



PLEASE NOTE: As of the 2016-2017 school year, there are substantial changes to the “Advanced Opportunities” offerings in the State of Idaho. There are now fewer programs and \$4125.00 available for each student to use from grades 07-12.

The Idaho Legislature, in collaboration with the Idaho State Department makes a variety of advanced opportunities available to students in our state. Please collaborate with your school counselor, college and career advisor, or administrator to ensure that your student’s courses, exams, or certifications qualify. Information can be found at www.cdaschools.org and clicking the “For Parents/Students” link.

For all programs, students are responsible for applying for reimbursements for any of the “Advanced Opportunities” suite and maintaining coursework through the portal at: <http://advancedops.sde.idaho.gov/> (linked at site above).

FAST FORWARD (FORMERLY KNOWN AS “8-IN-6”)

The Fast Forward Program (House Bill 426) was approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2012 to help Idaho students take advantage of advanced coursework in middle and high schools with the intent that they may be able to graduate early or accumulate collegiate credits or advanced certifications at the time of graduation. Students can accomplish this by choosing dual credit coursework, advanced placement or certification exams, and/or online courses over the summer taken in addition to a full academic schedule. It is important to note that this program not reduce the amount of time students spend in the classroom; it does, however, increase learning time in a school year.

Student Benefit

Provided that the student maintains a full schedule during the academic year (minimum 12 credits), the State of Idaho will reimburse for advanced coursework through an approved provider – from Idaho colleges and universities to online providers. From the summer previous to a student’s 7th grade year through high school graduation, each student in Idaho will have \$4125 available for reimbursement. **In order to take advantage of this program, students must register and maintain coursework on the statewide portal linked above.**

Criterion for Course Selection

- A majority of instruction is delivered electronically
- Course is non-sectarian in nature
- Offered by an Idaho public education provider, or Provider is accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission / AdvancED (<http://www.advanc-ed.org>)
- Courses from the Idaho Digital Learning Academy ([www.idahodigitallearning](http://www.idahodigitallearning.com)) are eligible for 8-in-6 reimbursement.

MASTERY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (MAP)

Established in 2010, the Mastery Advancement Program (MAP) enables students in Coeur d’Alene to progress more quickly through high school through passing mastery exams. Additionally, a scholarship can be earned allowing the student to continue study within the state at any public university or college. The student receives 35% of the annual average daily attendance (ADA) their school district would’ve received for that student as a scholarship.

Note that this program is not intended for credit retrieval and students must apply to use MAP through our website (listed above).

Criteria for Student Participation

In order for students to be eligible for the MAP scholarship:

- They must have attended an Idaho public school for four full school years immediately prior to graduation.
- Students must have completed all district and state graduation requirements within 11 full school years or 9,900 hours to be eligible for a one-year scholarship (additional criteria exists for earlier graduation).

Criteria for Course Selection

Prior to enrollment in MAP, any course taught at a district high school is available for exemption (not for remediation). Courses must be taken in sequence per semester. In other words, if attempting to exempt a year-long course, students would challenge first semester and then second semester if receiving a passing score. No grade is received for a passing score, therefore, passing a course does not affect a student’s grade point average.





STUDENT APPLICATION, COURSE MAINTENANCE, and REIMBURSEMENT (EXCLUDING "MAP")

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE COURSE PROVIDER (NIC, IDLA...) BEFORE APPLYING FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Step 1: Create a student account

From the Advanced Opportunities site (<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedopp/>) the student will select the purple "Apply for Advanced Opportunities" link. The student will click "Register Account" in the top right hand corner. The student should register for an account using their official Coeur d'Alene School District email address)

Enroll New Student

EduID (Optional - if known):

Email Address:

Password:

Confirm Password:

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Birth Date:

Birth Gender:

Select your district:

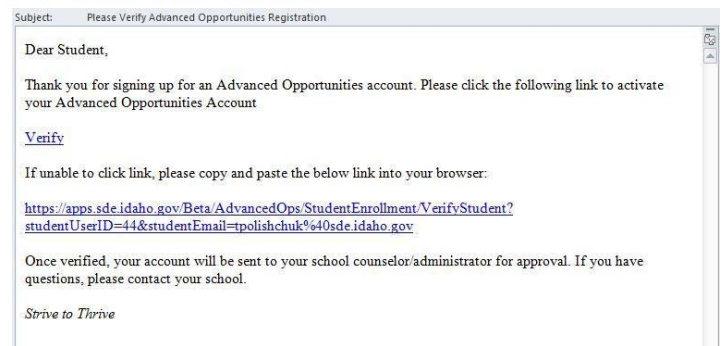
Select your school:

Participating in Advanced Opportunities offers students benefits as well as exposure to risks. Students and their parents / guardians should thoroughly understand the potential consequences of participating in these programs prior to taking part. Failing or withdrawing from a course permanently impacts a student's high school and/or college record. Failing to successfully pass a course or exam paid for by these programs will negatively impact the student's eligibility for future participation. Careful consideration and discussion with advisors is strongly encouraged prior to participating in Advanced Opportunities.

Step 2: Verify the student account

An email will be sent to the student to verify the account. The student will need to select the link in the email to proceed.

Upon verification by the student, a district or school user will approve the account. Once approved, the student will be able to apply for funding for courses/exams. The student can now log into the portal with the credentials that they created.



Step 3: Apply for funding

The student will need to log in to their account once more and will then select "Apply for a Program."

The student will select the application type.

The student will enter the course/exam information.

The student will receive a notice indicating that applying for state aid to pay for the course/exam has been completed.

The building counselor or designee will then need to verify the application.

Student Login

Email Address:

Password:

Welcome to the Advanced Opportunities Ap your local school. To ensure you are able to Strive to Thrive!

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Step 4: Maintain

It is the student's responsibility to update and maintain records for accuracy and verify that funding exists for their coursework/exams/certifications.

Records will need to be updated each semester, including during the summer session.

In some cases, students will not be required to pay for coursework in advance, depending on arrangements made through the Coeur d'Alene School District and/or state-approved providers. Preferred offerings are available (but not limited to) through:

- Idaho Digital Learning Academy
- North Idaho College
- University of Idaho

Exam Registration

Please select the school and district providing the course you are taking.

Advanced Opportunity:

District:

School:

Grade Level:

Exam Type:

Exam Name:

Exam Date:

Exam Cost:

Requested Reimbursement:

Max Reimbursement: \$90.00

Available Exams: 3

Remaining State Aid: \$195.00

