MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Trustees
   Twin Falls School District 411

From: Eva Craner, Director of Public Relations

Re: Policy Updates

Date: May 14, 2018

First Reading:
Administration recommended changes:
3260 Student Dress
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Administration recommended changes:

2700 High School Graduation Requirements
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2701 High School Graduation Requirement – Alternate Measures
It is the desire and intent of the Twin Falls School District to adopt a dress code to create an environment in our schools that is conducive to learning and free of potential distraction or danger. The Dress for Success code supports workplace norms for appropriate attire. It is our belief that schools are in the business of learning which necessitates discipline by the individual student in all areas such as language, behavior, attendance, and dress.

Students are to observe the following guidelines regarding student attire:

1. Shirts must have a modest neckline (no cleavage) and be long enough to cover the midriff (front and back). No spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube, off-the-shoulder, halter tops, or muscle shirts will be allowed. No backless, strapless, or half tops are to be worn.

2. Clothes must conceal undergarments (boxers, thongs, undergarment straps, etc.) at all times. No see-through, excessively tight or torn, or revealing attire is permitted.

3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than mid-thigh at the elementary level (K-5) and just above the knee at the secondary level (6-12).

4. Pants must be worn at hip-level or higher (no excessive bagging or sagging).

5. No pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear of any kind is allowed.

6. Hats or head coverings (including sunglasses) of any kind are not allowed.

7. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Students are prohibited from wearing or carrying clothing, accessories or jewelry, or displaying piercings or tattoos, which by picture, symbol, or word, depict or allude to any of the following:

1. Drug usage, including alcohol and tobacco;

2. Controlled substances of any kind;

3. Drug paraphernalia;

4. Gangs;

5. Violence, hate groups, racial separation;

6. Sexually explicit, lewd, indecent, or offensive material; or
7. Illegal acts.

8. Visible body piercing or magnetic/glued jewelry on face, eyes, arms, hands, tongue, and feet is prohibited. Earrings, nose rings, and nose studs are allowed. Spikes, chains, wallet chains, studs, bolts, dog collars, needles, pins, sharp objects, or other jewelry deemed unsafe is not allowed at school.

9. Excessive or extreme make-up is not allowed.

There may be exclusions to the dress code policy for religious or health reasons.

Disciplinary actions for violation of this policy may include suspension and/or expulsion.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that it may be necessary for alternative placement schools, i.e., Bridge Academy or Magic Valley High School, Transition Center, or Freshman Academy, to have a different dress code. This is allowed; however, the dress code must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Interpretation and Implementation of Policy

The building principal/designee shall use reasonable discretion in interpreting and implementing the provisions of this policy. If a conflict arises in the interpretation of this policy, the interpretation of the building principal/designee shall be final. Principals, administrators and teachers shall use reasonable discretion in enforcing this policy.

Enforcement

Teachers and administrators may deny class entrance to students dressed or otherwise adorned inappropriately until arrangements may be made for their proper attire. All time missed from classes for failure to adhere to this policy will be deemed unexcused absences. Parents or guardians will be notified each time a student is asked to leave school because of inappropriate attire. Students who are insubordinate or refuse to change the improper attire, or who repeat dress code violations shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion, depending on all the facts and circumstances, for violating the standards of student conduct.

Temporary Exceptions

In order to allow appropriate attire for a particular educational or school activity, the building principal/designee has the authority to grant temporary exceptions to specific provisions of this policy and related regulations. An example of such an exception might be where a specially scheduled school event required a group of students to dress unusually on a particular day.
Cross Reference: 3311 Prohibition of Gang Activity

Legal Reference: I.C. 33-506
     I.C. 33-512(6)

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Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are supplements to the regular instructional programs and afford students opportunities for enrichment. **However, participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.** I.C. § 33-512(12). As representatives of their school and District, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior.

Interscholastic, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities will be defined as: A school sponsored activity in which a coach or supervisor of the activity is a paid position. These activities are defined by the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). These activities include but are not limited to: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheer, Dance, Music, Debate, Drama, and Speech.

Students of the Twin Falls School District, who wish to participate in interscholastic activities, must adhere to the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) rules and regulations; this district’s activities association; local city ordinances and the laws of the State of Idaho; and this district’s policies.

Interscholastic activities and competitions are recognized as a valid part of the total school program. Expenditure of school district funds in accordance with the district’s expenditure and budgetary regulations is authorized for the support of these activities. The district will maintain membership in the IHSAA for the appropriate grade levels.

All student participants in a sponsored IHSAA activity must purchase a school activity card.

Students are not required to have parental permission to join extracurricular clubs but must have parental permission to participate in any athletic team. In addition, extracurricular clubs may engage in specific activities for which parental permission must be obtained prior to the student participating in the specific activity.

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS:
Participation Policies

A. Sportsmanship
All schools and athletic programs will comply with Twin Falls School District policies and with the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) sportsmanship guidelines manual. Sportsmanship, as defined by the IHSAA, is those qualities of behavior which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact of an individual’s influence on others’ behavior as well. Coaches, administration, athletes, and spectators should exhibit sportsmanship.

B. Use of Equipment and Facilities
The use of equipment and facilities are to be cleared with the building principal or their designee.

C. Participation Standards
Activities will be open to all students (subject to tryouts, when applicable) and administered according to the following standards:

1. The building principals or their designees of each school shall certify the eligibility of all participants in accordance to the participation requirements stated herein. This includes home schooled and dual enrolled students.

2. Activities Minimum GPA Requirements

   a. Students who wish to participate in high school activities will be subject to eligibility requirements. Students must be enrolled full-time and must have passed 6 of 8 classes and maintain a 2.0 overall GPA in the semester prior to the beginning of the season. This policy applies to all students in the Twin Falls School District in grades 9-12. All activities governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association are covered by this policy. Students falling below the minimum standard will become academically ineligible (see definition below.) Any student on academic probation (see definition below) who fails to meet the requirements of that probation will also become academically ineligible.

Definitions:

*Academically Ineligible* – Any student whose previous semester GPA is below 2.0 or did not pass 6 of 8 courses will be deemed academically ineligible. Any student on academic probation who has an I (incomplete), D or an F for two or more consecutive grading periods in the same class will be declared academically ineligible. Academically ineligible students will not be allowed to participate in competitive contests within their chosen activities. Students will have the opportunity to attend tutoring (see definition below) in an effort to bring their grades back up to a level above the 2.0 minimum. If a student earns C’s or above in all classes on their progress report, he/she will be declared eligible.
*Academic Probation* If a student has a D or an F in any class, he/she shall be placed on Academic Probation. During the probation period the student will still be able to practice and participate in the chosen activity. While on probation, the student will be required to attend tutoring until there is verification from the teacher that the grade is above a D. If the student fails to attend tutoring or still has a D or an F for two consecutive grading periods, he/she shall become academically ineligible.

