

Glossary

Blended Courses – Blended courses are those where 0-50% of content and instruction are delivered online.

Blended courses can contain some in-person content delivery and/or some in-person instruction.

Completion Rate – The percentage of students that enrolled and did not drop out or withdraw from the course.

These students must have received a grade for the course. The percentage must be calculated using Idaho student enrollments.

Consortium – A group of school districts and/or public charter schools that provide online classes to each other's students.

Course Sponsor – Course sponsor is the school district or public charter school that is held accountable for student growth as measured by the ISAT.

Fast Forward - The Fast Forward program provides every student attending an Idaho public school an allocation of \$4,125.00 to use towards Advanced Opportunities in grades 7-12. The program was expanded by the Legislature in 2016 through the passing of [House Bill 458](#). The fund can be used for:

- **Overload Courses**

An overload course is a high school level course that is taken in excess of the student's regular school day.

These courses are offered online, during the summertime, and after school. In the event that student incurs a cost for such courses, the Fast Forward program can pay up to \$225.00 for the cost of the course.

Overload courses must be above and beyond the full course load offered by the student's local school.

- **Dual Credits**

Dual credit are courses taken by high school students that are transcribed on their high school and college transcripts. The Fast Forward program can pay for up to \$75.00 per credit, and in most cases, the cost of these credits is \$65.00. Dual Credit courses can also be taken online, by virtual conferencing, or in some cases students can go directly to the college/university campus. *More information on specific Idaho colleges and universities can be found in the **Links** tab.*

- **Exams**

Student can utilize Fast Forward funds to pay for a variety of college-credit bearing or professional technical exams. These include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or Career & Technical Education (CTE) exams. A full list of qualifying exams is available in the [Resource Files](#).

For more information on the Fast Forward Program, please go: [HERE](#).

Home District – A student's home district is the Idaho school district or public charter school in which the student is currently enrolled and working toward their high school diploma.

Idaho Digital Learning Portal Administer - The Idaho State Department of Education employee/contractor who oversees the online approval and review process.

Idaho Service Provider – An Idaho school district, public charter school, college, university, or consortium that provides online courses to the students outside its boundaries. This type of provider does not need to apply for approval, but the courses are rated by the student and parent.

Initial Review Team – Comprised of teachers across Idaho who have teaching experience in the content area assigned. The team independently reviews the courses from Outside Service Providers with the scores for approval.

Online Course – A course that meets the following criteria:

- 51%, or more, of the course content is delivered electronically through the internet or other computer-based methods.
- 51%, or more, of the teaching is conducted from a remote location through an online course learning management system or other online or electronic tools.

Additionally:

- A course can be synchronous, asynchronous, or both.
- The role of the teacher is to ensure student learning and success. This role may be accomplished through a variety of teaching methods, including but not limited to: direct instruction; review of assignments; assessment, testing and other progress monitoring; and educational facilitation.
- A remote location is any location where there is no "face-to-face" student-teacher interaction.

Outside Service Providers – An organization offering academic online courses to the students that is not an Idaho educational institution.

Overload Course – A course that exceeds the typical number of credits offered by the student's home school. For example: if the home school offers seven one-credit course periods per term and the student wishes to take an eighth course. Parents could be responsible for the entire enrollment price of overload courses.

Passing Rate – The percentage of students that completed the course with a 60% or higher. The percentage must be calculated using Idaho student enrollments.

Web-enhanced Courses – Web-enhanced courses are those where the instruction takes place in person, but at least some of the content is delivered online.
