

Dear Senators LENT, Toews, Ward-Engelking, and  
Representatives YAMAMOTO, McCann, Berch:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the State Board of and State Department of Education - State Department of Education:  
IDAPA 08.02.02 - Rules Governing Uniformity - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 08-0202-2401);  
IDAPA 08.02.03 - Rules Governing Thoroughness - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 08-0203-2401).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 11/29/2024. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 12/27/2024.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.



**Terri Kondeff**  
Director

# Legislative Services Office

## Idaho State Legislature

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee

**FROM:** Senior Legislative Drafting Attorney - Peter Cook

**DATE:** November 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** State Board of and State Department of Education - State Department of Education

IDAPA 08.02.02 - Rules Governing Uniformity - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 08-0202-2401)

IDAPA 08.02.03 - Rules Governing Thoroughness - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 08-0203-2401)

#### Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The State Board of Education submits notice of proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 08.02.02 - Rules Governing Uniformity (Docket No. 08-0202-2401) and IDAPA 08.02.03 - Rules Governing Thoroughness (Docket No. 08-0203-2401).

As to the proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 08.02.02 - Rules Governing Uniformity (Docket No. 08-0202-2401), the State Board of Education states that the proposed rule is needed because Section 33-1203, Idaho Code, was amended in 2023 with the passage of S1069 (2023), which provided for a board-approved apprenticeship program for teachers to be developed, and the proposed rule is necessary to bring the rules into conformity with the change in statute. Additional proposed rule changes clarify the federally established minimum age for apprenticeship participants, update JROTC endorsement requirements to align with new program standards, and clarify provisions for alternative authorizations and certificate renewals.

In regard to the proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 08.02.03 - Rules Governing Thoroughness - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 08-0203-2401), the State Board of Education states that the proposed rule is needed because changes to subsection of 105 of the rules (which govern high school graduation requirements) were reviewed by an Idaho Department of Education committee at the request of the Superintendent, and after review by the committee the Idaho Department of Education is requesting that the State Board of Education promulgate certain rules and to incorporate by reference certain documents into IDAPA 08.02.03 to update the rules in accordance with the committee's proposals. Specifically, these proposed rules and documents proposed to be incorporated by reference address: (1) content standards for certain courses, (2) revisions to the Idaho Special Education Manual (which is incorporated by reference into the rule) that are being proposed to bring the manual into alignment with federal standards from the U.S. Department of Education, and (3) updated graduation requirements. Additionally, the proposed rule removes provisions regarding special education because those areas are covered in the Idaho Special Education Manual and would be duplicative.

#### Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Paul Headlee, Deputy Director Legislative Services Office	Matt Drake, Manager Research & Legislation	Keith Bybee, Manager Budget & Policy Analysis	April Renfro, Manager Legislative Audits	Norma Clark, Manager Information Technology
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The State Board of Educations states that for both proposed rulemaking dockets, negotiated rulemaking was conducted and no negative fiscal impact on the state General Fund greater than \$10,000 is expected for the proposed changes in either docket.

**Statutory Authority**

It appears that the State Board of Education has the statutory authority to promulgate both proposed rule-making dockets pursuant to Sections 33-105, 33-107, 33-116, 33-1203, 33-1204, 33-1612, and 67-5221(1), Idaho Code.

cc: State Board of and State Department of Education - State Department of Education  
Nicholas Wagner

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

## **IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **08.02.02 – RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY**

#### **DOCKET NO. 08-0202-2401**

### **NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution and under Sections 33-105, 33-107, 33-116, and 33-1612, Idaho Code.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:** Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 16, 2024.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The amendment to Idaho Code § 33-1203 that resulted from S1069 (2023) provided for a board-approved apprenticeship program to be developed. S1069 also allowed for teacher certifications to be issued to teachers based on completion of four years of college training or the completion of a board approved apprenticeship program. The current language in IDAPA only addresses the four years of college training and needs to be updated to address the additional pathway allowed by this amendment to Idaho Code § 33-1203. A board work group developed the program during 2023, the approval by the board was granted in December of 2023 and the U.S. Department of Labor granted approval in February of 2024. Now that the parameters of the program are established, this rule needs to be amended to align with the program exit requirements before apprentices (who will enter the program in fall of 2024) become eligible to exit. The changes also update the apprenticeship subsection 014 to clarify the federally established minimum age for participation in apprenticeships and aligns the rule with the language in Idaho Code § 33-1203.

Additional amendments realign the JROTC endorsement to program requirements and provide additional clarity for alternative authorizations and certificate renewals.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: NA

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state General Fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: NA

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the June 5, 2024 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Volume 24-6, page 18](#).

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: NA

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Nicholas Wagner at [rules@edu.idaho.gov](mailto:rules@edu.idaho.gov) or (208)-488-7586.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 23, 2024.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2024.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 08-0202-2401**  
**(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)**

**08.02.02 – RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY**

**007. DEFINITIONS.**

**01.** **Accredited Institution.** For purposes of educator certification, the Idaho state board of education recognizes accreditation organizations recognized and in good standing with the United States department of education pursuant to IDAPA 08.01.11, registration of postsecondary educational institutions and proprietary schools, section 100, or an alternative or non-traditional model approved by the State Board of Education. ( )

**02.** **Clinical Experience.** Guided, hands-on, practical applications and demonstrations of professional knowledge of theory to practice, skills, and dispositions through collaborative and facilitated learning in field-based assignments, tasks, activities, and assessments across a variety of settings. Clinical experience includes field experience and clinical practice as defined in this section. (3-15-22)

**03.** **Clinical Practice.** Student teaching or internship opportunities that provide candidates with an intensive and extensive culminating field-based set of responsibilities, assignments, tasks, activities, and assessments that demonstrate candidates' progressive development of the professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be effective educators. Clinical practice includes student teaching and internship. (3-15-22)

**04.** **Credential.** The general term used to denote the document on which all of a person's educational certificates and endorsements are listed. The holder is entitled to provide educational services in any and/or all areas listed on the credential. (3-15-22)

**05.** **Endorsement.** Term used to refer to the content area or specific area of expertise in which a holder is granted permission to provide services. (3-15-22)

**06.** **Field Experience.** Early and ongoing practice opportunities to apply content and pedagogical knowledge in Pre-K-12 settings to progressively develop and demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions. (3-15-22)

**07.** **Individualized Professional Learning Plan.** An individualized professional development plan based on the Idaho framework for teaching evaluation as outlined in Section 120 of these rules to include interventions based on the individual's strengths and areas of needed growth. (3-15-22)

**08.** **Institutional Recommendation.** Signed form or written verification from an accredited institution with a state board approved educator preparation program stating that an individual has completed the program, received a basic or higher rating in all components of the approved Idaho framework for teaching evaluation, has an individualized professional learning plan, has demonstrated the ability to produce measurable student achievement or

student success, has the ability to create student learning objectives, and is recommended for state certification. Institutional recommendations must include statements of identified competency areas and grade ranges. Institutional recommendation for administrators must additionally include a competency statement indicating proficiency in conducting accurate evaluations of instructional practice based upon the state's framework for evaluation as outlined in Section 120 of these rules. (4-6-23)

**089. Internship.** Full-time or part-time supervised clinical practice experience in Pre-K-12 settings where candidates progressively develop and demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and dispositions. (3-15-22)

**0910. Local Education Agency (LEA).** An Idaho public school district or charter school pursuant to Section 33-5203(8), Idaho Code. (3-15-22)

**11. Mentoring Program.** A state board approved mentoring program means any mentoring program implemented by a school district or public charter school that substantially conforms to the mentorship standards adopted by the State Board of Education. ( )

**102. Paraprofessional.** A noncertificated individual who is employed by a local education agency to support educational programming. Paraprofessionals must work under the direct supervision of a properly certificated staff member for the areas they are providing support. Paraprofessionals cannot serve as the teacher of record and may not provide direct instruction to a student unless the paraprofessional is working under the direct supervision of a teacher. (3-15-22)

**a.** To qualify as a paraprofessional the individual must have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED) and: (3-15-22)

i. Demonstrate through a state board approved academic assessment knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing or preparing students to be instructed in the academic areas they are providing support in; or (4-6-23)

ii. Have completed at least two (2) years of study at an accredited postsecondary educational institution; or (3-15-22)

iii. Obtained an associate degree or higher level degree; demonstrate through a state board approved academic assessment knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing or preparing students to be instructed in the academic areas they are providing support in. (4-6-23)

**b.** Individuals who do not meet these requirements will be considered school or classroom aides. (3-15-22)

**c.** Duties of a paraprofessional include, but are not limited to, one-on-one tutoring; assisting in classroom management; assisting in computer instruction; conducting parent involvement activities; providing instructional support in a library or media center; acting as a translator in instructional matters; and providing instructional support services. Non-instructional duties such as providing technical support for computers, personal care services, and clerical duties are generally performed by classroom or school aides, however, this does not preclude paraprofessionals from also assisting in these non-instructional areas. (3-15-22)

**143. Pedagogy.** Teaching knowledge and skills. (3-15-22)

**124. Portfolio.** An organized collection of artifacts that demonstrates an individual's performance, growth, and/or reflection regarding their professional practice, in alignment with the applicable professional standards used for evaluation. (3-15-22)

**135. Practicum.** Full-time or part-time supervised, industry-based experience in an area of intended career technical education teaching field to extend understanding of industry standards, career development opportunities, and application of technical skills. (3-15-22)

**146. Semester Credit Hours.** Two (2) semester credit hours are equivalent to three (3) quarter credit

hours. (3-15-22)

**157. Student Learning Objective (SLO).** A measurable, long-term academic growth target that a teacher sets at the beginning of the year for all student or for subgroups of students. SLOs demonstrate a teacher's impact on student learning within a given interval of instruction based upon baseline data gathered at the beginning of the course. (3-15-22)

**168. Student Teaching.** Extensive, substantive, and supervised clinical practice in Pre-K-12 schools for candidates preparing for an instructional certificate. (4-6-23)

**179. Teacher of Record.** The teacher who is primarily responsible for planning instruction, delivering or supervising the instruction provided to a class of students, assessing student performance, and designating final grades. (4-6-23)

