



IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES

## Fast Forward Program

During the 2014 Legislative Session, the Idaho Legislature passed Senate Bill 1233, which approved funds to cover of up to 75% of the cost of taking dual credit courses, college-bearing exams, or professional-technical exams. Every high school junior will have access to a maximum of \$200 a year and each high school senior will have access to a maximum of \$400 a year. These funds are to be utilized after all other grants, scholarships, and funds are exhausted, except county funds for out of district students taking community college courses.

## 8 in 6 Program

Designed to help Idaho students progress through the state's high school graduation requirements at an accelerated rate (46 credits), earning eight years of credit (grade 7-14) in six years (grades 7-12).

Assists students with costs associated with overload courses, SDE reimburses up to \$225 per course.

The program is open to public school students in grades 7 through 12. Deadline for enrollment for 2014-2015 is July 1, 2014.

Students take online courses during the summer or online overload courses during the school year.

Each student must have a course load of at least twelve (12) credits in middle school and fourteen (14) credits in high school per school year to participate in summer courses, and a full course load to participate in overload courses during the school year.

Students are expected to enroll and successfully complete dual credit or professional-technical education courses during their eleventh and/or twelfth grade year.

## Dual Credit for Early Completers

The program is open to any student who has completed all the state's high school graduation requirements, excluding the senior project and any other course that the State Board of Education requires to be completed during the final year of high school. Please view Idaho state graduation minimum requirements on the other side of this document.

Students can take up to eighteen (18) credits per semester or twelve (12) credits per trimester term of postsecondary credits.

SDE will reimburse the district or public charter school up to \$75 per college credit earned.

Students are required to remain enrolled at the high school to have their college credits reimbursed.

Students are eligible to receive reimbursement for college credit-bearing examinations; up to six (6) examinations per semester or four (4) per trimester, up to \$90 per examinations.

## Mastery Advancement Program

Enables districts and public charter schools to utilize mastery exams to allow students to progress more quickly through high school and earn a scholarship for postsecondary education.

Students who have completed all district/public charter school and state graduation requirements for grades 1-12 within 11 full school years or less are eligible to receive a scholarship redeemable at any Idaho public postsecondary institution.

Students must have attended an Idaho public school for four full school years immediately prior to graduation to receive a full scholarship.