Advanced Opportunities

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# Fast Forward

Students in grades 7-12 attending public school in Idaho have an allocation of $4,125 to use towards the cost of Overload Courses, Dual Credits, and Exams.

Overload courses: Fast Forward dollars can be used to pay for overload courses. These are high school classes that are over 12 credits per school year and taken outside of the regular school day. Students can utilize up to $225 per course toward such classes.

Exams: Students can use Fast Forward funds to cover the full cost of the following exams: Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Professional Certification.

Dual Credit Tuition: Dual credit courses are courses that are transcribed on both a student’s high school and college transcript. Through the Fast Forward program, students can request up to $75 per credit for such courses, although in most cases the cost of these credits is $65. Students using funds for more than 15 credits must meet with an advisor to discuss how credits will translate into their post high school goals.

Early Graduation: Early Graduation scholarships are available to students who graduate from high school at least one year early. This scholarship is roughly $1,500 for every year skipped and can be used at any Idaho public post-secondary institution.

Challenging courses: School districts may have options for students to receive high school credit by testing out of a course. These tests represent mastery of a course subject. Contact your local school district for a list of available challenge exams.

# How do I sign up?

Create a Fast Forward account at advancedops.sde.idaho.gov to track account balance and request funding. Contact your school’s Advanced Opportunities designee to learn about local guidelines for funding requests. Note: account verification and funding approvals are done by your school district.

# Contact information:

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