

The Idaho Legislature has determined that secondary students should be encouraged to enroll full-time or part-time in nonsectarian courses or programs in eligible postsecondary institutions in order to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wider variety of options to secondary students.

## **DEFINITIONS**

"Course" means a course of instruction or a program of instruction.

"Dual credit" means credit awarded to a student on his or her secondary and postsecondary transcript for the completion of a single course.

"Eligible institution" means a public or private postsecondary educational institution accredited by an organization recognized by the state board of education.

"Postsecondary credit" means credit awarded to a student on his or her postsecondary transcript for the completion of a course.

"Secondary credit" means credit awarded to a student on his or her secondary transcript for the completion of a course.

"Secondary student" means any student enrolled in grades seven (7) through twelve (12).

## **ENROLLMENT**

By March 1 of each school year, this district will provide general information regarding postsecondary enrollment options to all secondary students. Any secondary student enrolled in this district (except a foreign exchange student attending this district under a cultural exchange program) may apply to a postsecondary institution to enroll in nonsectarian courses, including students who have completed course requirements for graduation, but have not received a diploma. A student who has graduated from high school may not participate in postsecondary enrollment options.

If the postsecondary institution accepts a student, it is required by law to send written notice to the student and this district within ten (10) days of acceptance. The notice will include information regarding the course and hours of enrollment, and, if the student is taking the course for credit, the institution will provide information about payment.

The district may make payments or partial payments for courses that are taken for secondary credit. No payments will be made for courses taken for postsecondary credit only, if a student audits a course, or if a student withdraws during the first fourteen (14) days of the semester.

**COUNSELING**

Prior to a student enrolling in courses at a postsecondary institution, this district, to the extent possible, will provide counseling services to students and their parents/guardians to ensure that they are fully aware of the risks and possible consequences of such enrollment. The person providing the counseling will encourage students and their parent/guardian to also use available counseling services at the postsecondary institution prior to the semester of enrollment to ensure that the student's anticipated plans are appropriate and adequate.

This district will provide the following information to interested students during a counseling session prior to enrollment at a postsecondary institution:

1. Who may enroll;
2. What institutions and sources are available under this program;
3. The decision-making process for granting academic credits;
4. Financial arrangements for tuition, books, and materials;
5. Eligibility criteria for transportation aid;
6. Available support services;
7. The need to arrange an appropriate schedule;
8. Consequences of failing or not completing a course in which the student enrolls;
9. The effect of enrolling in this program on the student's ability to complete the required high school graduation requirements;
10. Financial aid; and
11. The academic and social requirements that must be assumed by the student and the parent/guardian.

**CREDIT CRITERIA**

A student may enroll in a postsecondary course for secondary credit, postsecondary credit, or dual credit. At the time a student enrolls in a course, he or she must designate the type of credit desired. This district will grant academic credit to a student enrolled in a course for secondary credit if the student successfully completes the course. The following credit criteria apply:

1. Secondary credits received at a postsecondary institution will be counted toward the graduation requirements and subject area requirements of this district.

2. Each student is required to provide the secondary school with a copy of the student's grade in each course taken for secondary credit at a postsecondary institution.
3. Evidence of successful completion of each course and secondary credits granted will be included in the student's secondary school record. The record will indicate that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.
4. Upon a student's request, the student's secondary school record will also include evidence of successful completion and credits granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit. The record will indicate that the credits were earned at a postsecondary institution.
5. Four (4) semester college credits equal at least one (1) full year (two (2) semester credits) of high school credit in that subject. Fewer college credits may be prorated at the discretion of the building principal.
6. If a student enrolls in the same postsecondary institution from which he or she received secondary credits, the institution will award, without charge, postsecondary credit for any course successfully completed. Other postsecondary institutions may award such credits, without charge, at their discretion.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections

33-1401 – Definitions

33-5101, *et seq.* – Postsecondary Enrollment Options

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**AMENDED:**