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**SUBJECT**

Proposed Rule – Docket 08-0203-1803 - High School Graduation Requirements

**REFERENCE**

August 31, 2017	Board approved proposed rules amending the senior project graduation requirements allowing students who participate in an internship or earn and associated degree or certificate at the time of graduation to use this to meet the senior project requirement and defined diploma to include language clarify that school districts may provide endorsement or designations on the diploma to indicate the student completed a emphasis area such as CTE, STEM, or Arts pathway.
November 15, 2017	Board approved both pending rules
April 19, 2018	Board approved a temporary rule, Docket 08-0203-1801, expanding the exemptions to the High School Graduation Requirements to include the exemption established in SB 1267a (2018)
August 15, 2018	Board discussed possible changes to IDAPA 08.02.03.105 High School Graduation Requirements as part of the Work Session

**APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

Idaho Administrative Code, IDAPA 08.02.03.105, Rules Governing Thoroughness – High School Graduation Requirements  
Section 33-523, Idaho Code, STEM Di ploma

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 2: Educational Attainment; Objective A: Higher Level of Education Attainment

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The proposed amendments to IDAPA 08.02.03 will incorporate changes approved by the Board at the April 2018 Regular Board meeting required by Section 33-523, Idaho and suggested amendments identified during the negotiated rulemaking process with stakeholders and the Board's discussion at the August Regular Board meeting during the Work Session.

Section 33-523, Idaho Code, exempts students who complete eight or more credits in mathematics and have completed Algebra II or higher-level mathematics prior to the student's senior year from taking a mathematics class during the student's senior year.

Additional amendments include:

- Updating the reference to Algebra to add integrated math to be consistent with integrated math offerings by school districts and charter schools.

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- Removing restrictions on computer science courses to also allow for computer science courses aligned to the Idaho Computer Science Content Standards at the high school level
- Expand on the senior project to provide clarity on the intent of the senior project

**IMPACT**

Approval of the proposed rule will allow the rule to be published in the Administrative Bulletin, at which time the 21-day public comment period will start.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Proposed Rule Docket 08-0203-1803, Rules Governing Thoroughness, High School Graduation Requirements Page 3

**STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Administrative rules are made up of three types of rules. Temporary rules, proposed rules and pending rules. Temporary and proposed rules may be promulgated jointly with a single docket number or temporary rules may be promulgated as a stand alone rule. In order to meet the new requirements of Section 33-523, Idaho Code, a stand alone temporary rule was approved by the Board at the April 2018 Regular Board meeting. This allowed Board staff to initiate the negotiated rulemaking process prior to bringing forward a proposed rule for the Board's consideration. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules was published in the July 4, 2018 (Vol 18-7) Idaho Administrative Rules Bulletin. Staff received no requests to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process and no additional comments regarding the provisions in the Temporary Rule.

Proposed rules approved by the Board are published in the Idaho Administrative Rules Bulletin. Following publication there is a 21 day comment period. Based on received comments and Board direction, changes may be made to proposed rules prior to entering the pending stage. Pending rules are then brought back to the Board for consideration. Once approved, pending rules will be submitted to the Department of Administration for publication in the Idaho Administrative Rules Bulletin and are then forwarded to the legislature for consideration. Pending rules become effective at the end of the legislative session in which they are submitted, if they are not rejected by the legislature.

Staff recommends approval.

**BOARD ACTION**

I move to approve docket number 08-0203-1803, Rules Governing Thoroughness, high school graduation requirements, as submitted in Attachment 1.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Carried Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDAPA 08.02.03**  
**Rules Governing Thoroughness**

*(Break in Continuity of Sections)*

**104. OTHER REQUIRED INSTRUCTION.**

Other required instruction for all students and other required offerings of the school are: (4-1-97)

**01. Elementary Schools.** (4-11-06)

**a.** The following section outlines other information required for all elementary students, as well as other required offerings of the school:

Fine Arts (art and music)  
Health (wellness)  
Physical Education (fitness) (4-11-06)

**b.** Additional instructional options as determined by the local school district. For example:  
Languages other than English  
Career Awareness (4-1-97)

**02. Middle Schools/Junior High Schools.** (4-11-06)

**a.** No later than the end of Grade eight (8) each student shall develop parent-approved student learning plans for their high school and post-high school options. The learning plan shall be developed by students with the assistance of parents or guardians, and with advice and recommendation from school personnel. It shall be reviewed annually and may be revised at any time. The purpose of a parent-approved student learning plan is to outline a course of study and learning activities for students to become contributing members of society. A student learning plan describes, at a minimum, the list of courses and learning activities in which the student will engage while working toward meeting the state and school district's or LEA's graduation standards in preparation for postsecondary goals. The school district or LEA will have met its obligation for parental involvement if it makes a good faith effort to notify the parent or guardian of the responsibility for the development and approval of the learning plan. A learning plan will not be required if the parent or guardian requests, in writing, that no learning plan be developed. (3-28-18)

