

We prepare Idaho's youth and adults for high-skill, in-demand careers.

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Career & Technical
Education



The Right Path, for the Right Student, in the Right Program

Connecting High School CTE Students with
Postsecondary Education and Industry in Idaho



What are Advanced Opportunities in CTE?

- Advanced Opportunities allow Idaho students to receive college credit for the skills gained in high school career & technical education classes.
- Within Career & Technical Education, students have access to two primary opportunities: **Dual Credit** and **Technical Competency Credit (TCC)**.
- These credits are affordable, can save thousands of dollars in tuition and are designed to allow all students in all areas of Idaho access to CTE programs that are the right path and fit for the student.

Advanced Opportunities: Dual Credit

- Dual credit is a collaborative partnership between the college/university and high school(s) to provide college courses for high school students.
- Credits are earned simultaneously at high school and college and count for both high school and college graduation.
- Students generally attend the course at their high school but may travel to a college campus (this is sometimes referred to as “concurrent enrollment”).
- Some dual credit courses are also offered through Idaho Digital Learning.
- Dual Credit is Fast Forward eligible.*

** Fast Forward - “Students attending public school in Idaho will be eligible for \$4,125.00 to use towards overload courses, dual credits, college credit-bearing examinations and professional certification examinations.” (Idaho Code 33-4602)*

Why Dual Credit?

Benefits

- Reduced cost, \$65 per credit & Fast Forward eligible
- College credit while in high school
- Builds understanding of the expectations of college level work
- Provides students the opportunity to experience college classes and earn college credits while still in high school

**Grades impact Standard Academic Progress at each institution as well as financial aid eligibility once a student transitions to the college/university.*

Cautions / Considerations

- All grades (including D, F, Withdraw) will be on permanent college transcript *
- All college policies must be followed, including late work
- Student's responsibility to be aware of college requirements in terms of applications, multiple transcripts, fees and course drop dates for financial or academic reasons
- Credits may or may not apply to desired college major/program or a college outside of Idaho
- Not all high school coursework is offered as dual credit

Advanced Opportunities: Technical Competency Credit

- Technical Competency Credit is college credit awarded for demonstrated technical skills.
- High school students develop a series of skills throughout their CTE pathway program. These skills are recorded through [Idaho SkillStack®](#).
- Prior to earning credit, students may be required to test on competencies at a college campus.
- Fees are paid when students choose to transcribe credit after they enroll at a postsecondary institution; must be within two years of program completion, but allows flexibility on when to transcribe credits.
- Not Fast Forward eligible, but \$10 per credit; reduced affordable amount.

Why Technical Competency Credit?

Benefits

- Allows all Idaho pathway programs the opportunity to provide college credit for students statewide
- Students can evaluate their progress over time through the SkillStack® system
- Students have the choice to transcribe credit if needed for future postsecondary plans
- Students develop a portfolio of skills and competencies that align with the needs of employers and postsecondary institutions

Cautions /Considerations

- Credits may not apply to desired major or program, if outside of CTE and secondary program
- College credits will not be transcribed until TCC requirements are met
- Credits are transcribed as Pass/Fail only; institutions may interpret Pass/Fail differently for GPA.

SkillStack®:

Idaho's Skill-based Learning System

- SkillStack® is Idaho's system for tracking skill-based learning, developed by Idaho Career & Technical Education.
- Digital Badging (or micro-credentialing) is becoming a global trend to help close the skills gap and to enhance the traditional college transcript.
- Through SkillStack®, students can earn badges, educators can validate skills and businesses can search for qualified talent.
- The badges that are awarded were developed with industry input and are validated only by properly credentialed educators.

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Idaho SkillStack® Can Assist Students with Two Key Goals:

- Assist with the articulation of credit from high school career & technical education programs into Idaho's colleges and universities
- Document, assess, and validate student skills utilizing industry and pathway-defined standards. Idaho employers are also better able to match candidates with required job duties
- Video: <https://skillstack.idaho.gov/>



Rest Assured...

- Advanced Opportunities provides all Idaho high school students with a range of options to receive college credit for the skills gained in their career & technical education classes.
- Regardless of the option, these credits are designed to allow all students in all areas of Idaho access to CTE programs.
- We are committed to finding **The Right Path, for the Right Student, in the Right Program.**

For more information, contact one of our regional Transition Coordinators:

<https://cte.idaho.gov/students/transition-to-college-career/>