~~008. -- 011. (RESERVED)~~

~~**012. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.**~~

~~For purposes of educator certification, an accredited school, college, university, or other educator training institution is considered by the Idaho State Board of Education to be one that is accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the State Board of Education or an alternative or non-traditional model approved by the State Board of Education. (3-15-22)~~

~~008. -- 012. (RESERVED)~~

**013. CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS TRAINED IN FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS.**

An educator having graduated from a foreign institution educator preparation program shall be treated as an out of state applicant for certification purposes and may be issued a nonrenewable, three (3) year interim certificate. The applicant must provide transcripts ~~and/or any/or~~ credentials that have been translated and evaluated by an approved evaluation service. (4-6-23)(\_\_\_\_)

~~**014. CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO APPLICANTS FROM REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS.**~~

~~Idaho certificates may be issued to applicants completing any of the following Idaho State Board of Education approved routes: accredited educator preparation programs ~~from regionally accredited institutions recognized by the state board of education meeting requirements for certification or~~ non-tradition educator preparation program, educator registered apprenticeship programs, a board approved non-traditional or non-public preparation program, an alternative authorization pathway, or the equivalent of Idaho certification requirements in other states when they substantially meet the requirements for a standard Idaho educator certificate. (4-6-23)(\_\_\_\_)~~

**015. IDAHO EDUCATOR CREDENTIAL.**

All standard educator certificates are valid for five (5) years and are renewable, subject to the applicable renewal requirements set by the state board of education and any applicable conditions applied to an individual's certificate by the professional standards commission. (3-15-22)

**01. Standard Instructional Certificate.** Standard instructional certificates may be issued to completers of traditional routes pursuant to section 33-1203, Idaho code, completers of board approved educator registered apprenticeship programs, or individuals who meet interim certificate requirements. A Standard Instructional Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach all grades, ~~subject to the grade ranges and subject areas of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. A standard instructional certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university and who meets the following requirements or successfully completes an interim certificate requirements and subjects attached to the certificate and valid endorsements. Completors of traditional routes shall meet the following requirements:~~ (4-6-23)(\_\_\_\_)

**a. Minimum Credit Hours.** Earned a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education, which shall include demonstration of competencies as specified in the Idaho comprehensive literacy plan; and (3-15-22)(\_\_\_\_)

**b. Student Teaching.** Complete a minimum of ten (10) undergraduate or six (6) graduate semester credit hours, of student teaching; and (3-15-22)

**c.** Complete a state board approved educator preparation program and receive an institutional recommendation from the program specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which the applicant is eligible to receive an endorsement; (4-6-23)

**i.** To receive endorsement in two (2) fields of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours in one (1) field of teaching, and completion of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours in a second field of teaching. (3-15-22)

**ii.** To receive endorsement in (1) field of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least forty-five (45) semester credit hours in a single subject area; (3-15-22)

**d.** Meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the state board approved content area and pedagogy assessments. (4-6-23)

**e.** Renewal. Six (6) semester credit hours are required every five (5) years to renew. The renewal credit may be waived if the applicant holds a current, valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of renewal. Credits must be earned during the validity period of the certificate. ( )

**02. Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate.** Persons who serve as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and school nurses are required to hold the Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate, with the respective endorsement(s) for which they qualify. Persons who serve as a speech-language pathologist, school audiologist, occupational therapist, or physical therapist may be required, as determined by the local educational agency, to hold a Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate with respective endorsements for which they qualify. (4-6-23)

**a.** School Counselor Endorsement. To be eligible for a School Counselor endorsement, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements. (3-15-22)

**i.** Hold a master's degree and provide verification of completion of an approved program of graduate study in school counseling, including sixty (60) semester credits, from a college or university approved by the Idaho State Board of Education or the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. The program must include successful completion of seven hundred (700) clock hours of supervised field experience, seventy-five percent (75%) of which must be in a K-12 school setting. This K-12 experience must be in each of the following levels: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Previous school counseling experience may be considered to help offset the field experience clock hour requirement; and (3-15-22)

**ii.** An institutional recommendation is required for a School Counselor endorsement. (3-15-22)

**b.** School Counselor – Basic Endorsement. (3-15-22)

**i.** Individuals serving as a school counselor pursuant to Section 33-1212, Idaho Code, shall be granted a School Counselor – Basic endorsement. The endorsement is valid for five (5) years or until such time as the holder no longer meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to Section 33-1212, Idaho Code. (3-15-22)

**ii.** Individuals who received their endorsement pursuant to Section 33-1212, Idaho Code, prior to July 1, 2018, will be transitioned into the School Counselor – Basic endorsement. Renewal date will remain the same as the initial credential. (3-15-22)

**c.** School Psychologist Endorsement. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid National Certification for School Psychologists (NCSP) offered through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). To be eligible for a school psychologist endorsement, a candidate must complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester credit hours which must be accomplished through one (1) of the



following options: (3-15-22)

i. Completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour master's degree in education or psychology and completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour School Psychology Specialist Degree program, and completion of a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; (3-15-22)

ii. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, master's degree program in School Psychology, and completion of a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; (3-15-22)

iii. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, School Psychology Specialist degree program which did not require a master's degree as a prerequisite, with laboratory experience in a classroom, which may include professional teaching experience, student teaching or special education practicum, and completion of a minimum twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; and (3-15-22)

iv. Earn a current and valid National Certification for School Psychologists (NCSP) issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). (3-15-22)

**d.** Interim Certificate – School Psychologist Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational requirements but hold a master’s degree or higher in psychology and are working toward a standard pupil service staff certificate with school psychologist endorsement. This certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements or obtaining the applicable experience leading to certification. If the educational requirements cannot be met within the three (3)-year time frame of the certificate, the employing LEA may request one (1)-time renewal of this interim certificate for the applicant. (3-15-22)

**e.** School Nurse Endorsement. To be eligible for a school nurse endorsement, a candidate must complete one (1) of the following options: (3-15-22)

i. Possess a valid professional nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and a baccalaureate degree in nursing, education, or a health-related field from an accredited institution. (3-15-22)

ii. Possess a valid professional nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing; have two (2) years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) school nursing, community health nursing, or any other area of pediatric, adolescent, or family nursing experience. (3-15-22)

**f.** Interim Certificate - School Nurse Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational and/or experience requirements but who hold a valid professional nursing (RN) license in Idaho. This non-renewable certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational or experience requirements. (3-15-22)

**g.** Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement. To be eligible for a speech-language pathologist endorsement, a candidate must possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a speech/language pathology program approved by the State Board of Education. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology offered through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and/or a current and valid speech-language pathologist license issued by the appropriate Idaho state licensing board. (3-15-22)

**h.** Interim Certificate - Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational requirements but hold a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology and are pursuing a master’s degree. This certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements. If the educational requirements cannot be met within the three (3)-year timeframe of the certificate, the employing LEA may request one (1)-time renewal of this interim certificate for the applicant if the applicant holds a valid occupational license or is supervised by a speech-language pathologist with a standard pupil

service certificate. (3-15-22)

**i.** Audiology Endorsement. To be eligible for an audiology endorsement, a candidate must possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in an audiology program approved by the State Board of Education. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology offered through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and/or a current and valid audiologist license issued by the appropriate Idaho state licensing board. (3-15-22)

**j.** School Social Worker Endorsement. To be eligible for a school social worker endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

**i.** A master's degree in social work (MSW) from a postsecondary institution accredited by an organization recognized by the State Board of Education. The program must be currently approved by the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed; and (3-15-22)

**ii.** An institutional recommendation from a state board approved program; and (3-15-22)

**iii.** The successful completion of a school social work practicum in a preschool through grade twelve 12 (Pre-K-12) setting. Post-LMSW extensive experience working with children and families may be substituted for the completion of a school social work practicum in a Pre-K-12 setting; and (3-15-22)

**iv.** A current and valid social work license pursuant to chapter 32, title 54, Idaho Code, and the rules of the State Board of Social Work Examiners. (3-15-22)

**k.** Occupational Therapist Endorsement. To be eligible for an occupational therapist endorsement, a candidate must have a current and valid occupational therapy license issued by the Occupational Therapy Licensure Board of Idaho. The candidate must maintain current and valid occupational therapy licensure for the endorsement to remain valid. (3-15-22)

**l.** Physical Therapist Endorsement. To be eligible for a physical therapist endorsement a candidate must have a current and valid physical therapy license issued by the Idaho Physical Therapy Licensure Board. The candidate must maintain current and valid physical therapy licensure for the endorsement to remain valid. (3-15-22)

**03. Standard Administrator Certificate.** Persons who serve as superintendent, director of special education, secondary school principal, or principal of an elementary school with eight (8) or more teachers (including the principal), or are assigned to conduct the summative evaluation of certified staff are required to hold an Administrator Certificate. The certificate may be endorsed for service as school principal, superintendent, or director of special education. Assistant superintendents are required to hold the Superintendent endorsement. Assistant principals or vice-principals are required to hold the School Principal endorsement. Directors of special education are required to hold the Director of Special Education endorsement. Possession of an Administrator Certificate does not entitle the holder to serve as a teacher at a grade level for which the educator is not qualified or certificated. (3-15-22)

**a.** School Principal Endorsement. To be eligible for the School Principal endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

**i.** Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university. (3-15-22)

**ii.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated experience working with students, while under contract in an accredited school setting. (3-15-22)

**iii.** Complete an administrative internship in a state-approved program, or have one (1) year of experience as an administrator. (3-15-22)

**iv.** Provide verification of completion of a state-approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours of graduate study in school administration for the preparation of school principals at an accredited college or university. This program shall include the demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and

pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and competencies in the Idaho Standards for School Principals. (3-15-22)

v. Receive an institutional recommendation for a School Principal endorsement. (3-15-22)

**b. Superintendent Endorsement.** To be eligible for the Superintendent endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

i. Hold an education specialist or doctorate degree or complete a comparable post-master's sixth year program at an accredited college or university. (3-15-22)

ii. Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students while under contract in an accredited school setting. (3-15-22)

iii. Complete an administrative internship in a state board approved program for the superintendent endorsement or have one (1) year of out-of-state experience as an assistant superintendent or superintendent. (3-15-22)

iv. Provide verification of completion of an approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, of post-master's degree graduate study for the preparation of school superintendents at an accredited college or university. This program in school administration must include demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and demonstration of competencies in the Idaho standards for superintendents and the Idaho Standards for School Principals. (3-15-22)

v. Receive an institutional recommendation for a Superintendent endorsement. (3-15-22)

