Nonpublic Advanced Opportunities Program Update

Dear Idaho School Leaders,

The Idaho Department of Education has experienced an increase in requests for reimbursement through the Nonpublic Advanced Opportunities Program during the current school year.

We are pleased to share that the Department can reallocate funds within its existing budget to fully reimburse all eligible requests received for the 2025–26 school year. Students who participated in approved Advanced Opportunities coursework or examinations this year will not be affected by the increased demand.

As you begin planning for the 2026–27 school year, we also want to provide advance notice of a change that may affect future reimbursements. We recognize that many of your students rely on this program to access college-level coursework and examinations, and we wanted to share this information as early as possible so your schools and families have time to plan.

As part of statewide budget reductions, the appropriation for the Nonpublic Advanced Opportunities Program has been reduced. While we will continue to administer the program and maximize available funding, the reduced appropriation may limit the Department's ability to reimburse all eligible requests at the same level as in previous years.

To ensure available funds are distributed as fairly as possible, reimbursement requests will be prioritized as follows:

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- Course requests provided by an Idaho public institution
- Course requests provided by an Idaho nonpublic institution
- Exam fees
- Out-of-district fees for courses provided by an Idaho public

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- Course requests provided by an out-of-state college

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Please note:

- Reimbursement will not exceed the $2,500 per-student program allowance.
- Multiple reimbursement requests submitted for the same student within a single funding request window will be considered only after all first-time requests have been fully funded.
- Funding requests will be prioritized in the order they are received for the applicable term.

We encourage you to share this information with participating families as they plan for Advanced Opportunities coursework, examinations, and related expenses during the 2026–27 school year. Providing this notice now will help families make informed decisions before the school year begins.

The Department will share additional guidance as funding availability and program procedures for the upcoming school year are finalized.

Thank you for your partnership and for the important role you play in supporting Idaho students as they pursue advanced learning opportunities.

Sincerely,



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