

Lakeland Joint School District No. 272

INSTRUCTION

2470

Self-Directed Learners

The Lakeland Joint School District offers students the opportunity to be designated as a self-directed learner for the purpose of being granted additional flexibility in meeting the District's graduation requirements. This allows students to tailor their educational activities to meet individual learning goals developed in consultation with the student's supervising teacher and their parent, guardian, or legal custodian. The process for designating a student as a self-directed learner and maintaining this designation is provided in Policy 2470P and the application is provided in Policy 2470A.

Flexible learning for self-directed learners may include:

1. Flexible attendance
2. Virtual attendance
3. Extended learning opportunities
4. Other agreed-upon learning (*This may include, but is not limited to, curriculum compacting, acceleration, or credit by examination.*)

This flexibility allows the student to make use of the District's educational resources in customized ways and/or allows the student to pursue educational opportunities outside of those offered by the District.

In order to remain a self-directed learner, the student must meet the established criteria in 2470P - Self-directed Learner Procedure. Criteria may include continued mastery of content knowledge and skills, academic growth, progress toward postsecondary goals, or other measures of student learning. If a student fails to meet the agreed-upon criteria or fails to stay current on classroom assignments, and does not cure the failure within an agreed-upon time frame, the school principal shall rescind the self-directed learner designation upon recommendation by the teacher or teachers.

Each year, the District shall report to the State Department of Education the number of students in attendance who are designated as self-directed learners.

Cross References:

- 2435 Advanced Opportunities
- 2460 Extended Learning Opportunities
- 3440 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges / Return of Property

Legal References:

Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article IX,
Section 1 Legislature to Establish System of
Free Schools

Constitution of the State of Idaho, Article § XI Religious Test and Teaching in School Prohibited

I.C. § 33-512D Self-Directed Learner Designation
I.C. § 33-1001 Definitions

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