* Tutoring* – All students will be required to attend academic tutoring at least two times a week until there is verification from the teacher that the student no longer has a D or an F. The tutoring may be provided the following ways:

i. Tutoring provided by the classroom teacher in that particular class.
ii. Study tables led by coaches.
iii. Student peer tutors with approved supervision.
iv. Student may attend school-wide extra help sessions.
v. Any other tutoring approved by principal or designee.

b. **High School grades will be pulled as follows:**

**Fall Sports:**
Check 2nd semester grades from previous year
Check 1st qtr. Mid-term
Check 1st qtr. Report card
Check 2nd qtr. Mid-term if needed

**Winter Sports:**
Check 2nd semester grades from previous year
Check 2nd qtr. Mid-term
Check 1st semester grades from current year
Check 3rd qtr. Mid-term if needed

**Spring Sports:**
Check 1st semester grades.
Check third qtr. Report card
Check 4th qtr. Mid-term

*Eligibility for participation in fall activities will be based on the student’s semester GPA from the end of the previous semester (spring). Grades will be checked by the coaches with the 1st progress report at 4 weeks. All students with an I, D or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

*Eligibility for participation in winter activities will be based on the student’s semester GPA from the end of the previous semester (spring).
Grades will also be checked by the coaches when tryouts begin. All students with an I, D or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

*Eligibility for participation in spring activities will be based on the student’s semester GPA from the end of the 1st semester (fall). Grades will be also checked by the coaches when tryouts begin. All students with an I, D or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

c. If at any time during the season when the student fails to meet the eligibility standards as stated in this policy, the student will be required to follow the above guidelines. All student participants in high school activities and their parents will be required to read and sign a copy of this policy acknowledging their understanding of the guidelines herein.

d. Middle School participation standards and grade checks will be as follows:

Eligibility for participation in Fall Activities will be determined by the student’s GPA in the 3rd week from the start of school. Grades will be checked by coaches and Activities Director weekly with the first progress report at 3 weeks. All students with an I, D, or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

Eligibility for participation in Winter Activities will be based on the student’s GPA at the start of the season. Grades will be checked by coaches and Activities Director when tryouts begin, as well as weekly after the first 3 weeks of the season. All students with an I, D, or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

Eligibility for participation in Spring Activities will be based on the student’s GPA at the start of the season. Grades will also be checked by coaches and the Activities Director when tryouts begin, as well as weekly after the first 3 weeks of the season. All students with an I, D, or an F will be placed on Academic Probation.

e. 7th -8th graders who don’t pass enough credits the previous semester must have an academic administrative approved program to participate the next semester. Each participant may only be eligible for (1) one academic program contract per year.

D. Other Participation Requirements
All participants and their parent/guardian must have completed and returned the Twin Falls Extracurricular Activities Pledge Sheet.

1. Notwithstanding any other district policy violation, any civil or criminal law infraction or conduct by a student participant that is determined by the team head coach and building athletic/activities director to be detrimental to the activity program, school or school district will result in counseling by the team head coach and the building athletic/activities director with possible suspension or expulsion from activities.

2. The following travel policy applies to extracurricular activities:
   a. School District approved transportation must be used.
   b. Any out-of-state transportation must have prior approval by the school board in accordance to district policy.
   c. In accordance to Idaho Code, at any time that school district approved transportation is being driven by a coach or other authorized individual, the driver must possess a valid Idaho Commercial Driver’s License when the occupant load, including the driver, is 16 or more individuals.
   d. Participants must travel together to and from contests away from their school in transportation provided by the school. The exceptions are:
      i. Injury to a participant which would require alternate transportation.
      ii. Arrangements between the participant’s parent/guardian and the coach for the student participant to return with his/her parent/guardian.
      iii. Participants are not allowed to ride with friends or family members other than a parent or guardian.

3. Violations requiring administrative action as established in the "Students Rights and Responsibilities" will entail:
   a. Where the violation and disciplinary action involves in-school or out-of-school suspension, the participant shall not participate in practice or contest during the time of suspension.
   b. Where suspension from school has resulted, the participant may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the activities team for the remainder of the season.

4. Theft or malicious destruction of any school or individual equipment or property is not to be tolerated. Participants found to be responsible for the theft or malicious destruction of school property will be suspended from the team. A decision regarding further competition will be made by the building
athletic/activities director, and the designated building administrator.

II. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A student must be in school at least one-half (½) day in order to participate in an activity that day. An exception would be made if the student has an approved medical appointment; in which case, the student must present to the attendance supervisor a signed statement from the doctor. This pertains to practice sessions and contests.

2. For athletic activities, a student who has been injured and has had medical treatment cannot participate again without a doctor’s release.

III. DRUGS - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco (including the types described in Policy 3305) and/or illicit drugs by activities program participants is prohibited. The consequences will apply as outlined in Policy 3321.

IV. In activities where the season is not dictated by the IHSAA (i.e., speech, debate, music, and drama), the building principal, building athletic/activities director and team head coach will define the season.

V. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any violation on or off the school premises during the season of participation.

VI. Additional team rules and regulations recommended by the team head coach must be approved in writing by the building principal and building athletic/activities director.

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The District has a strong commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of its students. Results of studies throughout the United States indicate that education alone, as a preventive measure, is not effective in combating substance abuse. Our commitment to maintaining the extracurricular activities in the District as a safe and secure educational environment requires a clear policy and supportive programs relating to detection, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse by students involved in extracurricular activities.

Purpose

The drug-testing program is not intended to be disciplinary or punitive in nature. Students involved in extracurricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. It is the purpose of this program to prevent students from participating in extracurricular activities while they have drug residues in their bodies, and it is the purpose of this program to educate, help, and direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug-free participation. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified positive test conducted by his/her school under this program, other than as stated herein.

Scope

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. This policy applies to all District students in grades 6-12 who wish to participate in school sponsored activities in which a coach or supervisor of the activity is a paid position.

Consent Form

It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extracurricular activities sign and return the Consent Form prior to participation in any extracurricular activity. Failure to comply will result in non-participation.

Each extracurricular participant shall be provided with the Consent Form (3400F), which shall be dated and signed by the participant and by the parent/guardian. In so doing, the student is agreeing to participate in the random drug-testing program at TFSD secondary schools.

