

Policy -- 2162

Instruction

Idaho Digital Learning Academy

The board understands that advances in technology will open new doors for students with respect to engaging in distance learning opportunities. One such opportunity, the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), provides instruction in numerous disciplines to students all over the state. The purpose of the academy is to provide quality, accredited instruction for students who need classes that are not available in their community, students who need to retake classes not available during the school hour needed, or students who need to take classes outside the school; e.g., from home.

Inasmuch as the Idaho legislature mandated that classes taken from the IDLA must be in part paid for by fees, a fee structure was set up by the state to cover the cost of a credit and the cost for processing/registering. The district should reimburse students the cost of credit and registration for those students who are eligible and who successfully complete the course. The district may assist economically disadvantaged students in the procurement of scholarships for IDLA courses. Students not eligible for reimbursement should pay for the cost of credit and registration.

Students who are eligible for reimbursement of costs upon successful completion of the course(s) are:

1. Homebound students living in remote areas.
2. Medically fragile students or those who have an extended illness requiring them to stay at home.
3. Students removed from the school for disciplinary reasons.
4. Home school students.
5. Any student taking an IDLA course that is not offered within the regular curriculum as part of their normal school day.

Students who are not eligible for reimbursement of costs upon successful completion of the course(s) are:

1. Any student enrolled for more than seven periods.
2. Students who want more than seven credits in a semester in order to graduate early.
3. Any student who in the judgment of the principal is taking an IDLA course in lieu of taking a McCall-Donnelly High School course that would fit into the student's daily schedule.
4. Any student taking the IDLA course during summer school.
5. Any student who drops out of the course after the drop period ends, or who fails the course for lack of attendance or lack of effort: e.g., assignments not completed, tests not taken, little preparation.

Students who take IDLA courses must be able to show they have an off campus computer with internet access.

The IDLA will translate a student's performance into a percentage score and send it to the district to be placed on the student's transcript. The percentage score will be converted to a letter grade according to the McCall-Donnelly High School grading scale; i.e., A=90-100%, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=60-69%, and F=less than 60%.

The district will be responsible to establish a point of contact for IDLA, register students, transcript grades, proctor exams, and collect and pay student fees to IDLA.

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