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Advanced Opportunities Update

Hi All,

Here is your Advanced Opportunities updates.

With the recent changes to many school and college schedules, the Advanced Opportunities program will be extending the deadline for Spring 2020 course funding submissions. Many colleges have extended their course drop deadlines for dual credit courses to the mid or end of April. With changes, additional time is needed to verify enrollment. The table below provides details for verification and submission. Should you need to make changes to funding requests, please work with the provider by the given deadlines.

Term	Access Window	Verification Window	Submission Deadline
NEW Spring 2020	Jan 6 – Feb 21	Feb 24 – May 8	May 15, 2020 May 22, 2020 (exams)

Advising Supports:

To help with Advanced Opportunities advising, attached is an updated learning outcomes document to consider in discussions with students, a dual credit talking points document, and a college credit mapping document. As always students can reference coursetransfer.idaho.gov or their specific college of interest should they need help in understanding transfer equivalencies as we near graduation.

In case you need college contacts, here are the [dual credit providers contacts](#) and [workforce training contacts](#).

Senior Project Waiver:

The requirement to turn in a senior project has been waived per SBOE's March

23rd Board Meeting. This should not impact minimum high school graduation credit requirements, as students should still be receiving instruction and working toward needed credits to graduate.

College Entrance Exam:

The Department of Education is looking into whether students who want to take the SAT will still be able to do so at the states expense this summer or next year. More to come.

NEWS UPDATES:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS MOVE ONLINE

- The College Board also announced last Friday that it is changing the format of AP exams, so students can take their capstone tests from home. Because of course disruptions this year, the College Board is changing its in-person exam format to a 45-minute online free response test. The exams will only cover AP course content that most classrooms had covered by early March. Students can take the tests on a computer, tablet, smartphone or take a picture of written work and upload that. While details are scarce, The College Board also plans to “invest” so that low-income or rural students without easy access to the internet can also access the test. Teachers or students who need mobile devices or connectivity can reach out to The College Board using [this form](#). The College Board is also providing free [AP review classes](#) (starting on March 25), and plans to release more details about the tests [by April 3](#). Each subject will have two different testing dates. For more details, visit [The College Board website](#).
- The [ACT has rescheduled](#) it’s April 4 test date to June 13.

CLEP EXAM ALTERNATIVE OPTION

- AO has received questions in regards to students not being able to pay up front for CLEP exams since Advanced Opportunities is a reimbursement program. Many school districts are helping students pay for upfront costs, however, we have since learned that an organization called Modern States will provide a voucher to a student to take the CLEP, after they have completed a free online CLEP course. Generally the CLEP courses are self-paced, intended to be spread out over 4 to 6 weeks with 6 hours of

work per week. This may not be for every student, but could be alternative for those who do not have avenues to cover up front costs.

<https://modernstates.org/faq/#clepvoucherprogram>

Should you need any assistance or have questions do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your work in adapting to the current situation.

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