Testing Procedures

1. The selection of participants to be tested will be done randomly by the principal/administrative designee, and selections will be made from time to time throughout the school year. Names will be drawn from one (1) large pool of those agreeing to be tested.
Testing may occur on a different day, Monday through Saturday. This variable schedule will keep students conscious of the possibility of being tested at any time during the year. Each student will be assigned a number that will be placed in the drawing.

2. If the student shows signs of reasonable suspicion, the principal/administrative designee may call the student’s parent/guardian and ask that the student be tested. Factors will include, but are not limited to, excessive discipline problems and/or excessive absences from school. Also, a parent/guardian may request testing of his/her student.

3. No student will be given advance notice or early warning of the testing. In addition, a strict chain of custody will be enforced to eliminate invalid tests or outside influences.

4. Upon being selected for a urinalysis test under this policy, either by random draw, reasonable suspicion, request of a parent/guardian, or a follow-up test, a student will be required to provide a sample of fresh urine, according to the quality control standards and policy of the laboratory conducting the urinalysis.

5. All students will remain under school supervision until they have produced an adequate urine specimen. If unable to produce a specimen, the student will be given up to twenty-four (24) ounces of fluid. If still unable to produce a specimen within two (2) hours, the student will be taken to the principal’s office and told he/she is no longer eligible for any of the extracurricular activities. In addition, the parents/guardian will be telephoned and informed the student is unable to produce a sample for the testing procedure and that he/she may be tested at a later date to be reinstated for eligibility.

6. There is a head strip on each of the specimen bottles, indicating the validity of the urine specimen by temperature. All specimens registering below 90.5 degrees Fahrenheit will be invalid. If this occurs, another specimen must be given by the student.

7. If it is proven that tampering or cheating has occurred during the collection, the student will become ineligible for all the extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. This will be reported to the parent/guardian.

8. Immediately after the specimen is taken, the student may return to class with an admit slip or pass with the time he/she left the collection site. The principal/administrative designee must time and sign the pass.

9. The specimens will then be turned over to the testing laboratory, and each specimen will be tested for alcohol, nicotine, and street drugs (which may include all drugs listed as controlled substances under the laws of the State of Idaho). Also, performance enhancing drugs such as steroids may be tested.

10. The laboratory selected must follow the standards set by the Department of Health and Human Services. It must be certified under the auspices of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) and the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).
Chain of Custody

1. The certified laboratory will provide training and direction to those who supervise the testing program, set up the collection environment, and guarantee specimens and supervise the chain-of-custody. To maintain anonymity, the student’s number, not name, will be used.

2. The principal/administrative designee will be responsible for escorting students to the collection site. The student should bring all materials with him/her to the collection site and should not be allowed to go to his/her locker. (The administrator should not bring all the students drawn from the pool to the collection site simultaneously. Calling four (4) or five (5) students at a time allows the collections to be carried out quickly and will not cause students to wait a long time, thereby creating a loss of important time from class. Athletes may be called after school, perhaps during practice time.)

3. Before the student’s urine is tested by the laboratory, students will agree to fill out, sign, and date any form which may be required by the testing laboratory. If a student chooses, he/she may notify the administrator that he/she is taking a prescription medication.

4. A sanitized kit containing a specimen bottle will be given to each student. The bottle will remain in the student’s possession until a seal is placed upon the bottle. The student will sign that the specimen has been sealed. The seal may be broken only by the lab testing the specimen.

5. If the seal is tampered with or broken after leaving the student’s possession and prior to arriving at the lab, the specimen is invalid. The student will be called again as soon as possible. The student will remain eligible for extracurricular activities subsequent to a retest.

6. The supervisor obtaining the urine specimen will be of the same gender as the student. Students will be instructed to remove all coats and wash their hands in the presence of the supervisor prior to entering the restroom. The door will be closed so that the student is by himself/herself in the restroom to provide a urine specimen. The supervisor will wait outside the restroom. The student will have two (2) minutes to produce a urine specimen. The commode will contain a blue dye so the water cannot be used to dilute the sample. The faucets in the restrooms will be shut off.

7. After it has been sealed, the specimen will be transported to the testing laboratory by lab personnel. The testing laboratory will report the results to the principal/administrative designee.

8. In order to maintain confidentiality, the container which contains the urine specimen to be tested will not have the name of the student on the container. Instead, the student’s random identification number will appear on the container. Also, the results sheet for the
urinalysis will be mailed to the principal/administrative designee with no name attached; only the student’s random identification number will appear on the results sheet.

Test Results

1. This program seeks to provide needed help for students who have a verified positive test. The students’ health, welfare, and safety will be the reason for preventing students from participation in extracurricular activities.

2. The principal/administrative designee will be notified of a student testing positive (that is, if the test shows that drug residues are in the student’s system after using at least two (2) different types of analyses). The principal/administrative designee will notify the student and his/her parent/guardian. The student or his/her parent/guardian may submit any documented prescription, explanation, or information that will be considered in determining whether a positive test has been satisfactorily explained.

3. In addition, the student or parent/guardian may appeal by requesting that the urine specimen be tested again by the certified laboratory at a cost to the student or his/her parent/guardian.

4. If the test is verified positive, the principal/administrative designee will meet with the student and his/her parent/guardian at the school. The student and parent/guardian will be given the names of counseling and assistance agencies that the family may want to contact for help. The student will be prevented from participating in extracurricular activities until after a follow-up test is requested by the principal/administrative designee and the results are reported.

5. A follow-up test will be requested by the principal/administrative designee after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally have been eliminated from the body. If this follow-up test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume extracurricular activities. If a second positive result is obtained from the follow-up test or any later test of that participant, the same previous procedure shall be followed. In addition, the District reserves the right to continue testing, at any time during the remaining school year, any participating student who tested positive and did not make satisfactory explanation.

6. Information on a verified positive test result will be shared on a need-to-know basis with the student’s coach or sponsor. The results of negative tests will be kept confidential to protect the identity of all students being tested.

7. Drug testing result sheets will be returned to the principal/administrative designee, identifying students by number and not by name. Names of students tested will not be kept in open files or on any computer. Result sheets will be locked and secured in a location to which only the principal/administrative designee has access.
Financial Responsibility

1. Under this policy, the District will pay for all initial random drug tests, all initial reasonable suspicion drug tests, and all initial follow-up drug tests. (Once a student has a verified positive test result and has subsequently tested negative from a follow-up test, any future follow-up drug test that must be conducted will be paid for by the student or his/her parent/guardian.)

2. A request on appeal for another test of a positive urine specimen is the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian.

3. Counseling and subsequent treatment by non-school agencies are the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian.

Confidentiality

Under this drug-testing program, any staff, coach, or sponsor of the District who may have knowledge of the results of a drug test will not divulge to anyone the results of the test or the disposition of the student involved, other than in the case of a legal subpoena being made upon that person in the course of a legal investigation. Once again, this will underscore the District’s commitment to confidentiality with regard to the program.

