004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.
The following documents are incorporated into this rule: (3-30-07)

01. The Idaho Content Standards. The Idaho Content Standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. Individual subject content standards are adopted in various years in relation to the curricular materials adoption schedule. Copies of the document can be found on the State Board of Education website at www.boardofed.idaho.gov. (3-29-10)

a. Driver Education, as revised and adopted on August 21, 2008. (3-29-10)

b. Health, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016. (3-29-10)

c. Arts and Humanities Categories:
   i. Visual Arts, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   ii. Dance, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   iii. Drama Theatre, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   iv. Interdisciplinary Humanities, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   v. Music, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   vi. World languages, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016; (3-29-10)
   vii. Media Arts, as adopted on August 11, 2016.

d. English Language Arts/Literacy, as revised and adopted on August 11, 2010 August 11, 2016. (4-7-11)

e. Limited English Proficiency, as revised and adopted on August 21, 2008. (3-29-10)

f. Mathematics, as revised and adopted on August 11, 2010 August 11, 2016. (4-7-11)

g. Physical Education, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016. (3-29-10)

h. Science, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009. (3-29-10)

i. Social Studies, as revised and adopted on April 17, 2009 August 11, 2016. (3-29-10)

j. Information and Communication Technology, as revised and adopted on April 22, 2010. (4-7-11)


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008. DEFINITIONS H - S.

01. Interdisciplinary or Integrated Assessment. Assessment based on tasks that measures a student’s ability to apply concepts, principles, and processes from two (2) or more subject disciplines to a project, issue, or problem. (4-5-00)

02. International Baccalaureate (IB) - Administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization, the IB program provides a comprehensive liberal arts course of study for students in their junior and senior years of high school. IB students take end-of-course exams that may qualify for college credit. Successful completion of the full course of study leads to an IB diploma. (4-11-06)

03. Interdisciplinary Study: An approach to learning in two (2) or more disciplines that enables students to identify and apply authentic connections and integrate essential concepts that transcend individual disciplines. (___)

0304. Laboratory. A laboratory science course is defined as one in which at least one (1) class period each week is devoted to providing students with the opportunity to manipulate equipment, materials, specimens or develop skills in observation and analysis and discover, demonstrate, illustrate or test scientific principles or concepts. (4-11-06)

0405. Learning Plan. The plan that outlines a student’s program of study, which should include a rigorous academic core and a related sequence of electives in academic, professional-technical education (PTE), or humanities aligned with the student’s post graduation goals. (4-11-06)

0506. Narrative. Text in any form (print, oral, or visual) that recounts events or tells a story. (4-5-00)

0607. Norm-Referenced Assessment. Comparing a student’s performance or test result to performance of other similar groups of students; (e.g., he typed better than eighty percent (80%) of his classmates.) (4-5-00)

0708. On-Demand Assessment. Assessment that takes place at a predetermined time and place. Quizzes, state tests, SATs, and most final exams are examples of on-demand assessment. (4-5-00)

0809. Performance Assessment. Direct observation of student performance or student work and professional judgment of the quality of that performance. Good quality performance assessment has pre-established performance criteria. (4-5-00)

0910. Performance-Based Assessment. The measurement of educational achievement by tasks that are similar or identical to those that are required in the instructional environment, as in performance assessment tasks, exhibitions, or projects, or in work that is assembled over time into portfolio collections. (4-5-00)

1011. Performance Criteria. A description of the characteristics that will be judged for a task. Performance criteria may be holistic, analytic trait, general or specific. Performance criteria are expressed as a rubric or scoring guide. Anchor points or benchmark performances may be used to identify each level of competency in the rubric or scoring guide. (4-5-00)

1112. Phonics. Generally used to refer to the system of sound-letter relationships used in reading and writing. Phonics begins with the understanding that each letter (or grapheme) of the English alphabet stands for one (1) or more sounds (or phonemes). (4-5-00)

