

A Brief History of Mastery



Historical: Apprenticeships! Advance as you demonstrate understanding and knowledge.

Little “m” mastery: Natural and all around us!

Idaho:

2013 - Governor's Task Force; first recommendation listed

2015 - “The *legislature finds* that moving toward mastery-based education where *students progress as they demonstrate* mastery of a subject or grade level is in the best interest of Idaho students.

Not seat time or the age or grade level of the student.” §33-1632 (**BIG M** Mastery)

2017 - No need for a seat time waiver: “...a student may also achieve credits by demonstrating mastery of a subject’s content standards as defined and approved by the local education agency.”

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2016-2022 - Over 100 Idaho schools, hundreds of teachers, and dozens of districts, innovating and implementing “mastery” in unique and diverse ways.

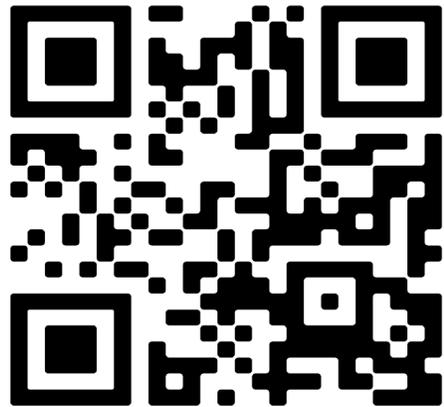
2022 – Heavy focus on student driven learning practices that *lead* to a “mastery mindset”:

“Meet learners where they are with what they need, so they can demonstrate what they learned and naturally progress in their understanding.”

Student Centered Flexibility and Choice



Mastery is part of unique flexibility and choice available to Idaho students, families, and districts!