Other Rules

Apart from this drug-testing program, the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) and the coaching staff/sponsor of each sport/activity have their own training rules and requirements. Coaches/sponsors have the necessary authority to enforce those rules. Any student who violates a rule or requirement as a member of a team or activity will be subject to the consequences as defined in those rules and requirements.

Todd v. Rush County, 139 F.3d 571 (7th Cir.), cert. Denied, 119 S.Ct. 68 (1998)

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Although neither a school district (nor a teacher) has a duty to warn of the suicidal tendencies of a student absent the teacher’s or school district’s knowledge of direct evidence of such suicidal tendencies, the District may, in its sole discretion, provide the following programs in order to prevent adolescent suicide by:

1. Offering and providing help and assistance including early identification;
2. Support and/or counseling by school support personnel for low-risk students;
3. Referral to appropriate sources outside the school for high and moderate-risk students;
4. Attendance to the rights of the student and his/her family; and
5. After care support by the school for faculty, staff, and students after a sudden death has occurred.


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This school district recognizes that the growth of a student, both academically and personally, reflects not only the educational programs and goals of the district, but also the atmosphere in which the student attends school. To the extent possible, this school district is committed to providing an educational setting where the students feel safe, are challenged to grow academically and personally, are treated with respect by the district personnel and other students, and are disciplined fairly by district personnel.

To provide such an educational setting, this board of trustees has adopted policies and procedures, as mandated by the Idaho State Board of Education in the following areas:

1. School Climate
2. Discipline
3. Violence Prevention
4. Student Harassment
5. Student Health
6. Possessing Weapons on Campus
7. Substance Abuse--tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs
8. Suicide Prevention
9. Drug-free School Zones
10. Building Safety including Evacuation Drills
11. Relationship Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

The board of trustees will review these policies and procedures on an annual basis to determine whether or not they are meeting the needs of the students, school district, and community.
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Idaho Code Section 33-1612
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ATTACHMENT:
Annual Policy Review Checklist
## ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW CHECKLIST

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This district has a statutory duty to protect the health, welfare, and safety of all students enrolled in the district. Medical personnel who are employed by the district or whose medical services are contracted by the district also have statutory duties to adhere to certain protocols. This district’s medical personnel or health care providers will not honor a student’s Do Not Resuscitate Order, Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney, “consent to care”, or other similar document refusing medical care.

The district does not follow and will not assume any responsibility for failure to follow any document refusing medical care, whether by the District or emergency medical personnel. The district bears no responsibility or liability if the emergency medical personnel are not made aware of the existence of such a document.

In the event a parent/guardian wishes to place such a document in their child’s student file, they shall present it to a district administrator. Such administrator shall inform the parent/guardian of this policy and advise the parent/guardian that such document will not be honored by the District. A copy of the document(s) will be placed in the student’s educational record. Nursing staff will also be notified and provided a copy of such document(s).

The parent/guardian shall also be informed that if he or she wishes such document to be shared with any medical personnel in the case of an emergency, the document on file with the District must be updated at the start of each school year and every six months thereafter, or at the start of every semester thereafter. Additionally, the parent/guardian shall provide school officials with written permission to release such document to emergency medical personnel each time an update to the document is provided.

In the event emergency medical services personnel are called by this district to assist a student, district personnel who are present and knowledgeable of a current written consent to care document refusing medical care will make a reasonable effort to inform the medical services personnel of the consent to care document and provide them with a copy of such document. Whether the document will be followed is at the discretion of the emergency medical services personnel.

Medical treatment that is medically inappropriate or futile is not required.

No health care provider shall be civilly or criminally liable or subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct for acts or omissions carried out or performed in good faith pursuant to the directives in a facially valid POST form or living will or the holder of a facially valid durable power of attorney or a directive for health care.
DEFINITIONS

“*Cardiopulmonary resuscitation*” or “CPR” means measures to restore cardiac function and/or support ventilation in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest.

“Comfort care” means treatment and care to provide comfort and cleanliness given in an attempt to protect and enhance quality of life without artificially prolonging that life. “Comfort care” includes: oral and body hygiene; reasonable efforts to offer food and fluids orally; medication, positioning, warmth, appropriate lighting, and other measures to relieve pain and suffering; and privacy and respect for the dignity and humanity of the patient.

“Emergency medical services personnel” means the personnel of a service engaged in providing initial emergency medical assistance, including, but not limited to, first responders, emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

“Health care provider” means any person or entity licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to administer health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession, including emergency or other medical services personnel.

“Persistent vegetative state” means an irreversible state that has been medically confirmed by a neurological specialist who is an expert in the examination of nonresponsive individuals in which the person has intact brain stem function but no higher cortical function and no awareness of self or environment.

“Physician orders for scope of treatment (POST) form” means a standardized form containing orders by a physician that states a person’s treatment wishes.

“Physician orders for scope of treatment (POST) identification device” means standardized jewelry that can be worn around the wrist, neck, or ankle, and which has been approved by the Department of Health and Welfare.

“Terminal condition” means an incurable or irreversible condition that, without the administration of life-sustaining procedures, will, in the opinion of a physician, result in death if it runs its usual course.

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LEGAL REFERENCE:
Idaho Code Sections
33-512(4)
39-4501 through 39-4515
Policy History:
**ADOPTED:** 8/11/14
EMT 2009
**AMENDED:** 10/12/15
Subject to the limitations provided herein, and as provided by law, full access to public records concerning the administration and operations of the District shall be afforded to the public. Public access to District records shall be afforded according to appropriate administrative procedures.

Every person has the right to examine and take a copy of any public record at all reasonable times. All District records except those restricted by state and federal law shall be made available to citizens upon written request for inspection at the Clerk's office.

The Clerk of the Board/Public Relations Director or designee shall serve as “Public Records Coordinator” with the responsibility and authority for ensuring compliance with the display, indexing, availability, inspection, retention, and copying requirements of federal law, state law, and this policy. Responsibility and authority for indexing shall include identifying the general subject matter of all public records kept or maintained by the District, the custodian of these records, and their physical location. The identified physical location of the District’s records is provided in the Retention of District Records Policy #8605. The Public Records Coordinator shall authorize the inspection and copying of the District's records only in accordance with the criteria set forth in this policy and in compliance with state and federal laws.

A written copy of the Board’s minutes shall be available to the general public within a reasonable time after the meeting in which they are approved. Drafts of the Board’s minutes are considered to be public records and shall be produced upon request. However, the District shall watermark such public records with the statement “Unofficial Draft Minutes not yet reviewed or approved by Board.”