**c. Director of Special Education Endorsement.** To be eligible for the Director of Special Education endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

i. Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university; (3-15-22)

ii. Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students Pre-K-12, while under contract in a school setting; (3-15-22)

iii. Provide verification of a state board approved program of graduate study of school administration for the preparation of directors of special education at an accredited college or university. This program shall include demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and demonstration of competencies in the Idaho Standards for Directors of Special Education and the Idaho Standards for School Principals. Coursework shall include knowledge and competence in understanding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, utilizing the Idaho Special Education Manual, special education funding and fiscal accountability, results-driven leadership and accountability in special education, and instructional, behavioral, and management strategies for supporting students in the least restrictive environment. (3-15-22)

iv. Have completed an administrative internship in the area of administration of special education; and (3-15-22)

v. An institutional recommendation is required for Director of Special Education endorsement. (3-15-22)

**04. Career Technical Certification Requirements.** Teachers of career technical courses or programs in secondary schools must hold an occupational specialist certificate and an endorsement in an appropriate occupational discipline. All occupational certificates must be approved by the Division of Career Technical Education regardless of the route an individual is pursuing to receive the certificate. (3-15-22)

**a. Standard Degree Based Career Technical Certificate.** Persons who hold a degree based career technical certificate are eligible to teach in a career technical area, subject to the grade range(s) and subject area(s) of

the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. All degree based career technical certificates require candidates to meet the Idaho Core Teaching Standards. The degree based career technical certificate is valid for five years. A degree based career technical certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and meets the following requirements: (3-15-22)

i. Earned a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education, which shall include demonstration of competencies as specified in the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan; (3-15-22)

ii. Earned a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours in career technical education foundation coursework to include principles and philosophies of career technical education, evaluation and assessment in career technical education, leadership and career technical student organization leadership, career guidance and transition, occupational analysis and curriculum development, and lab safety; (3-15-22)

iii. Accumulated one thousand (1,000) clock hours of related industry experience, or practicum as approved by the higher education institution, in the respective field of specialization; (3-15-22)

iv. Completed a total of at least ten (10) undergraduate semester credit hours or six (6) graduate semester credit hours of student teaching; (3-15-22)

v. Completed a state board approved educator preparation program and received an institutional recommendation specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which the person is eligible to receive an endorsement; (3-15-22)

(1) To receive endorsement in two (2) fields of teaching, preparation must consist of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours in one (1) field of teaching and completion of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours in a second field of teaching. (3-15-22)

(2) To receive endorsement in one (1) field of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least forty-five (45) semester credit hours in a single subject area. (3-15-22)

vi. Met or exceeded the state qualifying score on the state board-approved content area and pedagogy assessments. (3-15-22)

vii. The renewal credits required in Section 060 may be waived if the applicant holds a current, valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards at the time of renewal. Credits must be earned during the validity period of the certificate. (4-6-23)

**b.** Career Technical Education Program Administrator Certificate. The career technical education program administrator certificate is required for an individual serving as an administrator, director, or manager of career technical education programs in Idaho public schools. Individuals must meet one (1) of the two (2) following prerequisites to qualify for the career technical education program administrator certificate. The certificate is valid for five (5) years and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew. (4-6-23)

i. Qualify for or hold an advanced occupational specialist certificate or hold an occupational endorsement on a degree based career technical certificate; provide evidence of a minimum of four (4) years teaching, three (3) of which must be in a career technical education discipline; hold a master's degree; and complete at least fifteen (15) semester credits of administrative course work to include required credits in education finance, administration and supervision of personnel, and legal aspects of education. Remaining coursework may be selected from: administration and supervision of occupational programs; instructional supervision; administration internship; curriculum development; curriculum evaluation; research in curriculum; school community relations; communication; teaching the adult learner; coordination of work-based learning programs; and/or measurement and evaluation. (3-15-22)

ii. Hold a superintendent or principal endorsement on a standard administrator certificate and provide evidence of either a minimum of four (4) years teaching, three (3) of which must be in a career technical discipline; or successful completion of a Division of Career Technical Education career technical education leadership institute; or

completion of course work including credits in: principles and foundations of career technical education, career technical student organizations, occupational analysis, curriculum design, one or more externships with career technical education industry advisor partners totaling 100 hours, and ongoing participation in technical advisory committee meetings associated with the school's career technical education programs. (4-6-23)

c. Industry-Based Occupational Specialist Certificate. Persons who hold an occupational specialist career technical certificate are eligible to teach in a career technical program pathway(s), subject to the grade range(s) and pathway areas(s) of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. All occupational specialist career technical certificates require candidates to meet the core teaching standards of the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. An occupational specialist career technical certificate may be issued to an experienced industry expert entering the teaching profession and meeting the following eligibility requirements: (3-15-22)

i. Possess either a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate; meet provisions of Idaho Code; and, verify technical skills through work experience, industry certification or testing as listed below. When applicable, requirements of occupationally related state agencies must also be met. Since educational levels and work experiences vary, applicants may be determined qualified under any one (1) of the following three (3) options: (3-15-22)

(1) Have three (3) years or six thousand (6,000) hours of recent, gainful employment in the occupation for which certification is requested, at least half of which must have been during the immediate previous five (5) years; or (3-15-22)

(2) Have a baccalaureate degree in the specific occupation or related area, plus one (1) year or two thousand (2,000) hours of recent, gainful employment in the occupation for which certification is requested, at least half of which must have been during the immediate previous five (5) years; or (3-15-22)

(3) Hold or have held an industry certification in a field closely related to the content area in which the individual seeks to teach as approved by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-15-22)

ii. Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate. This certificate is issued to individuals who are new to teaching in Idaho public schools or new to teaching in career technical education in Idaho public schools. The certificate is an interim certificate and is valid for three (3) years and is non-renewable. Applicants must meet all of the minimum requirements established in Subsection 015.06.a. of these rules. Individuals on a limited occupational specialist certificate must complete one (1) of the two (2) following pathways during the validity period of the certificate: (3-15-22)

(1) Pathway I - Coursework: Within the three-year period of the Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate, the instructor must satisfactorily complete the pre-service training prescribed by the Division of Career Technical Education and demonstrate competencies in principles/foundations of occupational education and methods of teaching occupational education. Additionally, the instructor must satisfactorily demonstrate competencies in two (2) of the following areas: career pathways and guidance; analysis, integration, and curriculum development; and measurement and evaluation. (3-15-22)

(2) Pathway II – Cohort Training: Within the first twelve (12) months, the holder must enroll in the Division of Career Technical Education sponsored education pedagogy training and complete all requirements within the three-year validity period of the interim certificate. (3-15-22)

iii. Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate. (3-15-22)

(1) This certificate is issued to individuals who have held a limited occupational specialist certificate and completed one (1) of the pathways for renewable certification. (3-15-22)

(2) The Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate is valid for five (5) years and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew. Credit equivalency will be based on verification of forty-five (45) hours of participation at approved technical conferences, institutes, or workshops where participation is prorated at the rate of fifteen (15) hours per credit; or one hundred twenty (120) hours of approved

related work experience where hours worked may be prorated at the rate of forty (4) hours per credit; or any equivalent combination thereof. (4-6-23)

iv. Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate. This certificate is issued to individuals who are eligible for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate; and provide evidence of completion of a teacher training degree program or eighteen (18) semester credits of Division of Career Technical Education approved education or content-related course work in addition to the twelve (12) semester credits required for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate (a total of thirty (30) semester credits. The Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate is valid for five (5) years and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew. (4-6-23)

**05. Postsecondary Specialist Certificate.** A Postsecondary Specialist certificate will be granted to a current academic faculty member whose primary employment is with any accredited Idaho postsecondary institution. To be eligible to teach in the public schools under this postsecondary specialist certificate, the candidate must supply a recommendation from the employing institution (faculty's college dean). The primary use of this state-issued certificate is for distance education, virtual classroom programs, and public and postsecondary partnerships. (3-15-22)

a. To renew this certificate, the renewal application must be accompanied with a new written recommendation from the postsecondary institution (faculty's college dean level or higher). (3-15-22)

b. The candidate must meet the following qualifications: (3-15-22)

i. Hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in the content area being taught; (3-15-22)

ii. Be currently employed by the postsecondary institution in the content area to be taught; and (3-15-22)

iii. Complete and pass a criminal history background check as required by Section 33-130, Idaho Code. (3-15-22)

**06. American Indian Tribal Language Certificate.** The five (5) federally recognized tribes of Idaho shall provide to the State Department of Education the names of those highly and uniquely qualified individuals who have been designated to teach tribal language(s) in accordance with Section 33-1280, Idaho Code. To be eligible for an American Indian Tribal Languages certificate an applicant designated to teach tribal language(s) shall submit a complete application. If approved the certificate shall be issued for five years and is renewable. (3-15-22)

**07. Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (Junior ROTC) Instructors.** (3-15-22)

a. Junior ROTC Instructor Certificate. To be eligible for a five (5) year renewable Junior ROTC Instructor certificate, an applicant shall submit a complete application and provide a copy of their certificate(s) or letter of completion of an letter of recommendation from their hiring school district or public charter school and a copy of their certificate or letter of completion from an armed forces Junior ROTC training program. (3-15-22)( )

b. If approved the certificate shall be issued for five years and is renewable Interim Certificate – Junior ROTC Instructor. A three (3) year interim certificate shall be issued to those who are enrolled in the Junior ROTC Instructor training program. The applicant shall submit a complete application, a letter of recommendation from their hiring school district or public charter school, and a copy of their Junior ROTC Instructor initial qualification letter issued by an armed forces Junior ROTC training program. (3-15-22)( )

