



Legislative Update 2019 Roadshow

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2019 Legislative Session Highlights



- 95 days
- 20 education-related policy bills
- 8 Administrative Rules



Supt. Ybarra's Red Tape Bill

Simplifies the continuous improvement plans (CIP) and eliminates duplicate reporting. Reporting of individual metrics was eliminated in lieu of a link to the district's SDE report card.

Districts still need to report progress toward previous year's goals separately in the CIP.

Charter School Administrator Bill

Creates a new charter school administrator certificate as an alternative to a traditional administrator certificate. Administrators would be eligible for a charter school administrator certificate if they:

- (1) hold a bachelor's degree,
- (2) pass a criminal background check,
- (3) receive training on teacher evaluations,
- (4) demonstrate a charter school board of directors seeks to hire them and commits to overseeing their work, and
- (5) have a minimum amount of professional experience.

Supt. Ybarra's Mastery Education Bill

Lifts the cap on the mastery-based incubators and updates the statute to formalize the Idaho Mastery Education Network.

SDE staff is planning now for how to accommodate additional districts and schools who wish to join the mastery education network.

Schedule Flexibility and Early Graduation

Provides students who demonstrate basic skills to be “college and career ready” with flexibility in their schedules; the ability to freely take post-secondary classes; or to receive their accredited diploma and opt out of high school to further their educational or career goals.

Teachers, Professional Development Credits

Allows those who are teaching courses that count toward teacher certification renewal to receive credit for those courses for their own certification renewal.

Advanced Opportunities Workforce Training Bill

Provides opportunities for high school students to take Career Technical courses that lead to industry certifications if these courses are not offered in their high school, e.g. apprenticeships.

Career and Technical Education Delivery

Clarifies that virtual CTE programs may be authorized by Division of CTE, regardless of instructional delivery method (e.g. virtual) if they meet the same quality requirements and demonstrate compliance with the Idaho CTE initiative.

Fines for Passing Stopped School Buses

Increases the fines for drivers who ignore school buses stopped on the road to load and unload riders.

New fines:

\$200 for the first offense

\$400 for a second offense

\$600 for a third offense.

Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Bonds

Creates a credit enhancement for seasoned, stable public charter schools to obtain lower interest rates on bonds.

The bill does not create a legal obligation for the state.

The bill calls for a separate fund in the state treasury to create a backstop for any potential missed payments.

Non-traditional Teacher Prep Programs

\$200,000

Allows school districts to enter into agreements with nontraditional teacher preparation programs to help recruit, select, train and retain teachers for hard-to-fill positions and provides state funding if matching private dollars are raised.

The funding pays for up to 25% of the teacher's annual salary for each year the program is providing services to that teacher.

Funding is limited to two academic years per teacher.

The program must match 100% of any cost to the state for implementation.

School Boards Executive Sessions

Allows school boards to address time-sensitive or emergency circumstances that fall under an Executive Session category – such as personnel issues – on a simple majority vote in the event of two vacancies.



Governor's Starting Teacher Pay Bill \$3,796,224 (FY 20)

Increases starting teacher pay to \$40,000 over a two-year period. The bill also includes clarifying language on how the professional rung cells collapse from ten cells to five cells.

New Base Allocation

	1	2	3	4	5
Residency	\$38,500	\$39,000	\$39,500		
Professional	\$42,500	\$44,375	\$46,250	\$48,125	\$50,000

Concealed Carry

Lowers the age limit for concealed carry of a handgun within city limits to 18 years old.

Threats to Schools

Would allow peace officer to place a person who willfully threatens violence at schools into custody for evaluation.

Public Schools as Polling Places

Ensures that public schools are available as polling locations on Election Day.

There is a delayed effective date to July 2020 in order to ensure adequate time for county clerks and school districts to make any adjustments needed as a result of this legislation.

Funding Formula Definitions and Reporting Bill

- Defines terms including enrollment, economically disadvantaged, at-risk, special education, English language learner, local salary schedule, etc.
- Contains reporting requirements necessary to provide more accuracy and predictability in a new student-centered formula .
- Requires significant negotiated rulemaking.

What Didn't Pass in 2019



- HB 120 – Sex Ed Opt-in
- HB 133 – Immunization Opt-out
- HB 203 – Guns in Schools
- HB 218 -- Rural Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act
- HB 253 – Education Savings Accounts
- HB 273 – Guided Education Management Scholarships
- SB 1088 – Drivers' Training Increased Reimbursement
- SB 1181 – Superintendent Evaluations

What's Ahead for Next Year



- Keep Idaho Students Safe
- Governor's Task Force – Our Kids, Idaho's Future
- New Public School Funding Formula

Upcoming Rulemaking



- All Administrative Rules expire June 30, 2019, and will be reinstated as temporary rules.
- Enrollment and other clarifications based on HB 293
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training
- Professional Standards Commission Revisions
- Science Assessment in middle and high school

Questions



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