Definitions

A “public record” includes, but is not limited to, any writing containing information relating to the conduct or administration of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state agency, independent public body corporate and politic, or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics.

A "writing" includes, but is not limited to, handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying, photographing, and every means of recording, including letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combination thereof; and all papers, maps, magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films and prints, magnetic or punched cards, discs, drums, or other documents.
Records Exempt from Disclosure

In accordance with Idaho Code, the following records shall NOT be subject to public inspection or copying:

1. Any public record exempt from disclosure by federal or state law or federal regulations to the extent specifically provided for by such law or regulation.

2. Retired employees' and retired public officials' home addresses, home telephone numbers, and other financial and non-financial membership records.

3. Records of a current or former employee other than the employee's duration of employment with the District, position held, and location of employment. This exemption from disclosure does not include the contracts of employment or any remuneration, including reimbursement of expenses. However, all other personnel information relating to a public employee or applicant including, but not limited to, information regarding sex, race, marital status, birth date, home address and telephone number, net pay, applications, testing and scoring materials, grievances, correspondence, and performance evaluations shall not be disclosed to the public without the employee's or applicant's written consent.

4. Records relating to the appraisal of real property, timber, or mineral rights prior to its acquisition, sale, or lease by the District.

5. Any estimate prepared by the District that details the cost of a public project until such time as disclosed, or bids are opened, or upon award of the contract for construction of the public project.

6. Records of any risk retention or self-insurance program prepared in anticipation of litigation, or for analysis of, or settlement of potential or actual money damage claims against the District or its employees except as otherwise discoverable under the Idaho or federal rules of civil procedure. These records shall include but are not limited to claims evaluations, investigatory records, computerized reports of losses, case reserves, internal documents, and correspondence relating thereto. At the time any claim is concluded, only statistical data and actual amounts paid in settlement from public funds shall be deemed a public record unless otherwise ordered to be sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Provided however, nothing in this subsection is intended to limit the attorney client privilege or attorney work product privilege otherwise available to any public agency or independent public body corporate and politic.

7. Computer programs developed or purchased by or for the District for its own use. As used in this subsection, "computer program" means a series of instructions or statements which permit the functioning of a computer system in a manner designed to provide storage, retrieval, and manipulation of data from the computer system, and any associated documentation and source material that explain how to operate the computer program. This does not include:
A. The original data including but not limited to numbers, text, voice, graphics, and images;
B. Analysis, compilation, and other manipulated forms of the original data produced by use of the program; or
C. The mathematical or statistical formulas that would be used if the manipulated forms of the original data were to be produced manually.

8. Personal information from any file maintained for students. Information from student records shall be disclosed only in accordance with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Idaho Code, and adopted District policy.

9. Test questions, scoring keys, or other examination data used to administer academic tests.

10. Records relevant to a controversy to which the District is a party, but which records would not be available to another party under the rules of pretrial discovery for cases pending resolution.

11. Records of buildings, facilities, infrastructures, and systems when the disclosure of such information would jeopardize the safety of persons or the public safety. Such records may include emergency evacuation, escape, or other emergency response plans; vulnerability assessments; operation and security manuals; plans; blueprints; or security codes.

However, all personnel records of a current or former public official reflecting public service or employment history, classification, pay grade and step, longevity, gross salary and salary history, status, workplace, and employing agency are subject to public inspection and copying.

If the record requested for inspection and/or copying contains both information exempted from disclosure and nonexempt information, the District shall, to the extent practicable, produce the record with the exempt portion deleted and shall provide a written explanation for the deletion.

Response to Requests

The District shall require that a public records request be submitted in writing upon a form prescribed by the District with the requester’s name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number. A request for public records may be conducted by electronic mail. The District may provide the requester information to help the requester narrow the scope of the request or to help the requester make the request more specific when the records requested are voluminous or costly.

The District shall either grant or deny a person’s request to examine or copy public records within three working days of the date of the receipt of a request for public records. If a longer period of time is needed to locate or retrieve the records, the District shall notify the person requesting the records of the same and provide the records to such person not later than ten working days following the request. In the event an individual requests a record be provided in
electronic format, the District shall provide the record in electronic format if the record is available in that format. If a record is requested in electronic format and the record cannot easily be converted to electronic format within ten working days, the District shall notify the person requesting the records of this fact and provide them with an estimate of the time necessary to complete the conversion. The documents shall then be provided at a time mutually agreeable to the parties giving consideration to any limitations that may exist regarding electronic conversion.

If the District fails to respond, the request shall be deemed to be denied within ten working days following the request. If the District denies the request for examination or copying the public records or denies in part and grants in part the request for examination and copying of the public records, the Public Records Coordinator shall notify the person in writing of the denial or partial denial of the request for the public record. The notice of denial or partial denial shall state that the attorney for the District has reviewed the request or shall state that the District has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney regarding the request for examination or copying of a record and has chosen not to do so. The notice of denial or partial denial also shall indicate the statutory authority for the denial and indicate clearly the right to appeal the denial or partial denial and the time periods for doing so.

The Public Records Coordinator is authorized to seek an injunction to prevent the disclosure of records otherwise suitable for disclosure when it is determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that the disclosure would not be in the public interest and would substantially or irreparably damage any person or would substantially or irreparably damage vital governmental functions.

Fee Waiver

The District will adhere to its copying fee schedule unless it is determined by the Public Records Coordinator that the individual making such a request has demonstrated information sufficient to fulfill the following test:

1. That the requester’s examination and/or copying of public records is likely to contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of the operations and activities of the government;
2. That the requester’s examination and/or copying of public records is not primarily in the individual interest of the requester including, but not limited to, the requester’s interest in litigation in which the requester is or may become a party; and
3. That the requester’s examination and/or copying of public records will not occur if fees are charged because the requester has insufficient financial resources to pay such fees.

Upon a request that fees not be charged, and the Public Records Coordinator’s consideration of the above factors, the Public Records Coordinator shall notify the requester in writing of their decision within ten working days following the request.

If the fee waiver is denied, the requester shall then have seven days to file an appeal of the denial with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall review the denial and either affirm or reverse
the denial of the Public Records Coordinator in writing within ten working days of receipt of the appeal. In the event that the Superintendent is the Public Records Coordinator then the appeal shall be filed within seven days with the Board. At the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting, the Board shall review the denial of fee waiver and either affirm or reverse it. There shall be no further appeal beyond the Board.

The request shall not be fulfilled or prepared, and the time for response will not begin to run, until such time as the final determination as to fees has been addressed and any fees to be charged have been paid.