**08. Additional Renewal Requirements.** In addition to specific certificate or endorsement renewal requirements, applicants must meet the following renewal requirements as applicable: (3-15-22)

a. Administrator certificate renewal. In order to recertify, holders of an administrator certificate must complete a course consisting of a minimum of three (3) semester credits in the Idaho framework for teachers' evaluation pursuant to Section 33-1204, Idaho Code. Credits must be earned through an approved educator

preparation program and include a laboratory component. The laboratory component must include in-person or video observation and scoring of teacher performance using the statewide framework for teacher's evaluation. The approved course must include the following competencies: (3-15-22)

i. Understanding professional practice in Idaho evaluation requirements, including gathering accurate evidence and artifacts, understanding and using the state framework for evaluation rubric with fidelity, proof of calibration and interrater reliability, ability to provide effective feedback for teacher growth, and understanding and advising teachers on individualized learning plan and portfolio development. (3-15-22)

ii. Understanding student achievement and growth in the Idaho evaluation framework, including understanding how measurable student achievement and growth measures impact summative evaluation ratings and proficiency in assessment literacy. (3-15-22)

**016. IDAHO INTERIM CERTIFICATE.**

A three (3) year interim certificate may be issued to applicants who hold a valid certificate or license from another state or other entity that participates in the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement pursuant to Section 33-4104, Idaho Code, or who are engaged in or completed a non-traditional route or alternative authorization to certification as prescribed herein. An interim certificate gives the holder the same rights and responsibilities as an individual with a standard certificate. (4-6-23)

**01. Interim Certificate Not Renewable.** Interim certification is only available on a one (1) time basis except under extenuating circumstances approved by the State Department of Education or Division of Career Technical Education. An applicant must meet the requirements of the ~~applicable alternate authorization route or non-traditional route~~ interim certificate to obtain a standard Idaho Educator Credential during the term of the interim certificate. (3-15-22)(    )

**02. Non-Traditional Route to Teacher Certification.** An individual may acquire interim certification through a state board approved non-traditional route to teacher certification program. The non-traditional route may be used for first-time certification, subsequent certificates, and additional endorsements. (3-15-22)

**a.** Individuals who possess a baccalaureate degree or higher from an institution of higher education accredited by an entity recognized by the state board of education may receive an interim instructional certificate. To receive the interim certificate, the individual must: (3-15-22)

i. Complete or enroll in a state board approved program; and (3-15-22)

ii. Pass the state board approved pedagogy and content area assessment. (3-15-22)

**b.** Standard certification. Upon completion of the non-traditional route the applicant must complete a two (2) year state board approved teacher mentoring program and receive two (2) years of Idaho evaluations with a summative rating of proficient or better. (4-6-23)

**03. Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course.** All Idaho teachers working on an interim certificate (alternate authorizations, nontraditional routes, reinstatement, or coming from out of state), must complete a state board approved Idaho Comprehensive Literacy course or assessment as a one-time requirement for standard instructional certificate. (3-15-22)

**04. Teaching For Mathematical Thinking.** All Idaho teachers or administrators with an interim certificate (alternate authorizations, nontraditional routes, reinstatement, or coming from out of state), with an All Subjects (K-8) endorsement, any mathematics endorsement, Exceptional Child Education endorsement, Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education endorsement, or Administrator certificate must complete the state board approved Teaching for Mathematical Thinking course as a one-time requirement for full certification. (4-6-23)(    )

**05. Reinstatement of a Certificate Expired for One (1) Year or Less.** An individual with an Idaho certificate expired for one (1) year or less who did not meet the six (6)-credit renewal requirement may apply for reinstatement and be issued an interim certificate. During the validity period of the interim certificate, the applicant

must complete any outstanding credits to meet the renewal requirement to be eligible for a five (5)-year renewable certificate. ( )

**056. Reinstatement of ~~Expired~~ a Certificate Expired for Over One (1) Year.** An individual ~~holding with an expired~~ Idaho certificate expired for over one (1) year may apply for reinstatement and be issued an interim certificate. During the validity period of the interim certificate, the applicant must meet the following requirements to ~~obtain standard certification during the term of the interim~~ be eligible for a five (5)-year renewable certificate: (3-15-22)( )

a. Two (2) years of Idaho evaluations, as applicable to the type of certification, with a summative rating of proficient or better; (4-6-23)

b. Measured annual progress on specific goals identified on the applicant's Individualized Professional Learning Plan; (3-15-22)

c. Completion of the six (6) credit renewal requirement; and (4-6-23)( )

d. Completion of the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course or Teaching for Mathematical Thinking as provided herein. (3-15-22)

~~e. Individuals holding an expired certificate that was in good standing at the time the certificate expired, may have the certificate reinstated within one (1) year of the time the certificate expired by completing any outstanding professional development requirements that were pending at the time the certificate expired.~~ (4-6-23)

**067. Codes of Ethics.** All laws and rules governing standard certificated staff with respect to conduct, discipline, and professional standards shall apply to all certified staff serving in an Idaho public school, including those employed under an interim certificate. (3-15-22)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**021. ENDORSEMENTS.**

Holders of an Instructional Certificate or Occupational Specialist Certificate must have one (1) or more endorsements attached to their certificate as applicable to the type of certification. Instructional staff are eligible to teach in the grades and content areas of their endorsements. Idaho educator preparation programs shall prepare candidates for endorsements in accordance with these certification requirements and the standards approved by the board. An official statement from the college of education of competency in a content area or field is acceptable in lieu of required credits if such statements are created in consultation with the department or division of the accredited college or university in which the competency is established and are approved by the director of teacher education of the recommending college or university. Statements must include the number of credits the competency evaluation is equivalent to. To add an endorsement to a certificate, an individual must complete the credit hour requirements as established by the state board of education and meet or exceed the state qualifying score on a board approved content, pedagogy or performance assessment. (4-6-23)

**01. Clinical Experience Requirement.** All standard endorsements require supervised clinical experience in the relevant content area, or a State Department of Education or Division of Career Technical Education approved alternative clinical experience as applicable to the area of endorsement. (4-6-23)

**02. Alternative Authorization - Teacher to New Endorsement.** This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request additional endorsement for a candidate. This authorization is valid for one (1) year and may be renewed for two (2) additional years with evidence of satisfactory progress on one (1) of the following options: (4-6-23)

a. Option I -- An official statement of competency in a teaching area or field from the college of education of an accredited college or university is acceptable in lieu of courses if the statement is created in consultation with the department or division in which the competency is established and is approved by the director



of teacher education of the recommending college or university. (3-15-22)

b. Option II -- Master's degree or higher. ~~By earning a graduate degree in a content specific area, A~~ candidates may add an endorsement in that same content area ~~to a valid instructional certificate. Successful completion of~~ by successfully completing a one (1) year, state board approved mentoring program ~~must be completed during within~~ the first year ~~to maintain the endorsement of authorization.~~ (4-6-23)( )

c. Option III -- Content area assessment and mentoring. A candidate may add an endorsement by successfully completing a state board-approved content areas assessment and a one-year, state board-approved mentoring program within the first year of authorization. (3-15-22)

d. For all candidates moving to an initial certification in a career technical education endorsement area, the candidate will be required to complete or have completed coursework in principles and foundations of career technical education and career technical student organizations, training in occupational analysis and curriculum design, and a minimum of two hundred (200) internship/externship hours in the career technical education endorsement area. (4-6-23)

03. **National Board Certification.** An applicant holding an instructional certificate and current national board certification may add an endorsement in a corresponding content-specific area. (3-15-22)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**042. ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION.**

Alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request certification for a candidate. This authorization grants an interim certificate that allows individuals to serve as the teacher of record while pursuing standard certification. ~~Evidence of satisfactory progress toward standard certification must be provided each year.~~ Individuals who hold a current instructional certificate may obtain additional endorsements through an alternative authorization as prescribed in Subsection 021 of these rules. (4-6-23)( )

01. **Alternative Authorization -- Teacher to New Certification.** This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request additional certification for a candidate who already holds a current Idaho certificate in good standing to add an additional type of certificate in a new certification area. (4-6-23)

a. ~~Prior to application, the candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher and a current and valid Idaho certificate.~~ The local education agency must attest to the candidate's ability to fill the position. (3-15-22)( )

b. The candidate must participate in a state board- approved educator preparation program. (3-15-22)

i. The candidate will work toward completion of a state board-approved educator preparation program. ~~The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits annually to maintain continued eligibility for the interim certificate;~~ and (4-6-23)( )

ii. The participating educator preparation program shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences toward program completion requirements. (4-6-23)

02. **Alternative Authorization -- Content Specialist.** This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request an interim instructional certificate for an individual who possesses distinct content knowledge and skills to teach in a content area. (4-6-23)( )

a. Initial Qualifications. (3-15-22)

i. A candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or have completed all of the requirements of a baccalaureate degree except the student teaching portion; and (3-15-22)

ii. Prior to entering the classroom, the local education agency shall ensure the candidate is qualified to teach in the content area. The candidate shall meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the appropriate state board-approved content or pedagogy assessment, including demonstration of content knowledge through a combination of employment, experience, and education. (3-15-22)

b. State Board Approved Educator Preparation Program. (3-15-22)

i. Prior to authorization, a consortium comprised of a state board-approved educator preparation program representative, a local education agency representative, and the candidate shall determine the preparation needed and develop a plan to meet the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The educator preparation program shall provide procedures to assess and credit: equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life or work experiences. The plan must include a state board-approved mentoring program. While teaching under the alternative authorization, the mentor shall provide a minimum of one (1) classroom observation per month, which will include feedback and reflection. ~~The plan must include annual progress goals that must be met for continued eligibility;~~ (4-6-23)(    )

ii. ~~The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours or its equivalent of accelerated study in education pedagogy prior to the end of the first year of authorization.~~ The number of required credits will be specified in the ~~consortium~~ developed plan; and (3-15-22)(    )

iii. ~~At the time of authorization~~ During the validity period of the interim certificate, the candidate must ~~enroll in and work toward completion of~~ complete the plan. ~~The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits or equivalent annually to maintain eligibility for the interim certificate. The candidate must complete the plan to move to a standard instructional certificate to receive an institutional recommendation for a standard instructional certificate.~~ (4-6-23)(    )

c. Career Technical Education Industry-based Route Plan. Local education agencies with candidates seeking a limited occupational specialist certification may request approval, with an approved division of career technical education alternative authorization route plan, to meet the program of study requirements. (4-6-23)

**03. Alternative Authorization - Pupil Service Staff.** This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request an interim certification and endorsement certificate for a candidate when a position requiring the Pupil Service Staff Certificate cannot be filled. (4-6-23)(    )

a. Initial Qualifications. The applicant must complete the following: (3-15-22)

i. Prior to application, a candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher; and (3-15-22)

ii. The local education agency must attest to the ability of the candidate to fill the position. (3-15-22)

b. Educator Preparation Program. (3-15-22)

