

**NOTE:** Effective July 1, 2013. During the 2010 legislative session, a pilot program to reward Idaho schools, students and the state for helping students to graduate early was adopted. In 2013, the pilot phase was lifted (see Senate Bill 1028) and all schools became eligible to participate. The Mastery Advancement Program (MAP) enables districts and charter schools to utilize mastery exams to allow students to progress more quickly through high school. MAP also allows for programs within elementary schools to use various ways of challenging students at the appropriate level. Districts and public charter schools must apply to participate in MAP; therefore, this policy is optional based on participation in the program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*[The district must choose option A or B. See the note following this policy for additional information on program participation.]*

**OPTION A**

\_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_ does NOT currently participate in the Mastery Advancement Program (MAP). *[The following policy does not apply and may be deleted.]*

**OPTION B**

\_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_ currently participates in the Mastery Advancement Program (MAP) and the following policy applies:

The Mastery Advancement Program (MAP) enables \_\_\_\_\_ School District No. \_\_\_\_ to utilize mastery exams to allow students to progress more quickly through high school, making them eligible for a scholarship that may be used for tuition and fees at postsecondary institutions. MAP also allows for programs within elementary schools to use various ways of challenging students at the appropriate level. A student is not required to graduate early and can choose to participate in concurrent enrollment or Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

**STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

Any student who successfully completes the district's curriculum for grades one (1) through twelve (12) at least one (1) year early shall be eligible for a mastery advancement scholarship if:

1. The student can show that s/he has met all of the graduation requirements of the school district in which the student attends school;
2. The student has completed the curriculum for grades one (1) through twelve (12) in eleven (11) or fewer years; and

3. The student has attended schools in the Idaho public school system for a minimum of four (4) years.

For students who have attended Idaho public schools for less than four (4) years and who have completed all graduation requirements, a student may be eligible to receive a mastery advancement scholarship at a reduced rate of one (1) semester of scholarship for each year of Idaho public school attendance.

If a student requests a mastery advancement scholarship and meets the eligibility requirements, the student shall be entitled to a mastery advancement scholarship which may be used for tuition and fees at any publicly funded institution of higher education in Idaho. The scholarship will equal thirty-five percent (35%) of the statewide average daily attendance (ADA) for each year the student avoids due to early graduation. *For example, a student who completes all district and state graduation requirements within eleven (11) full school years is eligible for a one (1) year scholarship; a student who completes all district and state graduation requirements within ten (10) full school years is eligible for a two (2) year scholarship; and a student who completes all district and state graduation requirements within nine (9) full school years is eligible for a three (3) year scholarship.* No student shall be eligible for more than three (3) years of a mastery advancement scholarship.

Students must attend an Idaho public college or university for the entirety of the scholarship period in order to receive the scholarship payment. Students must enroll at an Idaho public college or university immediately within two (2) years following early graduation in order to receive scholarship funds.

The district will collaborate with publicly funded postsecondary institutions in the state to assist students who seek to graduate from high school early in enrolling in postsecondary or Advanced Placement (AP) courses held in high school.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Sections 33-1620 through 33-1626  
IDAPA 08.02.03.117

**ADOPTED:**

**AMENDED:**

Districts and public charter schools must apply to participate in the Mastery Advancement Program (MAP). The district or charter school must have a challenge exam or equivalent exam, in which a passing score would demonstrate full course mastery, in place for a minimum of two school years prior to participation in the program. Participating districts must be able to demonstrate reliability and validity of the chosen measure in ensuring that a passing score indicates that a student has obtained the needed course knowledge in order to be successful in the subsequent course in the series. Interested school districts must submit an application for participation that includes a detailed plan for implementation and a process for students to request a challenge exam. For more information, contact the Idaho State Department of Education or visit <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/map/>.