a student's mastery of Idaho Content Standards or the Idaho College and Career Readiness Competencies and Subskills. Credit counted toward a core subject shall only be awarded for ELOs which align with the content standards of a course for which core credit is awarded. The superintendent may designate a teacher with expertise in teaching a subject area to determine whether an ELO meets these criteria and qualifies for credit.

The district may award elective credit for an ELO that does not qualify for credit toward core instruction graduation requirements.

The district reserves the right to determine the number of credits to be awarded. Any credits earned may be calculated towards the student's grade point average (GPA). In that instance, the course name and actual grade earned will be noted on the student's official transcript.

Legal References:	Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article § XI Religious Test and Teaching in School Prohibited
	I.C. § 33-6401 et seq. Extended Learning Opportunities Policy

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