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Teachers, school districts can connect at SDE career fairs in Nampa, Twin Falls

(BOISE) – Want to teach in Idaho? Upcoming Educator Career Fairs in Nampa and Twin Falls this week and next each offer a one-stop opportunity to meet with prospective employers from more than a dozen Idaho school districts and charter schools.

The State Department of Education offers the career fairs for free to districts and to teachers, aiming to help fill Idaho teaching vacancies and keep promising educators in Idaho. About 15 Idaho school districts and charter schools are expected to turn out for each of the upcoming events.

In Nampa, the Educator Career Fair is set from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Hampton Inn & Suites at the Idaho Center, 5750 E. Franklin Road.

The Twin Falls Educator Career Fair, also from 4 to 6 p.m., is set for Tuesday, May 1, at the Red Lion Hotel Twin Falls, 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Recent graduates from education bachelor's degree programs, professionals in other fields seeking a career change, education majors within a year of graduation and holders of Idaho teaching certificates all are invited to attend.

"If they're interested in becoming an educator, we want them to come," said Lisa Colon Durham, director of certification and professional standards for the SDE. "And it's a great opportunity for us to provide support to districts for recruiting teachers."

The Educator Career Fair, now in its fourth year, also provides a resource for Idaho teacher-education programs aiming to place their graduates, she said. This year's first career fair outing was held April 11 in Coeur d'Alene, and the program aims to serve schools and prospective teachers throughout the state.

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