~~i. At the time of authorization the candidate must enroll in and work toward completion of a state board approved educator preparation program through a participating college or university and the local education agency. The educator preparation program must include annual progress goals.~~ (4-6-23)

~~ii. The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits or equivalent annually to maintain eligibility for the interim certificate.~~ (4-6-23)

i. The number of required credits will be specified in a plan developed by the Educator Preparation Program; and (    )

ii. During the validity period of the interim certificate, the candidate must complete the plan to receive an institutional recommendation for a standard pupil service staff certificate. (    )

iii. The participating educator preparation program will provide procedures to assess and credit

equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences. (3-15-22)

- iv. ~~The candidate must meet all requirements for the endorsement/certificate as provided herein.~~ (3-15-22)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**100. OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

**01. The Official Vehicle for the Approval of Traditional Educator Preparation Programs.** Traditional educator preparation programs will be accredited by an accrediting body that approves educator preparation programs and is recognized by the state board of education and meets the board approved Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel will be posted on the state board of education and state department of education websites. All standards will include an implementation date. (4-6-23)

**02. Non-Traditional Educator Preparation Program.** To be considered for approval each non-traditional educator preparation program must include the following components: (3-15-22)

- a. Assessment of pedagogy and content knowledge; and (3-15-22)
- b. Alignment to the Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. (3-15-22)

**03. Continuing Approval.** Approved educator preparation programs will be reviewed for continued approval on a timeline and in a format established by the state board of education. Program reviews will take into consideration the instructional methodology used by the approved program. (3-15-22)

~~**04. Payment Responsibilities for Educator Preparation Program Reviews.** The Professional Standards Commission is responsible for Idaho educator preparation program reviews, including assigning responsibility for paying for program reviews. To implement the reviews, it is necessary that:~~ (3-15-22)

- ~~a. The Professional Standards Commission pay for all state review team expenses for on-site teacher preparation reviews from its budget. (3-15-22)~~
- ~~b. Requesting institutions pay for all other expenses related to on-site educator preparation program reviews, including all standards review. (3-15-22)~~

## **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE SYNOPSIS**

In compliance with Section 67-5223(4), Idaho Code, the following is a synopsis of the differences between the materials previously incorporated by reference in this rule that are currently of full force and effect and newly revised or amended versions of these same materials that are being proposed for incorporation by reference under this rulemaking.

The following agency of the state of Idaho has prepared this synopsis as part of the proposed rulemaking for the chapter cited here under the docket number specified:

**STATE BOARD AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**IDAPA 08.02.03 – Rules Governing Thoroughness**  
**Docket No. 08-0203-2401**

IDAPA 08.02.03.004 incorporates by reference the Content Standards for **Arts and Humanities** (last updated in 2016), **Computer Science** and **Educational Technology** (last updated in 2016), **Driver Education** (last updated in 2017) and **Social Studies** (last updated in 2016). These content standards were up for review during the 2023-2024 school year.

The proposed amendments to the standards were reviewed by a committee of experts facilitated by the Idaho Department of Education. Public comment was gathered prior to presenting the proposed revisions to the State Board of Education for approval. More information about the review cycle can be found here: <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/standards/standards-review.html>

### **Arts and Humanities**

The arts and humanities standards underwent significant revisions with a focus on enhancing clarity, specificity, and alignment.

Arts Anchor Standards were reduced from eleven (11) core anchor standards to five (5) anchor standards. Harmonizing Instruments standards were removed for redundancy and Technical Theater standards were added for clarity.

**Reduction of Standards:** One of the primary goals of the revision was to reduce the number of standards, ensuring a more manageable and focused set of learning objectives for educators and students. This streamlining process helped prioritize essential concepts and skills while eliminating redundancy.

**Clarity Enhancement:** The revisions aimed to make the standards more accessible and understandable for educators, students, and parents. This involved refining language,

organizing content more logically, and outlining what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. 4. Removal of all Guidance Language: The updated draft removed all language that could be considered guidance including instructional, curricular, or assessment language.

Grade Level Appropriateness: Questions about grade level appropriateness, mostly on the high school levels, were addressed and clarified based on feedback from stakeholders. Some standards were added for alignment.

Clarification of Ambiguous Standards: Ambiguous or unclear standards were addressed and clarified based on feedback from stakeholders. This involved rephrasing standards, clarifying context, and ensuring vertical alignment.

Overall, these revisions represent a concerted effort to improve the comprehensiveness, clarity, and effectiveness of the K-12 arts and humanities standards, focusing on what students should know and be able to do at each appropriate level.

### **Computer Science**

Revised, reorganized, and established additional standards to include Computational Thinking and Digital Literacy standards for K-8, in alignment with to new instructional requirements (08.02.03.104.01a, 08.02.03.104.02c)

Additional changes; updated language to be student friendly, remove guidance language, identifying and address duplicated standards, and confirm reorganization of the K-8 standards.

**Information and Communication Technology** (Process closely related to computer science standards)

Revised, reorganized, and established additional standards to include Computational Thinking and Digital Literacy standards for K-8, in alignment with to new instructional requirements (08.02.03.104.01a, 08.02.03.104.02c)

Additional changes; updated language to be student friendly, remove guidance language, identifying and address duplicated standards, and confirm reorganization of the K-8 standards.

### **Driver Education**

The Driver Education Standards did not have any significant changes to the previous standards written in 2016. The committee did come up with additions to keep up with the technological advances found in present day vehicles as well as two additions concerning vehicle maintenance and anticipating behaviors of other drivers.

The first addition was for the student to be able to locate and describe the section of the owner's manual indicating the importance of safely and responsibly maintaining the vehicle. This was updated to require the students to be aware of required maintenance of vehicles for their own safety and the safety of others on the road.

The second addition was the understanding of Advanced Driver-Assistance Systems (ADAS) Safety Features. Updates in vehicle technology require an update in standards in what the student drivers are required to know concerning these new technologies such as self-driving cars.

The last addition was a section where the student will describe how to predict and anticipate the behaviors of other road users to include cars, bicycles, and motor bikes.

## **Social Studies**

The K-12 social studies standards underwent significant revisions with a focus on enhancing clarity, specificity, and the integration of historical thinking skills.

**Clarity Enhancement:** The revisions aimed to make the standards more accessible and understandable for educators, students, and parents. This involved refining language, organizing content more logically, and providing clear objectives for each grade level.

**Specificity in Learning Objectives:** The updated draft included more specific ideas outlining what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

**Integration of Historical Thinking Skills:** A major emphasis was placed on integrating historical thinking skills throughout the standards. These skills include critical analysis, interpretation, sourcing, and contextualization of historical information. By embedding these skills into the standards, students are better equipped to engage with historical content in a meaningful and analytical manner.

**Reduction of Standards:** One of the primary goals of the revisions was to reduce the number of standards, ensuring a more manageable and focused set of learning objectives for educators and students. This streamlining process helped prioritize essential concepts and skills while eliminating redundancy.

**Student-Friendly Verbiage:** The language used in the standards was refined to be more student-friendly, making the content more accessible and understandable for learners of all levels. By using clear and concise language, students can better grasp the intended learning outcomes and educators can more effectively communicate expectations.

Clarification of Ambiguous Standards: Ambiguous or unclear standards were addressed and clarified based on feedback from stakeholders. This involved rephrasing standards, providing additional context or examples, and ensuring vertical alignment.

Overall, these revisions represent a concerted effort to improve the comprehensiveness, clarity, and effectiveness of the K-12 social studies standards, ensuring that students develop a deep understanding of historical concepts and cultivate essential skills for historical inquiry and analysis.

### **Special Education Manual**

IDAPA 08.02.03.004 also incorporates by reference the Idaho **Special Education Manual**. The manual is updated and reincorporated when standards change and general operation change at the state and federal level to accommodate nationally recognized educational data outcomes, contracted programs and programs administered directly by the school districts or charter schools.

Idaho State Department of Education updated the Specific Learning Disability (SLD) eligibility criteria in Chapter 4 because Idaho's SLD eligibility criteria was discrepant from IDEA and we were required to revise it by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) through the US Department of Education in order to comply with federal law.

# **IDAPA 08 – STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **08.02.03 – RULES GOVERNING THOROUGHNESS**

**DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2401**

### **NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution and under sections 33-105, 33-116, 33-118, and 33-1612, Idaho Code.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:** Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 16, 2024.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Changes to subsection 105 regarding High school Graduation Requirements were reviewed by a committee facilitated by the IDE throughout the 2023-2024 school year at the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Idaho is considering modernizing the traditional graduation system to better accommodate variable pathways.

**FEE SUMMARY:** The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: NA

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state General Fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: NA

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING:** Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the June 5, 2024 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Volume 24-6, page 20](#).

**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE:** Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule:

The Idaho Department of Education (IDE) is requesting the Board promulgate rules and incorporated by reference documents in IDAPA 08.02.03. Several sets of content standards, which are incorporated by reference into IDAPA 08.02.03, were due for review during the 2023- 2024 school year and the revisions proposed by the committee work were adopted on June 12, 2024. These approval dates need to be updated in the rule. Content standards that were revised include: Arts and Humanities, Computer Science, Information and Communication Technology, Driver Education, and Social Studies.

The Idaho Special Education Manual, incorporated by reference into IDAPA 08.02.03, was revised to ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act, as the Idaho Department of Education was notified in October of 2023 of non-compliance by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, OSEP. Specifically, the manual must be updated regarding student eligibility requirements. This change is addressed through a separate temporary rule which will expire upon adjournment sine die 2025. Revisions to this manual were adopted on August 21, 2024. Section 109 of this rule is proposed to be removed as it is duplicative of the Special Education Manual incorporated by reference.

A thorough review of graduation requirements, facilitated by the IDE, was conducted in 2024. On August 21, 2024, The State Board of Education approved the IDE's recommendation to move forward with the proposed changes to administrative rule to reflect this work. Language in the revisions reflects the intent to phase in the changes to be in full effect for the graduating class of 2028.



**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Nicholas Wagner at [rules@edu.idaho.gov](mailto:rules@edu.idaho.gov) or (208)-488-7586.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 23, 2024.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2024.

