# COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Created by the Idaho Legislature in 1997 and implemented in 1998, dual credit provides the option for students to earn college credits at a low cost by enrolling in college classes offered through a partnership between the high schools and Idaho's universities and colleges.

# PARTICIPATING IDAHO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Boise State University
- College of Eastern Idaho
- College of Southern Idaho
- College of Western Idaho
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- North Idaho College
- Northwest Nazarene University
- University of Idaho

# DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES DEFINED

Dual/Concurrent Enrollment is a collaborative partnership between Idaho's colleges and universities to provide college courses for high school students giving them the option to earn both high school and college credit. The classes are offered at the partner high school with approved high school instructors. High school instructors meet the adjunct teaching requirements set by the academic department offering the college credits. Students receive a letter grade based on work completed and the earned credits are reflected on both their high school and college transcript. The courses follow the college/university grading standards. Most colleges/ universities allow the high school students access to their library for research, writing center, a student ID card and access to events on their campus.

Idaho is a national leader in dual credit with a number of institutions that have achieved accreditation standards granted by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (nacep.org). Their mission is to advance quality college classes for high school students. This award ensures that the instructors, curriculum, and student assessments meet college standards.

### PARTICIPATING IDAHO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CONTACTS

Institutions with NACEP logo are NACEP accredited



Boise State University Phone: (208) 426-3750 boisestate.edu/concurrentenrollment



College of Eastern Idaho Phone: (208) 535-5309 https://www.cei.edu/early-college/



College of Southern Idaho Phone: (208) 732-6276 csi.edu/dualcredit



College of Western Idaho Phone: (208) 562-3371 cwi.edu/dc



Idaho State University Phone: (208) 282-6067 isu.edu/ecp



Lewis-Clark State College Phone: (208) 792-2280 Icsc.edu/early-college-programs



North Idaho College Phone: (208) 625-2329 nic.edu/dualcredit



Northwest Nazarene University Phone: (208) 467-8545 nnu.edu/concurrentcredit



University of Idaho Phone: (208) 885-4074 uidaho.edu/dual-credit



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# **IMPORTANT FACTS**

### DUAL/CONCURRENT CREDIT COST AND PROGRAM BENEFITS

The cost for dual credit is set at \$75 per credit statewide. In addition to gaining quality low-cost credits, students also have access to academic resources available in person or online.

Dual/concurrent credit courses are taught by high school teachers who have been pre-qualified by the college/ university, academic departments and meet adjunct status. Instructors teach the college curriculum, use approved textbooks and apply college grading scales. Colleges and universities monitor and support instruction through teacher training and classroom observation visits. Dual credit classes must be listed in the college/university catalog. College/ university classes are typically offered in the high schools during the regular school day, as well as on the college campus and through interactive and online.

### TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS vs. APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS

Dual/concurrent credit courses are accepted by all Idaho institutions of higher education and most institutions outside the state. The credits may transfer as meeting a major requirement, general education or as an elective credit. Students are encouraged to seek out advising information with the institution of their choice to learn about transferability of the credits, exams and how they apply to their chosen major.

It's important for parents and students to seek academic advising to make the best class selection.

Students may request official transcript information from the individual institution's web site.

# LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR IDAHO'S DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Through the Fast Forward Program, students attending public schools have access to \$4,125 to help pay for dual/concurrent enrollment credits, Advanced Placement College Board and Professional Technical Education exams and overload course fees. The Idaho Department of Education manages the funds, and students go through a registration process to apply the funds towards their chosen educational opportunity.

Fast Forward funds DO NOT cover lab fees, activity fees or textbooks. They also DO NOT pay tuition for any classes that are repeated, failed or withdrawn from by the student when it s past the drop deadline set by the credit bearing institution. Students will lose access to Fast Forward funds when they fail a class or withdraw after the deadline.

For information about the Fast Forward Scholarship visit the Idaho Department of Education website at: advancedops.sde.idaho.gov

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

Advanced Opportunities: advancedops.sde.idaho.gov

Idaho State Board of Education: boardofed.idaho.gov

Idaho State Department of Education: sde.idaho.gov

> Career & Technical Education: cte.idaho.gov

> > Next Steps Idaho: nextsteps.idaho.gov

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships: nacep.org

> Free online tutoring: khanacademy.org

How Credits Transfer to Other Institutions: collegetransfer.net coursetransfer.idaho.org

# STUDENTS SAY

I was able to study abroad for a semester in Spain and graduate from my university on time because I was able to earn 15 college credits during high school.

> -- Jessica Coca, Capital High School, International Business & Finance student

> > Dual credit classes were very beneficial because I was able to get ahead in my major by taking other classes. It was nice starting college with three classes already out of the way.

> > > -- Taylor McConnell, Lewiston High School, Education student

Taking dual credit classes benefits me greatly because it has helped me start my college career early. It also gives me a glance at the college curriculum, so I know what to expect next year.

-Caitlyn Robbins, Pocatello High School, English 101 student

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