An Advanced Opportunities Update

April 13, 2020

In this update changes caused by the recent pandemic and professional development opportunities.

**Exams**

**Cancelled/Delayed Exams**

Exams scheduled for Spring 2020 that have since been delayed or canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, can be honored through the Advanced Opportunities program for students at a later date. Those students who graduate in 2020 will need to have revised exams.

**Dual Credit**

**Colleges extend drop deadlines for dual credit courses.**

In those instances where a student was not able to drop the course by the revised deadline, it is recommended the student proceed with the petition process at the college if warranted. The college will
completed by December 31, 2020. Since student’s access to funding requests will have passed, requests for funding should be done in coordination with a student’s school district, as they will be able to submit the request on the behalf of the student. Requests should be made in an accurate manner with details mentioned in the notes section stating why the exam is being requested ex. “COVID-19 cancellation”, so that the request is not denied.

decide the appropriate measure as there are no changes to Statute at this time regarding the use of Advanced Ops. funding for a student, if a student fails to earn credit or complete.

All Idaho secondary and postsecondary counselors and advisors are invited! Join a weekly discussion hosted by the Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE). Zoom meetings will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 AM, and 2 PM. Learn more and register below to attend.

https://nextsteps.idaho.gov/event/education-discussion-foru

Idaho's College and Career Professional Development

Join colleagues from across Idaho for a unique professional development opportunity. This year long program will give you opportunities to meet professionals in a wide variety of areas and engage in dialogues that matters to your work. Most costs are paid for, so take advantage and learn new ideas, tour Idaho industries, earn professional development credit and develop your college and career program. Space is limited.

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Advanced Placement Exams

With changes to AP exam procedures and news that students can decide to opt out of taking the AP exam without penalty, changes will likely be needed in the Advanced Opportunities portal for funding requests. In order to ensure school districts have necessary funds available to pay College Board for exams taken this Spring, it is recommended school districts submit funding requests for all students who are scheduled to take the exam in the Spring 2020 cycle by May 22nd. School districts and the SDE can then work to reconcile exam funding requests for any student who does not sit for the exam in a later funding cycle (ie. Summer 2020 or Fall 2020). College Board will send invoices and details about who has taken the exam the second or third week in June with payment expected by June 26th. The list of students who did not take the exam, but were reimbursed can then be submitted to the SDE through the online help button in order to make corrections.

Advanced Placement testing will take place between May 11 and June 5th. To review the AP webinar on changes please click here. College Board has informed the SDE that if you have students who do not have a device or internet a form is available to submit to receive assistance. Deadline for this form to be submitted is April 24.

Idaho's College and Career Summit

Mark your calendars! Idaho's College and Career Summit (formerly known as the Advanced Opportunities Conference) will be taking place September 9-11, 2020. This years conference will be virtual, so join us from wherever you are. More details to come.

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Website: https://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/

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