

Instruction

Advanced Opportunities

The District provides opportunities for enrolled students to begin earning credit for college and vocational programs through advanced placement, college credit-bearing courses, or professional certificate examination classes.

In order to ensure that students have a chance to participate in advanced opportunity programs, the Board directs the high school counseling departments to establish procedures with timelines, requirements for participation, requirements for financial transactions, and transcription of credits.

Participation in the District's advanced opportunities programs requires a parent and student to the program requirements and completion of an Advanced Opportunities Participation

Definitions

"Credit" means middle-level or high school credit.

"Dual credit" means credit awarded to a student on his or her secondary and postsecondary transcript for completing a single course.

"Full credit load" means at least twelve (12) credits per school year for grades 7 – 12.

"Overload course" means a course taken that is in excess of a full credit load, including summer courses.

"Parent" means parent or parents or guardian or guardians.

"Public school" means an Idaho school district, charter school, or Idaho tribal school.

"School year" means the normal school year that begins upon the conclusion of the spring semester leading up to the break between grades and ends upon the beginning of the same break of the following year.

Allocation

Students are allocated a total of \$4,625.00 to use in grades 7-12. Funds can be used towards:

1. Overload courses. Up to \$225 per course;
2. Dual credits. A maximum of \$75 per credit;
3. Examinations. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and College

Level Examination Programs;

4. Career Technical Education (CTE) examinations that lead to an industry-recognized certificate, license, or degree;
5. Eligible CTE workforce training courses.

Students are required to meet with their school counselor to develop a 4, 5, or 6-year learning plan to help them maximize the benefits of this program according to the student's college and career interests. Intentional selection of coursework is a critical element of these programs.

All paid courses must be transcribed on the student's public high school transcript.

Advanced Opportunities Scholarship

Any student who successfully completes public school grades 1 through 12 curriculum at least one (1) year early shall be eligible for an advanced opportunities scholarship. The scholarship may be used for tuition and fees at any Idaho public postsecondary educational institution. The amount of the scholarship shall equal thirty-five percent (35%) of the statewide average daily attendance-driven funding per enrolled student for each year of grades 1 through 12 curriculum avoided by the student's early graduation. Students must apply for the scholarship within two (2) years of graduating from a public school.

If a student fails to earn credit for any course or examination for which the State Department of Education has paid a reimbursement, the student must pay for and successfully earn credit for one such course or examination before any further reimbursements for the student can be paid.

Challenging a Course

A student may challenge a course for high school credit by successful completion of the final exam for the course with a score of seventy percent (70%) or higher. If the exam is passed, then a student will receive a letter 'P' for passing on their transcript. A student will not receive a letter grade.

If a student chooses to challenge a course for postsecondary credit, the student shall be required to pursue the action according to the rules of the postsecondary institution.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-4601
I.C. § 33-4602
I.C. § 33-4603

Advanced Opportunities - Definitions
Advanced Opportunities - Rulemaking
Advanced Opportunities - Non-Public School
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I.C. § 33-4605

Advanced Opportunities - Post Secondary
Credit Scholarship

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Other References: Idaho Department of Education Advanced Opportunities Portal
(available at: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/index.html>)
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Policy History:

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