A requester may not file multiple requests for public records solely to avoid payment of fees. If the District suspects that this is the case, it can aggregate the related requests and charge based upon its copying fee schedule.

**Fee Schedule**

The copying fee schedule of the District is as follows:

1. The District shall not charge a fee for the first 100 pages of records or the first two hours of labor in responding to a request.

2. Copies of public records - 25¢ per page [cannot exceed actual cost] for copies beyond the first 100 pages or beyond the first two hours of labor in responding to a request.

3. The District will charge for the labor costs associated with locating and copying documents if:
   
   A. The request is for more than 100 pages of records;
   B. The request includes nonpublic information that must be redacted from the public records; or
   C. The labor associated with locating and copying the records exceeds two hours.

4. The fees for labor associated with responding to a public records request shall be charged at the per hour pay rate of the lowest-paid administrative staff employee of the District who is necessary and qualified to process the request.

5. The fees associated with redactions required to be made by an attorney employed by the District shall be charged at the lowest-paid hourly rate of the lowest paid attorney employed by the District or, if there are no attorneys employed by the District, the rate shall be no more than the usual and customary rate of the attorney retained by the District.

6. Copy of a duplicate computer disc or similar record system the fee shall not exceed:
   
   A. The District’s cost of copying the information in that form;
   B. The District’s cost of conversion, or the cost of conversion charged by a third party, if the electronic record must be converted to electronic form.
Fees shall be collected in advance. The District shall provide requesters with an itemized statement of fees to show the cost per page for copies and the hourly rate of employees and attorneys involved in responding to the request.

Cross Reference:  4260 Records Available to Public  
3570-3570P Student Records  
4130 Public Access to District Website  
8605 Retention of District Records

Legal Reference:  Title 74 Chapter 1 Public Records Act  
I.C. § 74-204 Written Minutes of Meetings  
IDAPA. 08.01.01.100 Procedures for Responding to Requests for Examination and/or Copying Public Records  

Policy History:  
Adopted on: 8/11/14  
ISBA 2013; 2015  
Revised on: 1/11/16
All students graduating from this school district will meet this state’s and this district’s graduation requirements.

STATE STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION

The State Board of Education has established that all students graduating from an Idaho public high school must meet the following requirements:

1. **Local Achievement Standards.** A student must successfully meet locally established subject area achievement standards, demonstrated through various measures of accountability, including, but not limited to, examinations. The local standards must meet or exceed the standard set by the state.

2. **Course Credits and Core of Instruction.** A student must successfully complete a minimum of forty-six (46) credits, one semester equaling one-half (1/2) year, and successfully complete the following specified twenty-nine (29) credits core of instruction:

   a. **Secondary Language Arts and Communications**—nine (9) credits required.

      (1) Eight (8) years of Language Arts are required, consisting of language study, composition and literature, aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level;

      (2) One (1) credit of instruction in communications, consisting of oral communication and technological applications, that includes a course in speech, or a course in debate, or a sequence of instructional activities that meet the Idaho Speech Content Standards requirement.

   b. **Mathematics and Science**—twelve (12) credits required.

      (1) A minimum of six (6) credits in math are required. Instruction in secondary mathematics will include applied mathematics, business mathematics, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, fundamentals of calculus, probability and statistics, discrete mathematics and courses in mathematical problem solving and reasoning.

      (2) A minimum of six (6) credits in science, with four (4) credits in laboratory sciences are required. Instruction in secondary science will include applied sciences, earth and space sciences, physical sciences, and life sciences.

   c. **Social Studies**—five (5) credits required in the following subject areas:
(1) Two (2) credits in government;

(2) Two (2) credits in U.S. history;

(3) One (1) credit in economics.

Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives, but will not be counted as a social studies requirement.

d. Humanities—two (2) credits required, to include instruction in visual arts, music theatre, dance, or world language aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for those subjects. Courses such as literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions, if the course is aligned to the Idaho Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards.

e. Health/Wellness—one (1) credit required, and will be aligned to the Idaho Health Content Standards.

3. Course Credit and CORE Instruction, effective for all students that enter 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later.

a. Credit Hours—one (1) credit equals 60 hours of instruction, unless the district has been granted a waiver by the state department of education.

b. Secondary Language Arts and Communications—nine (9) credits required.

(1) Instruction in communications, including oral communication and technological applications;

(2) Eight (8) credits of Language Arts are required, consisting of language study, composition, and literature, aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level;

(3) One (1) credit of instruction in communications consisting of oral communication and technological applications that includes a course in speech, a course in debate, or a sequence of instructional activities that meet the Idaho Speech Content Standards requirements.

c. Mathematics—six (6) credits required.

(1) Two (2) credits of Algebra I or courses that meet the Idaho Algebra I Content Standards.

(2) Two (2) credits of Geometry or courses that meet the Idaho Geometry Content Standards.
(3) Two (2) credits of mathematics of the student’s choice.

(4) Two (2) credits of the required six (6) credits of mathematics must be earned in the last year of high school.

d. Science—six (6) credits.

(1) Instruction in biology, physical science or chemistry, and earth, space, environment or approved applied science.

(2) Four (4) credits must be laboratory based courses.

e. Social Studies—five (5) credits required in the following subject areas:

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Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives, but will not be counted as a social studies requirement.

f. Humanities—two (2) credits required, including instruction in visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or world language aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for those subjects. Courses such as literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions, if the course is approved by the Idaho Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards.

g. Health/Wellness—one (1) credit required, aligned to the Idaho Health Content Standards.

4. Mastery. Students may achieve credits by demonstrating mastery of a subject’s content standards as defined and approved by the district.

The board will appoint a committee to develop a process whereby students may be awarded credit upon having demonstrating mastery of a subject’s content standards.

Proficiency Assessment. Starting with the class of 2022, Students must take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) during a student’s 10th grade year and receive a proficient score as defined by Idaho Standards Achievement Tests Achievement Level Descriptors.

If the student does not attain the required score during their 10th grade year they will take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in their 11th grade year and must receive the proficient score, as defined above. A student must take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) unless the student is exempt under the following conditions:
a. The student has an IEP that outlines alternate requirements for graduation or adaptations are recommended on the test;

b. The student is considered an LEP student through a score determined on a language proficiency test and has been in an LEP program for three (3) academic years or less;

c. The student received a proficient or advanced score on an exit exam from another state that requires a standards-based exam for graduation. Such state exit exams must be approved by the state board of education, measure skills at the tenth grade level or above, and be in comparable subject areas to the ISAT; or

d. Upon appeal to the board of trustees for an alternate measure(s) to demonstrate proficiency, the student successfully met the criteria established by the board of trustees.