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**THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 08-0203-2401  
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)**

**08.02.03 – RULES GOVERNING THOROUGHNESS**

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

The following documents are incorporated into this rule: (3-15-22)

**01. The Idaho Content Standards.** The Idaho Content Standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. Individual subject content standards are adopted in various years in relation to the curricular materials adoption schedule. Copies of the document can be found on the State Board of Education website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>. (3-15-22)

- a.** Arts and Humanities Categories: (3-15-22)
  - i. Dance, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024; (3-15-22)( )
  - ii. Interdisciplinary Humanities, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024; (3-15-22)( )
  - iii. Media Arts, as adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)( )
  - iv. Music, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024; (3-15-22)( )
  - v. Theater, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024; (3-15-22)( )
  - vi. Visual Arts, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024; (3-15-22)( )
  - vii. World languages, as revised and adopted on ~~August 11, 2016~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)( )
- b.** Computer Science, adopted on ~~November 28, 2016~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)( )

- c. Driver Education, as revised and adopted on ~~August 10, 2017~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)(    )
- d. Health, as revised and adopted on August 24, 2022. (4-6-23)
- e. Information and Communication Technology, as revised and adopted on ~~August 10, 2017~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)(    )
- f. Physical Education, as revised and adopted on August 24, 2022. (4-6-23)
- g. Social Studies, as revised and adopted on ~~November 28, 2016~~ June 12, 2024. (3-15-22)(    )
- h. College and Career Readiness Competencies adopted on June 15, 2017. (3-15-22)
- 02. The Idaho Standards for Infants, Toddlers, Children, and Youth Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.** As adopted by the State Board of Education on October 11, 2007. Copies of the document can be found on the State Board of Education website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>. (3-15-22)
- 03. The Idaho Standards for Infants, Toddlers, Children, and Youth Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired.** As adopted by the State Board of Education on October 11, 2007. Copies of the document can be found on the State Board of Education website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>. (3-15-22)
- 04. The Idaho Special Education Manual.** The Idaho Special Education Manual as adopted by the State Board of Education on ~~October 17, 2018~~ August 21, 2024. Copies of the document can be found on the State Board of Education website at <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>. (3-15-22)(    )
- 005. -- 006. (RESERVED)**
- 007. DEFINITIONS.**
- 01. Achievement Standards.** Define “below basic,” “basic,” “proficient,” and “advanced” achievement levels on the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) and level one (1) through level six (6) on Idaho’s English language assessment by setting scale score cut points. These cut scores are set by the state board of education and paired with descriptions of how well students are mastering the material in the content standards. These descriptions are called achievement level descriptors and are provided by achievement level, by content area, and by grade. (4-6-23)
- 02. Advanced Opportunities.** Advanced placement courses, Dual Credit courses, ~~Technical Competency Credit~~ micro credentials, or International Baccalaureate programs. (4-6-23)(    )
- 03. Advanced Placement® (AP) - College Board.** The Advanced Placement Program is administered by the College Board at <http://www.collegeboard.com>. AP students may take one (1) or more college level courses in a variety of subjects. AP courses are not tied to a specific college curriculum, but rather follow national College Board curricula. While taking the AP exam is optional, students can earn college credit by scoring well on the national exams. It is up to the discretion of the receiving college to accept the scores from the AP exams to award college credit or advanced standing. (3-15-22)
- 04. All Students.** All public school students, grades K-12. (3-15-22)
- 05. Applied Science.** Applying scientific knowledge to practical problems or situations. (    )
- 056. Assessment.** The process of quantifying, describing, or gathering information about skills, knowledge or performance. (3-15-22)
- 067. Assessment Standards.** Statements setting forth guidelines for evaluating student work, as in the “Standards for the Assessment of Reading and Writing.” (3-15-22)
- 078. Career Pathway Plan.** The plan that outlines a student’s program of study, which should include a

rigorous academic core and a related sequence of electives in academic, career technical education (CTE), or humanities aligned with the student's post-graduation goals. (3-15-22)

**089. Career Technical Education.** Formal preparation for semi-skilled, skilled, technical, or paraprofessional occupations, usually below the baccalaureate level. (3-15-22)

**0910. College and Career Readiness.** College and career readiness is the attainment and demonstration of state board adopted competencies that broadly prepare high school graduates for a successful transition into some form of postsecondary education and/or the workplace. (3-15-22)

**101. Content Standards.** Describe the knowledge, concepts, and skills that students are expected to acquire at each grade level in each content area. (3-15-22)

**142. Criteria.** Guidelines, rules or principles by which student responses, products, or performances, are judged. What is valued and expected in the student performance, when written down and used in assessment, become rubrics or scoring guides. (3-15-22)

**123. Diploma.** A document awarded to a student by a secondary school to show the student has successfully completed the state and local education agency graduation requirements. Diplomas may be awarded to individuals who attended a secondary school prior to the year in which the student is requesting issuance of a diploma based on the graduation requirements in existence at the time the student attended. Determination of meeting past graduation requirements may be determined based on proficiency as determined by the local education agency. Each local education agency may determine the format of the diploma, including the recognition of emphasis areas based on a student's completion of courses or courses or studies in an emphasis area or educational pathways, including but not limited to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), career technical education, or arts and music. (3-15-22)

**134. Dual Credit.** Dual credit allows high school students to simultaneously earn credit toward a high school diploma and a postsecondary degree or certificate. ~~Postsecondary institutions work closely with high schools to deliver college courses that are identical to those offered on the college campus. Credits earned in a dual credit class become part of the student's permanent college record. Students may enroll in dual credit programs taught at the high school or on the college campus.~~ (3-15-22)( )

**145. Idaho Standards Achievement Tests.** Statewide assessments aligned to the state content standards and used to measure a student's knowledge of the applicable content standards. (3-15-22)

**156. International Baccalaureate (IB).** Administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization, the IB program provides a comprehensive liberal arts course of study for students in their junior and senior years of high school. IB students take end-of-course exams that may qualify for college credit. Successful completion of the full course of study leads to an IB diploma. (3-15-22)

**167. Laboratory.** A laboratory course is defined as one in which at least one (1) class period each week is devoted to providing students with the opportunity to manipulate equipment, materials, specimens or develop skills in observation and analysis and discover, demonstrate, illustrate or test scientific principles or concepts. (3-15-22)

**18. Localized Pathway.** A framework of locally provided offerings that identifies core and elective credits, assessments, and other opportunities aligned to post-secondary goals. Local Education Agencies determine their own framework and students may select offerings aligned with localized pathways. ( )

**179. Portfolio.** A digital or physical collection of materials that documents and demonstrates a student's academic and work-based learning. ~~A portfolio typically includes many forms of information that exhibit the student's knowledge, skills, and interests. By building a portfolio, students can recognize their own growth and learn to take increased responsibility for their education. Teachers, mentors, and employers can use portfolios for assessment purposes and to record educational outcomes.~~ (3-15-22)( )

**1820. Project Based Learning.** A hands-on approach to learning that encourages students to create/interpret/communicate an original work or project and assesses quality and success of learning through performance/

presentation/production of that work or project. (3-15-22)

~~19~~**21. Proficiency.** Having or demonstrating a high degree of knowledge or skill in a particular area. (3-15-22)

~~20~~**2. Standards.** Statements about what is valued in a given field, such as English language arts, and/or descriptions of what is considered quality work. See content standards, assessment standards, and achievement standards. (3-15-22)

~~21~~**4. Technical Competency Credit.** Technical competency credit is a sequenced program of study that allows secondary students to document proficiency in the skills and abilities they develop in approved high school career technical programs to be evaluated for postsecondary transcription at a later date. Technical Competency Credits are awarded for skills and competencies identified as eligible through an agreement with at least one Idaho postsecondary institution. Eligible skills and competencies are included as part of a high school career technical program and approved by the postsecondary institution through the agreement in advance to student participation. Credits are granted by the postsecondary institution for which the agreement is with and are transcribed at the time the student enrolls at the postsecondary institution. (3-15-22)

~~22~~**4. Technology Education.** A curriculum for elementary, middle, and senior high schools that integrates learning about technology (e.g., transportation, materials, communication, manufacturing, power and energy, and biotechnology) with problem-solving projects that require students to work in teams. Many technology education classrooms and laboratories are well equipped with computers, basic hand tools, simple robots, electronic devices, and other resources found in most communities today. (3-15-22)

~~23~~**5. Unique Student Identifier.** A number issued and assigned by the Board or designee to each student currently enrolled or who will be enrolled in an Idaho local education agency to obtain data. (3-15-22)

~~26~~**6. Work-Based Learning.** Structured learning experiences that connect classroom learning to the workplace. Work-based learning can include technical, academic and employability skills gained in a simulated or real work environment. ( )

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**105. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.**

A student must meet all of the requirements identified in this section before the student will be eligible to graduate from an Idaho high school. The local school district or LEA may establish graduation requirements beyond the state minimum. (3-15-22)

**01. Credit Requirements.** The State minimum graduation requirement for all Idaho public high schools is forty-six (46) credits and must include twenty-nine (29) credits in core subjects as identified in Paragraphs 105.01.c. through 105.01.h. (3-15-22)

**a.** Credits. One (1) credit shall equal sixty (60) hours of total instruction. School districts or LEA's may request a waiver from this provision by submitting a letter to the State Department of Education for approval, signed by the superintendent and chair of the board of trustees of the district or LEA. The waiver request shall provide information and documentation that substantiates the school district or LEA's reason for not requiring sixty (60) hours of total instruction per credit. (3-15-22)

**b.** Mastery. Students must demonstrate mastery of Idaho Content Standards in a format provided by the LEA. Notwithstanding the credit definition of Subsection 105.01.a., a student may also achieve credits by demonstrating mastery of a subject's content standards as defined and approved by the ~~local education agency (LEA.)~~ (3-15-22)( )

**c.** Credit Flexibility. The State Department of Education will support LEAs in the development of crosswalks and templates to assist in awarding credit for prior learning in ways that meet course requirements for

high school graduation. ( )

**ed.** Secondary Language Arts and Communication. ~~Nine (9) credits are required.~~ Eight (8) credits of instruction in Language Arts. Each year of Language Arts shall consist of language study, composition, and literature and be aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level. One (1) credit of instruction in communications will apply for any student graduating before January 1, 2028 and will consist 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. Instruction in communications consisting of oral communication and technological applications through a sequence of instructional activities that meet the Idaho Speech and Content standards shall be required for any student graduating after January 1, 2028. (3-15-22)( )

