



# VIRTUAL PREP ACADEMY of IDAHO

Empowering Families with Choice

## Board Report October 2025

### Enrollment-

We launched the school year with 75 students enrolled. We currently have 87 students enrolled at the following levels:

K-5th Grade	9 Students
6-8th Grade	29 Students
9-12th Grade	48 Students

Currently, all but 2 of our students live in Gem county.

Some of our more unique enrollments include a family that is temporarily doing a volunteer medical trip in New Zealand, a family that is frequently on the road between various work sites around Idaho, and a senior who is finishing out her senior year online while flying back and forth from her grandparents in Emmett to the east coast, where her family relocated to. Our academy has been a real blessing to these families to give them some continuity in their education.

### Partnerships -

We partner with four different curriculum providers, BYU Online, Edmentum, IDLA, and Overture Learning. The majority of our students are taking courses through IDLA and Edmentum. We have a handful of elementary students and a few middle school students enrolled in Overture Learning.

### Overture Learning



Overture Learning is a somewhat unique educational curriculum provider. With Overture learning, we provide the teachers who then work with homeschool families to provide an education with maximum flexibility. Families can choose from a wide variety of homeschool curriculums and then work with our teachers to ensure that all of the grade level academic skills and standards are met. Families can engage in a variety of learning activities that best suit their family situations. For example, if a family owns and operates a ranch, they can turn everyday working experiences into academic learning

experiences. The families submit videos, work samples, or other evidence to the supporting teacher who then works with the family to make sure all of the learning skills are met. We are excited to partner with Overture and expect to increase our enrollment with this option exponentially in the coming year as students who live in Gem County and were previously enrolled with Overture will be transferred to our academy.

Overture learning is also allowing us to use their parent portal to manage our reimbursements of funds provided to our families to supplement their at home learning, including those who are taking courses through Edmentum, IDLA, or BYU Online.

### **Hybrid Learning-**

One of the benefits of our academy for students in Gem County is the ability to be enrolled in both online and in-person courses. We have over a dozen students who are taking their core courses at home online and then taking a couple of elective classes at their local school or at PR2TA

### **Field Trips, Tutoring, and Other Activities**

Working at home can get a little stifling at times, so we offer opportunities for our students and families to get out of the house and interact with other at home learning families. We have opened up an opportunity for a couple of hours each week for students to come in and get extra help in classes they might be struggling with and need a more hands on tutoring session away from the laptop. We have had several students take advantage of this service, and we expect the need will grow as we get closer to the end of the semester.

We will also be providing a number of field trip opportunities for our families to participate in monthly. Here are some possibilities for future field trips:

- ~Gem County Museum
- ~Covia Sand Mine and Wild Onion Preserve
- ~Tour of Black Canyon Dam
- ~Tour of the historic Ola, Idaho two room schoolhouse
- ~View Petroglyphs and explore Celebration Park in Canyon County
- ~Tour of Idaho State Capitol in Boise
- ~Tour the Boise Art Museum
- ~Tour the Old Idaho State Penitentiary.
- ~Tour the Idaho State History Museum

### **New Staff-**

We have welcomed 3 new staff members to support Mr. Richard Winegar with the academy.

**Amy Davis** - Amy not only teaches our students in Ola, but she is also serving as our Overture Learning support teacher. She works closely with these families to ensure they are receiving a great education.

**Melissa(Mlssie) Matt** - Missie is working part of the day supporting our Middle School students and spending the other part of her day supporting our K-8 online learners. She tracks progress and offers success strategies to help them be successful in completing their coursework online.

**Yulisa Guadarrama** - Yulisa is our part time registrar. She has been a huge help in getting all of our students enrolled and set up in Infinite Campus. Her support is vital for our success.