Idaho Digital Learning Academy

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Advanced courses offered to high school students

More than 150 students in Idaho will have the opportunity to take online Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit courses this Fall through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), thanks to increased state funding from the Idaho legislature. Courses such as AP Calculus, AP English Literature and Composition, AP American Government, AP Environmental Science, Dual Credit Economics, and Dual Credit English Composition are available for students across the state of Idaho to register for this coming school year.

The Advanced Placement program and dual credit program is a cooperative effort between high schools and colleges to provide college level courses to high school students. Currently only 55 of Idaho's 113 school districts offer AP courses.

Studies from the U.S. Department of Education have shown that completing one AP course increases the chance of being successful and completing college. Students who may never have thought of themselves as college students are earning college credit while still in high school. And students who take a rigorous, high-quality online course improve their writing skills, sharpen problem-solving techniques, develop the necessary study habits to be successful, and commit themselves to academic excellence.

The IDLA was launched three years ago by the Idaho Legislature as a way to provide high school coursework via online delivery anywhere in Idaho. The courses are aligned to the state's achievement standards and are taught by teachers who meet the state's definition of highly qualified.

Students enroll in IDLA classes through their local high school. Students use IDLA to make up lost credits, earn credits toward graduation or take courses such as Advanced Placement/Dual Credit courses not available in their schools. Credit for dual credit courses is available through Boise State University or Northwest Nazarene University. Students should contact their local school district counselor if interested in registering for Fall 2005. More information about IDLA can be found at http://idla.k12.id.us. AP is a registered trademark of the College Board.

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