**de.** Mathematics. Six (6) credits are required. Secondary mathematics includes Integrated Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Business Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Fundamentals of Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, and courses in mathematical problem solving and quantitative reasoning including mathematics taken through career technical education programs. ~~Dual credit~~ Engineering courses and computer science courses aligned to the state standards for grades nine (9) through (12), including AP Computer Science and dual credit computer science courses may also be counted as a mathematics credit. Students who choose to take computer science ~~and dual credit~~ or engineering courses may not concurrently count such courses as both a mathematics and science credit for the same course. (4-6-23)( )

i. Students must complete secondary mathematics in the following areas: (3-15-22)

(1) Two (2) credits of Algebra I, Algebra I level equivalent Integrated Mathematics or courses that meet the High School Algebra Content Standards; (3-15-22)

(2) Two (2) credits of Geometry, Geometry level equivalent Integrated Mathematics, or courses that meet the Idaho High School Geometry Content Standards; and (3-15-22)

(3) Two (2) credits of mathematics of the student's choice. (3-15-22)

**ef.** Science. Six (6) credits are required, ~~two (2) of which will be laboratory based.~~ Four credits are required from at least two (2) of the four content areas: physics, chemistry, earth and space or life science. Two (2) credits in Secondary sciences may include instruction in applied sciences, physics, chemistry, earth and space sciences, physical sciences, life sciences, and or computer science. Engineering courses and computer science courses aligned to the state standards for grades nine (9) through (12), may also be counted as a science credit. (3-15-22)( )

~~i. Secondary sciences include instruction in the following areas: biology, computer science, physical science or chemistry, and earth, space, environment, or approved applied science.~~ (3-15-22)

**fg.** Social Studies. Five (5) credits are required, including government (two (2) credits), United States history (two (2) credits), and economics and financial literacy (one (1) credit). Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives, but are not to be counted as a social studies requirement. (4-6-23)

**gh.** ~~Humanities~~ Fine Arts or World Languages. Two (2) credits are required. ~~Humanities e~~ Courses include instruction in visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or world languages aligned to the Idaho content standards for those subjects. Other courses such as literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions may satisfy the humanities standards if the course is aligned to the Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards. (3-15-22)( )

**hi.** Health/Wellness. One (1) credit is required. Course must be aligned to the Idaho Health Content Standards. ~~Effective for all public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2015 or later, e~~ Each student shall receive a minimum of one (1) ~~class period~~ training 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. (3-15-22)( )

**ij.** Physical Education. 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 eighteen (18) weeks of a sport recognized by the local school district may choose to substitute participation up to one (1) credit of physical education. Students must show mastery of the Physical Education Content Standards in a format provided by the school district LEA. (3-15-22)( )

**k.** Digital Literacy. One (1) credit is required. The course must include instruction that aligns with Idaho Content Standards associated with leveraging technology, digital citizenship, and computational thinking which are imbedded in the Information and Communication Technology Content Standards, and with leveraging the impacts of computing, algorithms, and programming, which are embedded in the Computer Science Standards. This requirement will apply to any student graduating after January 1, 2028. ( )

**02.** **Content Standards.** Each student shall meet locally established subject area standards (using state content standards as minimum requirements) demonstrated through various measures of accountability including examinations or other measures. (3-15-22)

**03.** **Senior Project.** The senior project is a culminating project to show a student's ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information and communicate that knowledge and understanding. A student must complete a senior project by the end of grade twelve (12). Senior projects may be multi-year projects, group or individual projects, or approved pre-internship or school to work internship programs, at the discretion of the school district or charter school. The project must include elements of research, development of a thesis using experiential learning or integrated project based learning experiences and presentation of the project outcome. Additional requirements for a senior project are at the discretion of the local school district or LEA. Completion of a postsecondary certificate or degree at the time of high school graduation or an approved pre-internship or internship program may be used to meet this requirement. The senior project will last apply for the class of 2027, unless an LEA opts to early implement the future readiness project. (3-15-22)( )

**04.** **Future Readiness Project.** The future readiness project is a culminating project that demonstrates a student's application of college and career competencies and exploration of potential post high school options. All students beginning with the class of 2028 must complete a future readiness project by the end of grade twelve (12). The project must include an experiential component, such as a work-based, service-based, research-based, or portfolio-based component in which a student demonstrates the acquisition of Idaho college and career competencies. Experiences including, but not limited to apprenticeships, internships, volunteer work and extracurricular activities related to real-world skills acquisition will count toward this requirement. LEAs must determine how students will demonstrate the acquisition of college and career competencies and may require additional components. The State Department of Education will provide templates for LEAs and oversee the implementation of this provision. ( )

**05.** **Localized Pathways.** In order to assist students in structuring their secondary course selection electives, assessment, and supplemental activities, all LEAs shall develop and post publicly two or more localized pathways. Localized pathways are designed to inform students and parents/guardians of local opportunities aligned with post-secondary goals as identified in the student's career pathway plan. The State Department of Education shall support the implementation of this provision. This provision must be implemented by all LEAs no later than June 30, 2026. ( )

**046.** **Civics and Government Proficiency.** Pursuant to Section 33-1602, Idaho Code, each LEA may establish an alternate path for determining if a student has met the state civics and government content standards. Alternate paths are open to all students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12.) Any student who has been determined proficient in the state civics and government content standards either through the completion of the civics test or an alternate path shall have it noted on the student's high school transcript. (3-15-22)

**057.** **Middle School.** A student will have met the high school content and credit area requirement for any high school course if the requirements outlined in Subsections 105.06.a. through 105.06.c. of this rule are met. (3-15-22)

- a.** The student completes such course with a grade of C or higher before entering grade nine (9); (3-15-22)

b. The course meets the same content standards that are required in high school for the same course; (3-15-22)  
and

c. The course is taught by a teacher properly certified to teach high school content and who meets the federal definition of highly qualified for the course being taught. (3-15-22)

d. 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 will be transferred to the student's high school transcript. Notwithstanding this requirement, the student's parent or guardian shall be notified in advance when credits are going to be transcribed and may elect to not have the credits and grade transferred to the student's high school transcript. Courses taken in middle school appearing in the student's high school transcript, pursuant to this subsection, shall count for the purpose of high school graduation. However, the student must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects as identified in Subsections 105.01.c. through 105.01.h. except as provided in 105.01.d.iii. The transcribing high school is required to verify the course meets the requirements specified in Subsections 105.05.a. through 105.05.c. of this rule. (3-15-22)

**068. Special Education Students.** A student who is eligible for special education services under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act may, with the assistance of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, meet the graduation requirements through to the current Idaho Special Education Manual specifications. (3-15-22)

**079. Foreign Exchange Students.** A foreign exchange student may be eligible for graduation by completing a comparable program as approved by the LEA. (3-15-22)

**(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)**

**109. SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

~~01. Definitions.~~ The following definitions apply only to Section 109 of these rules. (3-15-22)

~~a. Adult Student.~~ A student who is eligible for special education, is eighteen (18) years of age or older and to whom special education rights have transferred. (3-15-22)

~~b. Due Process Hearing.~~ An administrative hearing that is conducted to resolve disputes. (3-15-22)

~~i. Regular due process hearing regarding issues on any matter related to identification, evaluation, placement, or the provision of a free appropriate public education.~~ (3-15-22)

~~ii. For disputes concerning discipline for which shortened time lines are in effect, an expedited due process hearing may be requested in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.~~ (3-15-22)

~~c. Education Agency.~~ Each school district and other public agency that is responsible for providing special education and related services to students with disabilities, including the Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. (3-15-22)

~~d. Idaho Special Education Manual.~~ Policies and procedures, as approved by the State Board of Education, that the State Department of Education is required to adopt to meet the eligibility requirements of 20 U.S.C, Section 1412 and are consistent with state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and legal requirements. (3-15-22)

~~e. Special Education.~~ Specially designed instruction as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or speech language pathology services to meet the unique needs of a special education student. (3-15-22)

~~02. Legal Compliance. The State Department of Education and education agencies shall comply with all laws governing special education requirements. (3-15-22)~~

~~a. The Board of Trustees or other comparable governing body of each education agency shall adopt policies and procedures for providing special education services and obtain approval from the State Department of Education for the same. Department approval shall be based on current governing special education requirements. Each education agency shall revise its policies and procedures as necessary to conform with changes in governing special education requirements. (3-15-22)~~

~~b. The State Department of Education shall provide education agencies with a sample set of policies and procedures that is consistent with governing special education requirements. The Department shall monitor all education agencies and private agencies who provide special education services to students with disabilities for compliance with governing special education requirements and adopted policies and procedures. (3-15-22)~~

~~c. Each education agency shall ensure that charter schools and alternative schools located in its jurisdiction have nondiscriminatory enrollment practices. Each education agency shall ensure the provision of special education and related services to eligible students enrolled in charter and alternative schools in accordance with governing special education requirements. (3-15-22)~~

~~d. Each education agency contracting with a private school or facility shall ensure that the private school or facility is approved by the State Department of Education to provide special education services. The Department may approve a private school or facility to provide special education services upon application to the Department if it: (3-15-22)~~

~~i. Is an accredited school or a licensed rehabilitation center; and (3-15-22)~~

~~ii. Meets minimum health, fire and safety standards; and (3-15-22)~~

~~iii. Is nonsectarian; and (3-15-22)~~

~~iv. Provides special education services consistent with governing special education requirements. (3-15-22)~~

~~v. Any private school or facility aggrieved by the Department's final decision may appeal that decision to the State Board of Education. (3-15-22)~~

~~e. Education agencies shall employ special education and related services professional personnel using certification standards approved by the State Board of Education or licensing standards adopted by the appropriate Idaho state licensing board. Education agencies shall employ individuals who meet the highest entry-level standard that applies to a specific discipline unless there is a shortage of fully qualified candidates for a specific position. If there is a shortage of fully qualified candidates, the education agency shall hire the most qualified individual available who is making satisfactory progress toward meeting the highest entry-level standard within three (3) years. (3-15-22)~~

~~f. Education agencies may employ paraprofessional personnel to assist in the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities if they meet standards established by the State Department of Education. (3-15-22)~~

