

**Alternative Credit Options for Graduation**

In addition to regular classroom-based instruction, students may earn credit through the following means.

**Virtual/Online Courses**

Students in grades 7-12 may register with agencies approved by the State Department of Education, such as the Idaho Digital Learning Academy upon recommendation from the school counselor or administrator. Credit from an online or virtual course may be earned only in the following circumstances:

1. The course is not offered at the high school;
2. Although the course is offered at the high school, the student will not be able to take it due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict;
3. The course will serve as a supplement to extend homebound instruction;
4. The student has been expelled from the regular school setting, but educational services are to be continued; or
5. The principal, with agreement from the student's teachers and parents/guardians, determined the student requires a differentiated or accelerated learning environment;
6. Unless otherwise approved by the principal/designee, students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District and take the courses during the regular school day at the school site.
7. The school must receive an official record of the final grade before credits earned for coursework completed through virtual or online instruction will be recognized.

As determined by school policy, students applying for permission to take a virtual course shall complete prerequisites and provide teacher/counselor recommendations to confirm the student possesses the maturity level needed to function effectively in an online learning environment. In addition, the express approval of the principal/designee shall be obtained before a student enrolls in a virtual course.

**Correspondence Courses**

The District will permit a student to enroll in an approved correspondence course from an institution approved by the State Department of Education, in order that such a student may include a greater variety of learning experiences within the student's educational program.

High school students may earn, through correspondence, a maximum of 6 (six)\_ units of academic credit to be applied toward graduation requirements.

**Alternative Graduation**

Only courses offered by institutions recognized by the Board will be accepted. The express approval of the Principal shall be obtained before the course is taken.

Credit for correspondence courses may be granted provided the following requirements are met:

1. prior permission has been granted by the principal; and
2. the program fits the education plan submitted by the regularly enrolled student;

An official record of the final grade must be received by the school before a diploma may be issued to the student.

Legal Source: I.C. §33-5501, et seq. Idaho Digital Learning Academy  
Idaho Code 33-5501 et seq.

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