(1) Before appealing to the district for an alternate measure, the student must be: enrolled in a special education program and have an IEP, or enrolled in an LEP program for three (3) academic years or less, or currently enrolled in the fall semester of the senior year or later.

(2) The alternative must contain multiple measures of student achievement.

(3) The alternative must be aligned, at a minimum, to tenth grade state content standards for the subject matter in question.

(4) The alternative must be valid and reliable.

(5) At least ninety percent (90%) of the criteria of the alternative, or combination of measures, must be based on academic proficiency and performance.

5. College Entrance Examination. (Effective for all students that enter the 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later.) A student must take one (1) of the following college entrance examinations before the end of the student’s 11th grade year: COMPASS, ACT or SAT. Scores must be included in the Learning Plan.

6. Senior Project. (Effective for all students that enter the 9th grade in the fall of 2009 or later.) A student must complete a senior project that shall include a written report and oral presentation by the end of the student’s 12th grade year.

7. If a student completed any required high school courses with a grade of C or higher before entering 9th grade, and if that course is taught by a highly qualified teacher and meets the same standards that are required in high school, then the student has met the high school content area requirement for such course. However, the student must complete the required number credits of high school core subjects in addition to the courses completed in middle school, except those exempted by IDAPA 08.02.03.105.01.d.iii. This restriction shall not apply to participants in the 8 in 6 program.
ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As a further condition of graduation, and as a condition of issuance of a diploma or certificate, or as a condition for issuance of a transcript, all indebtedness incurred by a person when he or she was a student must be paid. Furthermore, all books or other instructional material, uniforms, athletic equipment, advances on loans, or other personal property of the school district borrowed by the person when he or she was a student of the district must be returned. The payment of fees may be excused upon an adequate showing of financial need or other exigency.

CREDIT CALCULATION

Credits toward graduation requirements cannot be counted more than once for meeting the minimum requirements.

Legal Reference:
I. C. § 33-119
I. C. § 33-603
I. C. § 33-1601, et seq.
I. C. § 18-4511
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Twin Falls H.S./Canyon Ridge H.S.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

English – (4 years) 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades
- English 9/Honors English 9 2 credits
- English 10/Honors English 10 2 credits
- English 11/Advanced Placement English 11 2 credits
- English 12/Advanced Placement English 12 2 credits

Speech (9th) 1 credit

Mathematics
- Algebra I (or meets Algebra I standards) 2 credits
- Geometry (or meets Geometry standards) 2 credits
- Secondary Mathematics of the student’s choice 2 credits

*(Two credits must be taken in the last year of high school in which the student intends to graduate. For the purposes of this procedure, the last year of high school shall include the summer preceding the fall start of classes. Students who have completed six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or higher level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school. High school math credits completed in middle school shall count for the purposes of this section.

Students who return to school during the summer or the following fall of the next year for less than a full schedule of courses due to failing to pass a course other than math are not required to retake a math course as long as they have earned six credits of high school level mathematics.)

Science *
*(4 credits shall be laboratory sciences)

Physical Education (one credit must be in 10th, 11th, or 12th) 2 credits
*(For students who enter 9th grade in Fall 2015 or later, each student shall receive a minimum of one (1) class period on psychomotor cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as outlined in the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR to include the proper utilization of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of the Health/Wellness course.
Students participating in one (1) season in any sport recognized by the Idaho High School Activities Association or club sport recognized by the local school district, or 18 weeks
of a sport recognized by the local school district may choose to substitute participation up
to one (1) credit of physical education.)

Social Sciences – *(must include: US History 10 – 2 credits,
US History 11 – 2 credits, Govt. – 2 credits)*
Students must pass the U.S. Citizenship test beginning
with the class of 2017. (See further explanation on page 6.)
History (9th), U.S. History (10th)
U.S. History/Advanced Placement U.S. History (11th)
Psychology, and Culture Class

Marketing Economics/Macro Economics (12th) 1 credit
Health (9th, 10th, 11th or 12th) 1 credit

*Humanities* 2 credits
(Two consecutive years of world language are encouraged)

*Electives –*
Must include Business Computers – 2 credits and
Touchstones 21** – 2 credits 18 credits

**TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION:** 52 Credits

*Humanities Credits*
The following courses will satisfy the two (2) humanities credits:

Humanities – 2D & 3D Design, Pottery I II & III, Digital Imaging, Studio Photography, Bella Voce,
Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Freshman Band, Symphony Band, Orchestra, Humanities, Advanced
Humanities, Intro to Acting, Intro to Theater, Intermediate Acting, Advanced Acting, World Language,
Creative Writing I & II, Stage Design.

*Senior Project Required
** Students transferring after the 9th grade may be exempt from Touchstones 21.

**ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET BEFORE GRADUATION.**
Website: [www.tfsd.org](http://www.tfsd.org)
1. Senior students who will complete all required credits and elective requirements have the option to request to graduate mid-term of their senior year. The student must complete an “Early Graduation Application Form” no later than September of his/her senior year and must be approved by the board.

2. Students who complete graduation requirements and desire to graduate one year early must have board approval.

3. Students who choose the mid-term graduation option may participate in all graduation activities and will receive their diploma at the same time as regularly enrolled students.

4. If a student fails a class required by the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411 and/or the State Board of Education, the student must repeat the class successfully before credit will be granted.

5. At the beginning of a senior class student’s second semester, if he/she lacks sufficient credits to graduate with his/her class, the student and/or parent should be informed in writing. The administration should attempt to supply this notification within 30 days following the end of the first semester of the student’s senior year.

6. Students who do not meet the necessary requirements for graduation may return to their respective high school and enroll only in the classes which they need to graduate.

7. All students will be required to register for at least seven (7) credits per semester to be eligible for a diploma.

8. In hardship cases, a parent/guardian may petition the Board, through the high school principal, to allow his/her son/daughter to take less than the required number of classes during any given semester.

9. Credits received from an accredited secondary school, an accredited correspondence course institution, or accredited post-secondary institution will be accepted towards fulfillment of TFSD graduation requirements. A maximum of six (6) credits from an accredited correspondence course used to meet elective credit requirements and/or for credit retrieval may be applied towards fulfillment of the Twin Falls School District graduation requirements.
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Middle School Credit

If a middle school student completes any required high school course with a grade of C or higher before entering the ninth grade, and if that course meets the same standards that are required in high school and the course is taught by a teacher certified to teach high school content who meets the federal definition of highly qualified for that course, then the student has met the high school content area requirement for such course. The student shall be given a grade for the successful completion of that course and such grade and the number of credit hours assigned to the course shall be transferred to the student's high school transcript and the student's parent or guardian shall be notified in advance when credits are going to be transcribed. However, the student’s parent or guardian may elect to not have the credits and grade transferred to the student's high school transcript. The student still must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects identified above in addition to the courses completed in middle school, unless the student is a participant in the 8 in 6 Program.