~~g. Education agencies shall collect and report data as necessary to meet state and federal requirements concerning special education services, staff or students. Education agencies shall develop, implement and revise district improvement plans as necessary to improve results as measured by data on goals and indicators for the performance of special education students that are established by the State Department of Education in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (3-15-22)~~

~~h. Education agencies shall establish a team process to problem solve and plan general education interventions to ensure that referrals to special education are appropriate. (3-15-22)~~



~~**03. Eligibility for Special Education.** The State Department of Education shall provide state eligibility criteria for special education services for categorical eligibility consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Education agencies shall consider eligibility under all disability categories set forth in the Idaho Special Education Manual with the exception of developmental delay, which is an optional category. If an education agency elects to use the developmental delay category, it shall consider developmental delay for students ages three (3) through nine (9) using the eligibility criteria adopted by the Department and set forth in the Idaho Special Education Manual. The total timeline from the date of receipt of written parental consent for an initial evaluation to the date of determination of eligibility for special education and related services must not exceed sixty (60) calendar days, excluding periods when regular school is not in session for five (5) or more consecutive school days, unless all parties agree to an extension. (3-15-22)~~

~~**04. Individualized Education Programs.** Each education agency shall develop an individualized education program (IEP) for each student who is eligible for special education. The IEP shall be implemented as soon as possible after it is developed. The total timeline from the determination that the student needs special education and related services to the date of implementation of the initial IEP shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days. A new IEP shall be developed at least annually, on or before the date the previous IEP was developed. (3-15-22)~~

~~**a.** IEP team meetings shall be convened upon reasonable request of any IEP team member at times other than the annual review. If the education agency refuses to convene an IEP team meeting requested by a parent or adult student, the agency shall provide written notice of the refusal. (3-15-22)~~

~~**b.** Education agencies shall document the attendance of all participants at each IEP team meeting. Any participant who does not agree with an IEP team decision regarding a student's educational program may place a minority report in that student's file. A minority report shall not prevent implementation of an IEP team decision. (3-15-22)~~

~~**c.** The IEP team shall determine the student's placement in the least restrictive environment. (3-15-22)~~

~~**d.** At the discretion of the education agency, an individualized family service plan (IFSP) may be used in place of an IEP if: (3-15-22)~~

~~**i.** The child is ages three (3) through five (5), and (3-15-22)~~

~~**ii.** The child's parents are provided with a detailed explanation of the differences between an IFSP and an IEP, and (3-15-22)~~

~~**iii.** The child's parents provide written consent to use the IFSP, and (3-15-22)~~

~~**iv.** The IFSP is developed in accordance with IDEA Part B policies and procedures. (3-15-22)~~

~~**v.** Nothing in this part requires education agencies to develop IFSPs rather than IEPs for three (3) through five (5) year old nor to implement more than the educational components of the IFSP. (3-15-22)~~

~~**e.** When a student who has been determined eligible for special education, as indicated by a current IEP, transfers from one (1) Idaho education agency to another, the student is entitled to continue to receive special education services. The receiving education agency may accept and implement the existing IEP or may convene an IEP team meeting to develop a new IEP. If a new IEP cannot be developed within five (5) school days, or if the education agency wishes to re-evaluate the child, an interim (short-term) IEP shall be implemented pending development of the standard IEP. (3-15-22)~~

~~**f.** If a student who is eligible for special education in another state transfers to an Idaho education agency, the Idaho education agency shall request a copy of the student's most recent eligibility documentation and IEP within two (2) school days. Within five (5) school days of receipt of the eligibility documentation and IEP, the Idaho education agency shall determine if it will adopt the existing eligibility documentation and IEP. If the education agency disagrees with the existing eligibility documentation, or if the documentation is not available within a reasonable time period, consent for an initial assessment shall be sought. While the assessment and evaluation is in~~

~~process, the education agency may implement an interim IEP if the parent or adult student agrees. If the parent or adult student does not agree to an interim IEP, the student shall be placed in general education. (3-15-22)~~

~~**05. Procedural Safeguards.** Education agencies will use appropriate procedural safeguards consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (3-15-22)~~

~~**a.** If a parent or adult student disagrees with an individualized education program (IEP) team's proposed IEP for the student, the parent or adult student may file a written objection to all or parts of the proposed IEP. If the written objection is emailed, postmarked or hand delivered within ten (10) calendar days of the date the parent or adult student receives written notice of the proposed IEP, the proposed change cannot be implemented for fifteen (15) calendar days, or as extended through mutual agreement by the district and the parent or adult student while the parties work to resolve the dispute. Parties may choose to hold additional IEP team meetings which may be facilitated by the State Department of Education (SDE) or request voluntary mediation through the SDE. If these methods fail or are refused, the proposed IEP shall be implemented after fifteen (15) calendar days unless a due process hearing is filed by the parents or adult student, during which time the student shall remain in the current educational placement during the pendency of any administrative or judicial proceeding, unless the district/adult student agree otherwise. The written objection cannot be used to prevent the education agency from placing a student in an interim alternative educational setting in accordance with IDEA discipline procedures, or to challenge an eligibility/identification determination. (3-15-22)~~

~~**b.** Mediation may be requested by an education agency, parent, or adult student, or offered by the State Department of Education at any time. The Department shall screen all such requests to determine appropriateness. Any time a hearing is requested, the Department shall offer mediation using policies and requirements set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations. If the Department appoints a mediator, the Department shall be responsible for compensating the mediator. All mediation participants will receive a copy of the Notification of Mediation Confidentiality form. Attorney fees may not be awarded for a mediation that is conducted prior to a request for a due process hearing. (3-15-22)~~

~~**c.** The State Department of Education shall administer a single tiered due process hearing system to resolve disputes between education agencies and parents or adult students. When a due process hearing is requested, the superintendent, special education director, or other agency administrator shall inform the agency's board of trustees or other governing body of the request. The education agency shall immediately notify the Department's Director of Special Education of any request for a due process hearing. Within ten (10) calendar days of a written request for a regular hearing, or within five (5) business days of a written request for an expedited hearing, an impartial hearing officer shall be assigned by the Department. The Department shall maintain a list of trained hearing officers and their qualifications. (3-15-22)~~

~~**d.** The education agency that is a party to the hearing shall be responsible for compensating the hearing officer and paying for the cost of a verbatim transcript of the hearing. (3-15-22)~~

~~**e.** Due process hearings shall be conducted pursuant to IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General," Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requirements, and the Idaho Special Education Manual, incorporated by reference in Section 004 of this rule. In case of any conflict between the IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General" and the IDEA, the IDEA shall supersede the IDAPA 04.11.01, and IDAPA 04.11.01 shall supersede the Idaho Special Education Manual. (3-15-22)~~

~~**f.** The hearing officer shall issue a written decision that includes findings of fact and conclusions of law within forty five (45) calendar days of the date a regular hearing is requested, unless a specific extension of this time line is requested by one (1) of the parties and granted by the hearing officer. The hearing officer shall issue a written decision that includes findings of fact and conclusions of law within twenty (20) calendar days of a written request for an expedited hearing, unless a specific extension of this time line has been granted. An extension of the time line for an expedited hearing shall not exceed an additional twenty five (25) calendar days, and may be granted only if requested by one (1) of the parties and agreed to by both parties. The decision shall be sent to the parent or adult student, the education agency administrator, their respective representatives, and the State Department of Education. (3-15-22)~~

~~g.~~ The hearing officer's decision shall be binding unless either party appeals the decision by initiating a civil action. The hearing officer's decision shall be implemented not later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of issuance unless an appeal is filed by a parent or adult student or the decision specifies a different implementation date. An appeal to civil court must be filed within forty-two (42) calendar days from the date of issuance of the hearing officer's decision. (3-15-22)

~~h.~~ During the hearing the education agency shall provide reasonable accommodations as required by federal and state regulations. Disputes concerning reasonable accommodations shall be referred to the U.S. Department of Education's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee for resolution. (3-15-22)

~~i.~~ During the pendency of any due process hearing or civil appeal the child's educational placement shall be determined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act "stay put" requirements. (3-15-22)

~~j.~~ A parent or adult student has the right to an independent educational evaluation (IEE) at public expense if the parent or adult student disagrees with an evaluation obtained by the education agency. Whenever an IEE is at public expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, shall be the same as the criteria the education agency uses when it initiates an evaluation, to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent or adult student's right to an IEE. If an education agency has cost as one (1) of the criteria the education agency uses when it initiates an evaluation, the education agency may apply that criteria to independent educational evaluations. However, the parent or adult student has the right to demonstrate that unique circumstances justify an IEE that falls outside the education agency's cost criteria, and if so demonstrated, that IEE shall be publicly funded. A due process hearing may be initiated by the education agency to determine if the evaluation conducted by the education agency is appropriate. If the final decision of a hearing officer, or civil court, if the hearing officer's decision is appealed, is that the evaluation conducted by the education agency is appropriate, the parent or adult student still has the right to an independent educational evaluation, but not at the education agency's expense. (3-15-22)

~~k.~~ Student records shall be managed in accordance with IDEA and Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act regulations governing security, confidentiality, access, maintenance, destruction, inspection and amendment. (3-15-22)

**06. Assistive Technology Devices.** Education agencies may hold a parent liable for the replacement or repair of an assistive technology device that is purchased or otherwise procured by the education agency if it is lost, stolen, or damaged due to negligence or misuse at home or in another setting outside of school time. (3-15-22)

**07. Diplomas and Graduation.** School districts shall use a regular diploma for students who are eligible for special education at the completion of their secondary program. The transcript serves as a record of individual accomplishments, achievements, and courses completed. A modified or differentiated diploma or certificate may not be used for students who are eligible for special education unless the same diploma or certificate is granted to students without disabilities. If a student is not granted a regular high school diploma or if a regular high school diploma is granted for completing requirements that are not comparable to regular graduation requirements, a student who is eligible for special education is entitled to receive a free appropriate public education through the semester in which the student turns twenty-one (21) years of age or until the student completes requirements that are comparable to regular graduation requirements, whichever comes first. (3-15-22)

**08. Special Education Advisory Panel.** The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint members to serve on the Special Education Advisory Panel. Panel members shall elect annually an individual to serve a one (1) year term as vice chair followed by a one (1) year term as chair. (3-15-22)

**109. (RESERVED)**