

**Advanced Opportunities Brief**  
(2/15/2017)

Advanced Opportunities is aligned to the SDE's Strategic Plan.

Goal 1- All Idaho students persevere in life and are ready for college and careers

Strategy 1.3: Implement multiple pathways to graduation

- Investigate alternate routes to graduation
- Promote and emphasize career coaches and teacher-to-student mentoring
- Provide advanced opportunities to all students (TF 4)



Advanced Opportunities are defined in State Board Policy IIIY as dual credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Career and Technical Education.

Previously there were four different funding programs for students that participated in Advanced Opportunities, these included the Mastery Advancement Pilot Program (2011), 8 in 6 (2012), Dual Credit for Early Completers (2013), and the Fast Forward Program (2014). Because of the complex technical intricacies of implementing each of these, the programs were streamlined into one Fast Forward program in 2016, which can now be found in Idaho code 33-4601 and 33-4602. The following reflects activity for FY 16:

**Program Usage in FY 16**

Program	Headcount	Amount
8 in 6 Program	4,219	\$517,337.75
Fast Forward	14,281	\$3,686,440.95
Dual Credit for Early Completers	311	\$232,870.00
Mastery Advancement Program	163	\$ 247,702.50

Grade	Statewide Participation Headcount	District Average
7 <sup>th</sup>	355	3%
8 <sup>th</sup>	468	4%
9 <sup>th</sup>	539	4%
10 <sup>th</sup>	472	4%
11 <sup>th</sup>	7,402	35%
12 <sup>th</sup>	7,551	39%

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**Where did the money go in FY 16?**

Recipient	Amount	%
<b>School Districts</b>	<b>\$1,321,090.95</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
Exams	\$535,535.20	11.4%
Overload Courses	\$365,972.25	7.8%
Northwest Nazarene University	\$200,274.00	4.3%
Other Providers	\$59,319.50	1.3%
Early Graduate Payments	\$160,590.00	3.4%
<b>Idaho Digital Learning Academy</b>	<b>\$91,215.00</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Counties</b>	<b>\$398,400.00</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

Post-Secondary Institution	Amount	%
College of Southern Idaho	\$617,795.00	13.1%
College of Western Idaho	\$561,165.75	11.9%
Boise State University	\$539,425.00	11.4%
Idaho State University	\$501,546.50	10.7%
University of Idaho	\$277,720.00	5.9%
North Idaho College	\$260,280.00	5.5%
Lewis-Clark State College	\$132,370.00	2.8%

Many school districts are taking a systems-approach to develop and streamline district procedures, timelines, and advising surrounding Advanced Opportunities. Twin Falls is an example of one such district who put together professional development at the beginning of the year with nearly 40 people; they brought together administrators, career advisors, counselors, SDE personnel, the CSI dean and others to discuss best practices and an implementation plan for their district.

Transactions for the Fast Forward program are processed through the Advanced Opportunities Portal managed by the SDE, using the following process:

1. Student creates account
2. School personnel approves account (steps 1 & 2 only occur once)
3. Student requests funds for course/exam
4. School personnel approves funding request
5. Course providers verify enrollment for all courses (100% match)
6. District personnel submit to the SDE
7. SDE personnel validate all data, checking for errors, and makes payments to districts and public post-secondary institutions

Feedback from the field is regularly considered and updates to the portal are made at least annually to provide efficiency to this process.

**Top School Districts and Public Charter Schools**

District	Usage Percent
<b>NORTH IDAHO STEM CHARTER ACADEMY DISTRICT</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>VISION CHARTER SCHOOL</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>MERIDIAN MEDICAL ARTS CHARTER</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>COTTONWOOD JOINT DISTRICT</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>UPPER CARMEN PUBLIC CHARTER DISTRICT</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>WHITE PINE CHARTER SCHOOL</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>WEST SIDE JOINT DISTRICT</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>MERIDIAN TECHNICAL CHARTER DISTRICT</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>LIBERTY CHARTER</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>SOUTH LEMHI DISTRICT</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>NOTUS DISTRICT</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>KAMIAH JOINT DISTRICT</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>GENESEE JOINT DISTRICT</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>FORREST M. BIRD CHARTER DISTRICT</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>KENDRICK JOINT DISTRICT</b>	<b>22%</b>

**Advanced Opportunities Program Totals FY 16**

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<b>Fast Forward</b>				
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Summer 2015</i>	<i>Fall 2015</i>	<i>Spring 2016</i>	<i>Annual</i>
Credits	25	28,439	18,048	46,512
AP Exams	1	372	5,721	6,094
IB Exams	-	247	46	293
PTE Exams	6	102	385	493
CLEP Exams	-	3	63	66
Students	20	7,867	8,075	14,281
Juniors	9	3,616	3,699	7,182
Seniors	11	4,251	4,376	7,099
County Totals	\$ -	\$ 188,950.00	\$ 167,800.00	\$ 356,750.00
Post-Secondary /District Totals	\$ 2,769.00	\$ 1,786,164.00	\$ 1,540,757.95	\$ 3,329,690.95
<b>Total Cost for FY16</b>	<b>\$ 2,769.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,975,114.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,708,557.95</b>	<b>\$ 3,686,440.95</b>

<b>Dual Credit for Early Completers</b>				
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Summer 2015</i>	<i>Fall 2015</i>	<i>Spring 2016</i>	<i>Annual</i>
Credits	44	960	1,702	2,706
AP Exams	1	2	144	147
IB Exams	-	-	-	-
PTE Exams	-	-	5	5
CLEP Exams	-	-	-	-
Students Participating	9	106	278	311
County Totals	\$ -	\$ 17,050.00	\$ 24,600.00	\$ 41,650.00
Post-Secondary/District Totals	\$ 3,370.00	\$ 63,595.00	\$ 124,255.00	\$ 191,220.00
<b>Total Cost for FY16</b>	<b>\$ 3,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 80,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 148,855.00</b>	<b>\$ 232,870.00</b>

<b>8 in 6</b>				
	<i>Summer 2015</i>	<i>Fall 2015</i>	<i>Spring 2016</i>	<i>Annual</i>
Courses	2,602	635	982	4,219
Students	2,371	585	874	1,177
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 346,655.75</b>	<b>\$ 70,851.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,831.00</b>	<b>\$ 517,337.75</b>

<b>Mastery Advancement Program</b>		
	<i>Graduates of 2014/2015</i>	<i>Graduates of 2015/2016 ( projected)</i>
Students Eligible	163	219
Students Funded	61	72
Payment to Districts	\$ 160,590.00	\$ 105,994.00
Payment for Scholarships	\$ 87,112.50	\$ 113,904.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 247,702.50</b>	<b>\$ 219,898.00</b>

<b>Total for Advanced Opportunities in FY 16</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,684,351.20</b>
Program Cost for Dual Credit Tuition	\$	3,014,563.75
Real Cost for Identical Tuition after High School	\$	10,121,170.50
<b>Tuition Cost Savings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,106,606.75</b>

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**Advanced Opportunities Projected Totals FY 17**

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Dual Credits	2,145	68,337	<i>Projected</i>	70,482
Overload High School Credits	4,357	1,079		5,436
AP Exams	-	-		-
IB Exams	-	-		-
PTE Exams	19	55		74
CLEP Exams	-	37		37
Students	3,527	14,608		18,135
County Totals	\$ -	\$ 320,350.00		\$ 320,350.00
Post-Secondary /District Totals	\$ 599,290.60	\$ 4,545,418.75		\$ 5,144,709.35
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## College and Career Advising Activity

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<b>CIS Implementation</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>23%</b>
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