

### **ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES FOR 8 IN 6 PROGRAM**

The Idaho State Legislature has put into place an opportunity for students to earn high school credit through advanced opportunity known as the 8 in 6 program. The purpose of this program is to identify those students who are taking courses in grades 7 through 12 at an accelerated rate and provide them with an incentive to participate in dual credit for early completers pursuant to the provisions of Section 33 – 1626, Idaho Code. The program will provide funding so that a portion of the summer online courses and online overload courses taken by such students where a majority of instruction is delivered electronically will be paid for by the State Department of Education. Also, courses are non-sectarian in nature and offered by an Idaho public education provider or provider is accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission/AdvancED. Idaho Digital Learning Academy courses are eligible for 8-in-6 reimbursement.

#### **DEFINITION OF 8 IN 6**

The 8 in 6 program is designed to help students complete 8 years of school work (2 years of middle school, 4 years of high school, and 2 years of postsecondary or trade school) in just 6 years. Students accomplish this by taking online courses over the summer and by taking online courses during the school year. It is important to note that 8 in 6 does not reduce the amount of time spent in the classroom; it simply increases learning time throughout the year.

Online Summer Courses – Courses offered electronically during the summer where 50% of course uses some form of electronic delivery.

Online Overload Courses – Courses offered electronically outside the regular master schedule of classes in a day. (Block and/or traditional 7 period day)

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH 8-IN-6: PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Fully understand and agree to program requirements prior to participating
- Alert school/district of interest in participating
- Review and sign assurance form
- Identify district 8 in 6 course payment method ( district reimburse parent or district to pay directly)
- Individual Course costs exceeding the Idaho State Department of Education reimbursement of \$225 are the responsibility of the student/parent.
- Inform district of enrollment in eligible 8 in 6 course (majority delivered electronically, offered by an Idaho public provider or accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission or other recognized entity)
  - Student – maintain good program standing
  - Complete at least one online summer or online overload course per year

- Student has a full course load of at least fourteen (14) credits per school year to participate
- Earn a “C” or better in 8 in 6 courses
- Complete at least one dual credit or professional-technical course during eleventh or twelfth grade
- Complete the required form to officially withdraw from the program

### **COMPLIANCE WITH 8-IN-6: DISTRICT AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Make reasonable efforts to ensure interested students understand program requirements
    - Successful participants are independent learners, will follow through, have successfully completed online courses.
  - In order to meet the criteria established in code to limit 8 in 6 participation to not exceed 10% in each grade level the Board of Trustees has established the following criteria for students wishing to participate: Example of Independent Learners may include but not necessarily limited to:
    - Students who have completed at least one (1) online course with a grade of 80% or greater (i.e. Idaho Digital Learning Academy)
    - Grade Point Average of 3.0 or greater
    - Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)/Smarter Balance Assessments Consortium score of proficient or greater
    - Recommendation from a teacher or administrator
- End of Course Assessment results
- Identify method of course payment and inform parent
    - District to pay cost of course (recommended)
    - Parent/student to pay cost, district reimburse parent/student
  - Retain required assurance form signed by parent and student
  - Identify student as 8 in 6 participant in Idaho System for Educational Excellence

### **LEGAL REFERENCE**

Section 33-1628 Idaho Code

#### Policy History:

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