1213. Portfolio. A collection of materials that documents and demonstrates a student’s academic and work-based learning. Although there is no standard format for a portfolio, it typically includes many forms of information that exhibit the student’s knowledge, skills, and interests. By building a portfolio, students can recognize their own growth and learn to take increased responsibility for their education. Teachers, mentors, and employers can use portfolios for assessment purposes and to record educational outcomes. (4-5-00)
Professional Development. A comprehensive, sustained, timely, and intensive process to improve effectiveness of teachers and administrators in raising student achievement, which:

a. Aligns with rigorous state academic achievement standards, local educational agency goals, school improvement goals, effective technology integration, and Common Core standards. (4-4-13)

b. Utilizes data driven instruction using a thorough review and continual evaluation of data on teacher and student performance to define clear goals and distinct outcomes. (4-4-13)

c. Provides opportunities that are individualized enough to meet distinct and diverse levels of need for teachers and administrators. (4-4-13)

d. Is facilitated by well-prepared school administrators, coaches, mentors, master teachers, lead teachers, or third-party providers under contract with the State Department of Education, school district, or charter school, and supported by external research, expertise, or resources. (4-4-13)

e. Fosters a collective responsibility by educators within the school for improved student performance and develops a professional learning community. (4-4-13)

15. Project Based Learning. A hands-on approach to learning that encourages students to create/interpret/communicate an original work or project and assesses quality and success of learning through performance/presentation/production of that work or project. (4-4-13)

14. Print Awareness. In emergent literacy, a learner’s growing awareness of print as a system of meaning, distinct from speech and visual modes of representation. (4-5-00)

17. Professional-Technical Education. Formal preparation for semi-skilled, skilled, technical, or paraprofessional occupations, usually below the baccalaureate level. (4-11-06)

18. Proficiency. Having or demonstrating a high degree of knowledge or skill in a particular area. (4-5-00)

19. School-to-Work Transition. A restructuring effort that provides multiple learning options and seamless integrated pathways to increase all students’ opportunities to pursue their career and educational interests. (4-5-00)

20. Service Learning. Combining service with learning activities to allow students to participate in experiences in the community that meet actual human needs. Service learning activities are integrated into the academic curriculum and provide structured time for a student to think, talk, or write about what was done or seen during the actual service activity. Service learning provides students with opportunities to use newly acquired skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their communities, and helps foster the development of a sense of caring for others. (4-5-00)

21. Skill Certificate. Portable, industry-recognized credential that certifies the holder has demonstrated competency on a core set of performance standards related to an occupational cluster area. Serving as a signal of skill mastery at benchmark levels, skill certificates may assist students in finding work within their community, state, or elsewhere. A National Skills Standards Board is presently charged with issuing skill voluntary standards in selected occupations based on the result of research and development work completed by twenty-two (2) contractors. (4-5-00)

22. Standards. Statements about what is valued in a given field, such as English language arts, and/or descriptions of what is considered quality work. See content standards, assessment standards, and achievement standards. (4-2-08)

23. Standardization. A set of consistent procedures for constructing, administering and scoring an assessment. The goal of standardization is to ensure that all students are assessed under uniform conditions so the
interpretation of performance is comparable and not influenced by differing conditions. Standardization is an 
important consideration if comparisons are to be made between scores of different individuals or groups.  (4-5-00)

**2224. Standards-Based Education.** Schooling based on defined knowledge and skills that students 
must attain in different subjects, coupled with an assessment system that measures their progress.  (4-5-00)

**2325. Structured Work Experience.** A competency-based educational experience that occurs at the 
worksite but is tied to the classroom by curriculum through the integration of school-based instruction with worksite 
experiences. Structured work experience involves written training agreements between school and the worksite, and 
individual learning plans that link the student’s worksite learning with classroom course work. Student progress is 
supervised and evaluated collaboratively by school and worksite personnel. Structured work experience may be paid 
or unpaid; may occur in a public, private, or non-profit organization; and may or may not result in academic credit 
and/or outcome verification. It involves no obligation on the part of the worksite employer to offer regular 
employment to the student subsequent to the experience.  (4-5-00)

**2426. Student Learning Goals (Outcomes).** Statements describing the general areas in which students 
will learn and achieve. Student learning goals typically reflect what students are expected to know by the time they 
leave high school, such as to read and communicate effectively; think critically and solve problems; develop positive 
self-concept, respect for others and healthy patterns of behavior; work effectively in groups as well as individually; 
show appreciation for the arts and creativity; demonstrate civic, global and environmental responsibility; recognize 
and celebrate multicultural diversity; exhibit technological literacy; have a well developed knowledge base which 
engages understanding and decision making, and demonstrate positive problem solving and thinking skills.  (4-5-00)

**2527. Synchronous Course.** A course in which the teacher and students interact at the same time. May 
be applied to both traditional and technology based courses.  (4-5-00)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS.)**

105. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.**
A student must meet all of the requirements identified in this section before the student will be eligible to graduate 
from an Idaho high school. The local school district or LEA may establish graduation requirements beyond the state 
minimum.  (5-8-09)

**01. Credit Requirements.** The State minimum graduation requirement for all Idaho public high 
schools is forty-six (46) credits and must include twenty-nine (29) credits in core subjects as identified in Paragraphs 
105.01.c. through 105.01.i.  (3-12-14)

a. Credits. (Effective for all students who enter the ninth grade in the fall of 2010 or later.) One (1) 
credit shall equal sixty (60) hours of total instruction. School districts or LEA’s may request a waiver from this 
provision by submitting a letter to the State Department of Education for approval, signed by the superintendent and 
chair of the board of trustees of the district or LEA. The waiver request shall provide information and documentation 
that substantiates the school district or LEA’s reason for not requiring sixty (60) hours of total instruction per credit.  
(3-29-10)

b. Mastery. A student may also achieve credits by demonstrating mastery of a subject’s content 
standards as defined and approved by the local school district or LEA.  (3-29-10)

c. Secondary Language Arts and Communication. Nine (9) credits are required. Eight (8) credits of 
instruction in Language Arts. Each year of Language Arts shall consist of language study, composition, and 
literature and be aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level. One (1) credit of instruction 
in communications consisting of oral communication and technological applications that includes a course in 
speech, a course in debate, or a sequence of instructional activities that meet the Idaho Speech Content Standards 
requirements.  (3-29-10)
d. Mathematics. Six (6) credits are required. Secondary mathematics includes Applied Mathematics, Business Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Fundamentals of Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, and courses in mathematical problem solving and reasoning. AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering courses may also be counted as a mathematics credit if the student has completed Algebra II standards. Students who choose to take AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering may not concurrently count such courses as both a math and science credit. (3-12-14)

i. Students must complete secondary mathematics in the following areas: (3-12-14)

(1) Two (2) credits of Algebra I or courses that meet the Idaho Algebra I Content Standards as approved by the State Department of Education; (3-29-10)

(2) Two (2) credits of Geometry or courses that meet the Idaho Geometry Content Standards as approved by the State Department of Education; and (3-29-10)

(3) Two (2) credits of mathematics of the student’s choice. (3-29-10)

ii. Two (2) credits of the required six (6) credits of mathematics must be taken in the last year of high school in which the student intends to graduate. For the purposes of this subsection, the last year of high school shall include the summer preceding the fall start of classes. Students who return to school during the summer or the following fall of the next year for less than a full schedule of courses due to failing to pass a course other than math are not required to retake a math course as long as they have earned six (6) credits of high school level mathematics. (3-12-14)

iii. Students who have completed six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or higher level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school. High School math credits completed in middle school shall count for the purposes of this section. (3-12-14)

e. Science. Six (6) credits are required, four (4) of which will be laboratory based. Secondary sciences include instruction in applied sciences, earth and space sciences, physical sciences, and life sciences. Up to two (2) credits in AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering may be used as science credits. Students who choose to take AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering may not concurrently count such courses as both a math and science credit. (3-12-14)

i. Secondary sciences include instruction in the following areas: biology, physical science or chemistry, and earth, space, environment, or approved applied science. Four (4) credits of these courses must be laboratory based. (3-29-10)

f. Social Studies. Five (5) credits are required, including government (two (2) credits), United States history (two (2) credits), and economics (one (1) credit). Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives, but are not to be counted as a social studies requirement. (3-29-10)

g. Arts and Humanities. Two (2) credits are required. Arts and Humanities courses include instruction in visual arts, music, theatre, dance, media arts or world language aligned to the Idaho content standards for those subjects. Other courses such as literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions A course in Interdisciplinary Humanities may satisfy the humanities standards graduation requirements if the course is aligned to the Idaho Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards. (3-29-10)

h. Health/Wellness. One (1) credit is required. Course must be aligned to the Idaho Health Content Standards. Effective for all public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2015 or later, each student shall receive a minimum of one (1) class period on psychomotor cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as outlined in the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR to include the proper utilization of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of the Health/Wellness course. (3-12-14)
i. Students participating in one (1) season in any sport recognized by the Idaho High School Activities Association or club sport recognized by the local school district, or eighteen (18) weeks of a sport recognized by the local school district may choose to substitute participation up to one (1) credit of physical education. Students must show mastery of the content standards for Physical Education in a format provided by the school district. (4-1-15)