College Entrance Examination

A student must take one of the following college entrance or placement examinations before the end of the student’s eleventh grade year: COMPASS, ACT, or SAT.

A student may elect an exemption in their eleventh (11th) grade year from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is:

1. Enrolled in a special education program and has an Individual Education Plan that specifies accommodations not allowed for a reportable score on the approved tests;
2. Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient program for three (3) academic years or less;
3. Enrolled for the first time in grade twelve (12) at an Idaho high school after the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam; or
4. Eligible to take an alternative assessment. In this case the student may instead take the ACCUPLACER placement exam during their senior year.

A student who misses the statewide administration of the college exam during the student’s eleventh (11th) grade year may instead take the examination during his or her twelfth (12th) grade year if the student:

1. Transferred to an Idaho school district during his or her eleventh (11th) grade year;
2. Was homeschooled during his or her eleventh (11th) grade year; or
3. Missed the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam for a documented medical reason.

Senior Project

A student shall complete a senior project that includes a research paper and oral presentation by the end of grade twelve (12).
Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT)

In addition to obtaining the necessary credits as outlined above, a student will take the Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) as defined by State Board of Education rules and, starting with the class of 2022, Students must take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) during a student’s 10th grade year and receive a proficient score as defined by Idaho Standards Achievement Tests Achievement Level Descriptors.

If the student does not attain the required score during their 10th grade year they will take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in their 11th grade year and must receive the proficient score, as defined above, unless the student is exempt under the following conditions:

a. The student has an IEP that outlines alternate requirements for graduation or adaptations are recommended on the test;

b. The student is considered an LEP student through a score determined on a language proficiency test and has been in an LEP program for three (3) academic years or less;

c. The student received a proficient or advanced score on an exit exam from another state that requires a standards-based exam for graduation. Such state exit exams must be approved by the state board of education, measure skills at the tenth grade level or above, and be in comparable subject areas to the ISAT; or

d. Upon appeal to the board of trustees for an alternate measure(s) to demonstrate proficiency, the student successfully met the criteria established by the board of trustees.

(1) Before appealing to the district for an alternate measure, the student must be: enrolled in a special education program and have an IEP, or enrolled in an LEP program for three (3) academic years or less, or enrolled in the fall semester of the senior year or later.

(2) The alternative must contain multiple measures of student achievement.

(3) The alternative must be aligned, at a minimum, to tenth grade state content standards for the subject matter in question.

(4) The alternative must be valid and reliable.

(5) At least ninety percent (90%) of the criteria of the alternative, or combination of measures, must be based on academic proficiency and performance.
Civics Test

Beginning with the class of 2017, all secondary students must successfully pass the civics test or alternate path. "Civics test" as used herein means the 100 questions used by officers of the United States citizenship and immigration services as a basis for selecting the questions posed to applicants for naturalization.

The District will determine the method and manner in which to administer the civics test. A student may take the civics test, in whole or in part, at any time after enrolling in grade 7 and may repeat the test as often as necessary to pass the test. The District will document on the student's transcript that the student has passed the civics test.

The applicability of this requirement for students who receive special education services will be governed by the student’s Individualized Education Plan.

Waiver of Requirement

Graduation requirements generally will not be waived under any circumstances. However, in rare and unique hardship circumstances, the Principal may recommend and the Superintendent may approve minor deviation from the graduation requirements.

Alternative Programs

Credit toward graduation requirements may be granted for planned learning experiences from accredited programs, such as summer school, university courses, correspondence courses, and online/virtual courses.

Credit for work experience may be offered when the work program is a part of and supervised by the school.

All classes attempted at District high schools and all acceptable transfer credits shall be recorded on the transcript. All grades earned, including failures and retakes, shall be recorded as such and utilized in the calculation of Grade Point Average and class rank. Credit shall be awarded only once regardless of repetition of the course.

Class Rank (Grade Point Average)

Class Rank is compiled from semester grades. Courses not eligible for GPA are designated with an asterisk on the report card.

Early Graduation

A student who completes all of the graduation requirements set forth by the District and the State Department of Education prior to the completion of eight semesters of school attendance in
grades 9-12 may petition the Superintendent and Board for early graduation by submitting such a petition to the Superintendent through the building principal. The Superintendent shall submit the petition to the Board for endorsement and approval at the end of the quarter preceding the requested graduation date.

The Superintendent is authorized to create any procedures necessary to assist students to achieve early graduation as well create incentives for participation in any early graduation program. Existing programs providing incentives to complete coursework early are described in Policy 2435 Advanced Opportunities.

The District has agreed to participate in the MAPP program, and the Superintendent is authorized to create any procedures necessary to comply with the MAPP Program.

Cross Reference: 2435 Advanced Opportunities
                2710 High School Graduation Requirement - Alternative

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33 4601, et seq. Advanced Opportunities
                  IDAPA 08.02.01.350 Early Graduation
                  IDAPA 08.02.03.105 High School Graduation Requirements
                  IDAPA 08.02.03.107 Middle Level Credit System

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Starting with the class of 2022, students must take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) during a student’s 10th grade year and receive a proficient score as defined by Idaho Standards Achievement Tests Achievement Level Descriptors.

If the student does not attain the required score during their 10th grade year they will take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in their 11th grade year and must receive the benchmark score for their cohort, as defined above, or demonstrate growth on the test.

Students who do not attain the benchmarks listed above at least a proficient score on the ISAT prior to graduation may appeal to the board of trustees. At the board’s discretion, the student may be given an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency of the achievement standards through a locally established measure(s).

QUALIFICATIONS

Before entering an alternate measure, students filing an appeal to use the locally established measure(s) to demonstrate proficiency, must be enrolled in:

1. Special education and have an IEP;

2. Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for three (3) academic years or less; or

3. The fall semester of the student’s senior year or later.

CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATE MEASURES

The district’s alternate measures must comply with the following criteria:

1. Must contain multiple measures of student achievement;

2. Must be aligned to the tenth grade state content standards;

3. Must be aligned to the state content standards for the subject matter in question;

4. Must be valid and reliable; and

5. At least ninety percent (90%) of the criteria of the measures must be based on academic proficiency and performance.

FILING WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upon adoption by the board of trustees, the locally established alternate measures to demonstrate proficiency, and any subsequent modifications, shall be forwarded to the State Board of Education for its review. Alternate measures must be resubmitted to the Board when changes are made in the district’s plan.
LEGAL REFERENCE:
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