Board Policy 2395: Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes

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The Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) is a legislatively created virtual program designed to provide Idaho students with greater access to a variety of courses while working in collaboration with public schools. IDLA offers educational opportunities that meet students' changing needs and grants students the flexibility of learning anytime, anyplace, and at a pace that meets their individual learning styles.

The District will use IDLA classes to supplement its curriculum and to provide remedial academic support.

Site Coordinator

The District will provide an individual, employed by the District, as a site coordinator. The site coordinator shall regularly motivate students and monitor their progress. The site coordinator's role is to:

1. Advise students on appropriate courses for registration;
2. Ensure that students are completing work on a timely basis, including checking grades online every three weeks;
3. Proctor final exams; and
4. Facilitate communications with students' parents/guardians regarding course progress and the IDLA instructor.

Additionally, the site coordinator is a contact for the IDLA instructor and IDLA staff. A site coordinator shall be assigned to each building, or as an alternative, to each District. Anyone selected as a District site coordinator shall successfully complete the IDLA online Site Coordinator Course. The cost of the IDLA online Site Coordinator Course shall be paid by the District.

Student and Course Selection

District administrators, counselors, and teachers will identify those students who will benefit from IDLA classes.

At the discretion of the principal or designee, students may be selected to take IDLA courses if they:

1. Need to make up credits in order to graduate on schedule;
2. Are eligible for hospital or homebound programs;
3. Are interested in advanced placement or dual credit courses;
4. Want to supplement their curriculum by taking courses not offered at their school;

5. Have scheduling conflicts;
6. Want to accelerate their academic program by taking additional courses to facilitate early graduation; or
7. Are excused from being physically present on the campus of their school of record for an extended period of time.

Students may be denied the privilege of IDLA enrollment if their academic and behavioral record does not indicate the academic ability and self-discipline needed to succeed in online classes.

The parent/guardian, student, and principal or designee must confer and agree that any courses they've selected are academically and developmentally appropriate for the student and that all prerequisites, as determined by the student's school of record, have been completed before the student registers for any IDLA course.

Ethical Conduct

Any student attending classes through IDLA shall adhere to the District's Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks policies and any acceptable use policy implemented by IDLA. Additionally, the student and the student's parent/guardian shall agree to abide by the District's and IDLA's policies prior to IDLA classes beginning.

In the event of a violation of the acceptable use policy, plagiarism, or other disciplinary issues, IDLA will notify the District. The District shall take any disciplinary measures necessary as provided in District policy.

Tuition and Fees

The District shall abide by the IDLA Fees Policy Statement provided by IDLA. The District shall pay the IDLA cost associated with students who take IDLA classes as part of their normal school day, unless the student is taking an overload course that meets graduation requirements. The District will pay the tuition and registration fees for eligible students, including the cost of classes taken for credit recovery or as a retake or remedial course unless the District offers the course directly and the student makes a personal choice to take the course through IDLA instead of the District's offering.

If the student is enrolled in four or more credits or sufficient classes to qualify as full time in a District high school, the student is responsible for all tuition and registration fees to be paid to IDLA associated with over-enrollment. In other words, if the student has made a personal choice to take more than a full course-load of classes for credit, personal choice and personal cost of doing so will be the responsibility of the student and their family.

The student shall also be responsible for any tuition or registration fees for a course taken through IDLA which was offered by the District directly but taken via IDLA at the student's preference.

Grading

IDLA provides a percentage grade to the Districts. The District transcribes the credit. The grade

received from any IDLA class will be averaged into the student's GPA. The student will be granted high school credit when earned through IDLA. Grade percentages in courses shall be based on such criteria as mastery of the subject, demonstrated competency, and meeting the standards set for each course.

Advanced Placement Designation on Transcript

If a student of the District takes an IDLA class, the District will specify on the student's transcript that the advanced placement course was taken through IDLA. The purpose for this is to ensure that the student's transcript reflects an approved provider of the advanced placement course, such as IDLA.

For all other requirements regarding IDLA, please refer to the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

Policy Note: Some information to develop this policy was provided by the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

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Legal References	Description
463 P.2d 935 (Idaho, 1970).	Paulson v. Minidoka School District No. 331
IC § 33-5502	Creation — Legislative Findings — Goal
IC § 33-5505	Definitions

Other References	Description
ISBA Policy Services	https://www.idsba.org/member-services/policy/

Cross References

Code	Description
3270	District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
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