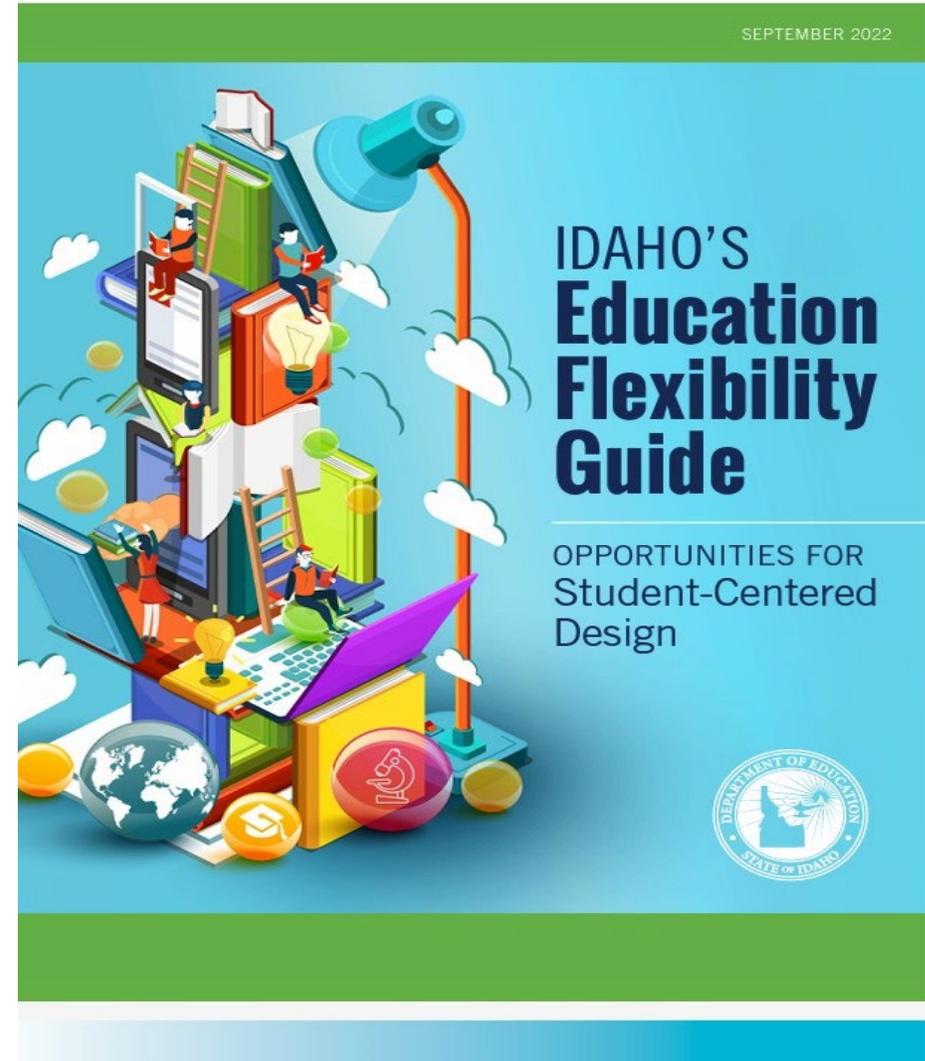


Other Mastery Adjacent and Supportive Laws

Extended Learning Opportunities

Self-Directed Learner

Advanced Opportunities

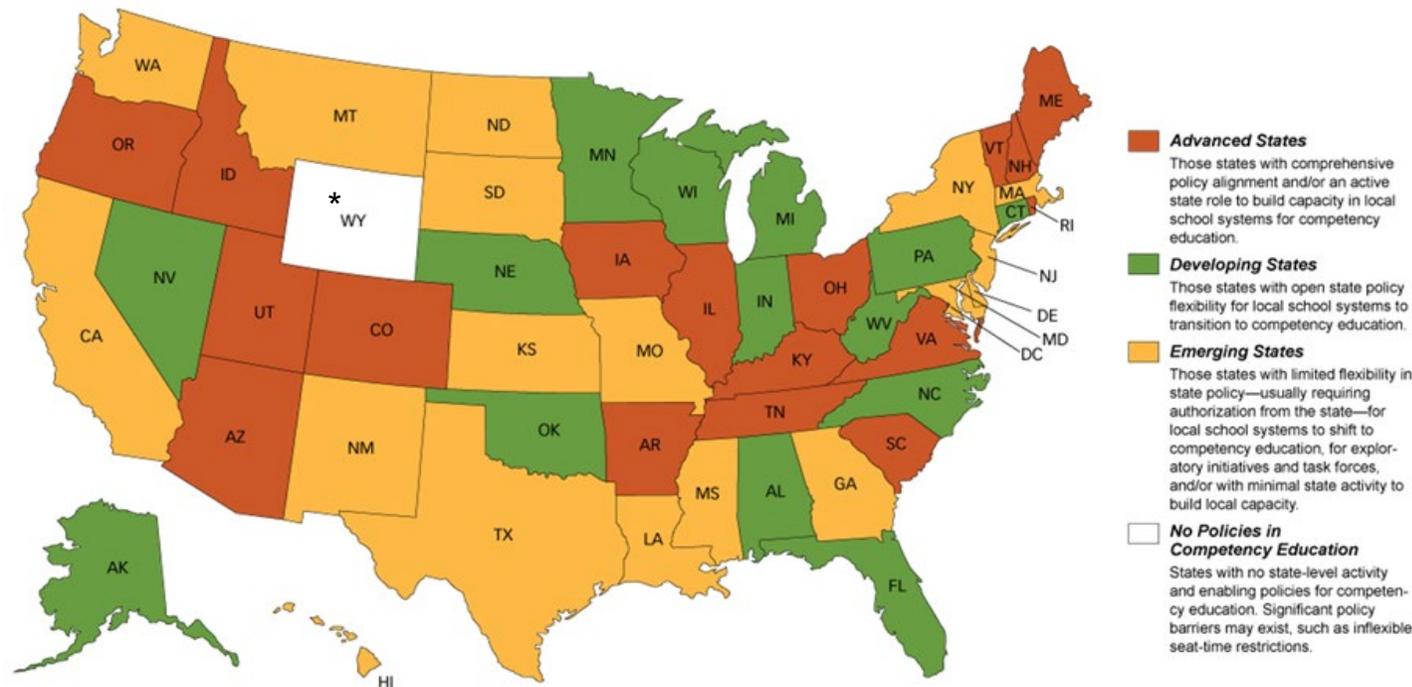


Who implements the Student Driven Learning practices of *Mastery? (*known by other names in other states)



Everyone!

- 54 Idaho districts and hundreds of educators participate in current, free SDE sponsored PD by nationally recognized experts
- 20% increase in Grant applications in 2022
- Over 100 Idaho schools have formally received funds to explore and innovate through mastery
- Hundreds of other schools, districts, and educators are utilizing Student Driven Learning (SDL) practices without formally accepting state funds or acknowledging “BIG” M mastery.



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*Wyoming is currently developing student centered learning policy and has recognized the pioneering work of Idaho.