

As permitted by Idaho law, the board of trustees desires to recognize students who undertake specialized courses of study in high school by offering designated diplomas in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), biliteracy, and workforce readiness and career technical education. Students who successfully complete all graduation requirements as established by the State Board of Education and district policy may receive a designated diploma upon graduation if they complete the requirements for desired designated diploma as set forth in this policy.

Students who wish to receive a designated diploma are not required to complete more than the total credits required to graduate as determined by the State Board of Education. However, the specific requirements for each type of designated diploma must be satisfied in order to receive the designated diploma.

STEM DIPLOMA

A student may receive a STEM diploma if the student has earned at least:

- Eight (8) credits in math.
- Eight (8) credits in science.
- Five (5) credits in the student's choice of any or all subjects of science, technology, engineering, or math.

A student who has completed eight (8) or more credits in math that include algebra II or a higher level math class before the student's senior year is not required to take a math class in the student's senior year.

BILITERACY DIPLOMA

A student may receive a biliteracy diploma if the student:

- Demonstrates proficiency in English according to an assessment or other method designated by the State Board of Education.
- Demonstrates proficiency in at least one (1) world language by one of the following:
 - Passing a foreign language advanced placement examination with a score of three (3) or higher.
 - Passing an international baccalaureate examination with a score of four (4) or higher.
 - Demonstrating intermediate mid-level proficiency or higher in the world language based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) proficiency guidelines, using assessments approved by the State Board of Education.
 - Qualifying for four (4) competency-based credits by demonstrating proficiency in the world language at the intermediate mid-level or higher based on the ACTFL

proficiency guidelines, according to the district’s policy and procedure for competency-based credits for world languages.

- Demonstrating proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading the world language through other national or international assessments approved by the State Board of Education at a level comparable to the intermediate mid-level or higher in the ACTFL proficiency guidelines.

WORKFORCE READINESS AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA

A student may receive a workforce readiness and career technical education diploma if the student has:

- Successfully passed a technical skills assessment.
- Successfully passed the workplace readiness assessment.
- Demonstrated competency of career technical education program standards as identified within “skillstack” or a successor program and earned the workforce readiness badge or a relevant industry certification. The district will maintain a list of eligible certificates as approved by the state division of career technical education.

A student may earn the last year of math and English credits through a practical math or technical writing course.

Students may, but are not required to, earn a relevant industry certification.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections:

- 33-506 – Organization and Government of Board of Trustees
- 33-523 – STEM Diploma
- 33-524 – Biliteracy Diploma
- 33-526 – Workforce Readiness and Career Technical Education Diploma

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