**b.** A student must have ~~taken pre-algebra~~ met the grade eight (8) mathematics standards before the student will be permitted to enter grade nine (9). (3-12-14)

**c.** Other required instruction for all middle school students:  
Health (wellness)  
Physical Education (fitness) (4-11-06)

**d.** Other required offerings of the school:  
Family and Consumer Science  
Fine ~~&~~ and Performing Arts  
Career Technical Education  
Advisory Period (middle school only, encouraged in junior high school) (4-11-06)

**03. High Schools.** (4-11-15)

**a.** High schools must offer a wide variety of courses to satisfy state and local graduation requirements. High schools are required to provide instructional offerings in Physical Education (fitness) and Career Technical Education and the instruction necessary to assure students are college and career ready at the time of graduation. (3-28-18)

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b. High schools will annually review and update with the student the parent-approved student learning plans outlined in Subsection 104.02.a.. (4-11-15)

**105. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.**

A student must meet all of the requirements identified in this section before the student will be eligible to graduate from an Idaho high school. The local school district or LEA may establish graduation requirements beyond the state minimum. (5-8-09)

**01. Credit Requirements.** The State minimum graduation requirement for all Idaho public high schools is forty-six (46) credits and must include twenty-nine (29) credits in core subjects as identified in Paragraphs 105.01.c. through 105.01.i. (3-12-14)

a. Credits. (Effective for all students who enter the ninth grade in the fall of 2010 or later.) One (1) credit shall equal sixty (60) hours of total instruction. School districts or LEA's may request a waiver from this provision by submitting a letter to the State Department of Education for approval, signed by the superintendent and chair of the board of trustees of the district or LEA. The waiver request shall provide information and documentation that substantiates the school district or LEA's reason for not requiring sixty (60) hours of total instruction per credit. (3-29-10)

b. Mastery. Notwithstanding the credit definition of Subsection 105.01.a., a student may also achieve credits by demonstrating mastery of a subject's content standards as defined and approved by the local school district or LEA. (3-29-17)

c. Secondary Language Arts and Communication. Nine (9) credits are required. Eight (8) credits of instruction in Language Arts. Each year of Language Arts shall consist of language study, composition, and literature and be aligned to the Idaho Content Standards for the appropriate grade level. One (1) credit of instruction in communications consisting of oral communication and technological applications that includes a course in speech, a course in debate, or a sequence of instructional activities that meet the Idaho Speech Content Standards requirements. (3-29-10)

d. Mathematics. Six (6) credits are required. Secondary mathematics includes Integrated Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Business Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Fundamentals of Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, and courses in mathematical problem solving and quantitative reasoning. Dual Credit Engineering and computer science courses aligned to the state standards for grades nine (9) through (12), including AP Computer Science, and Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering courses may also be counted as a mathematics credit if the student has completed Algebra II (or equivalent integrated mathematics) standards. Students who choose to take AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering courses may not concurrently count such courses as both a mathematics and science credit. (4-19-18)F( )

i. Students must complete secondary mathematics in the following areas: (3-12-14)

(1) Two (2) credits of Algebra I, Algebra I level equivalent Integrated Mathematics or courses that meet the ~~Idaho Algebra I~~ High School Algebra Content Standards as approved by the State Department of Education; (3-29-10)

(2) Two (2) credits of Geometry or courses that meet the Idaho Geometry Content Standards as approved by the State Department of Education; and (3-29-10)

(3) Two (2) credits of mathematics of the student's choice. (3-29-10)

ii. Two (2) credits of the required six (6) credits of mathematics must be taken in the last year of high school in which the student intends to graduate. For the purposes of this subsection, the last year of high school shall include the summer preceding the fall start of classes. Students who return to school during the summer or the following fall of the next year for less than a full schedule of courses due to failing to pass a course other than

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mathematics are not required to retake a mathematics course as long as they have earned six (6) credits of high school level mathematics. (4-19-18)F( )

iii. Students who have completed six (6) or more high school credits of mathematics prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or higher level course, are exempt from taking mathematics during their last year of high school. High School mathematics credits completed in middle school shall count for the purposes of this section. (4-19-18)F( )

iv. Students who earn eight (8) or more high school credits of mathematics that include Algebra II or a higher level mathematics class before the student's senior year are not required to take mathematics during their last year of high school. High school mathematics credits earned in middle school shall count for the purposes of this section. ( )

e. Science. Six (6) credits are required, four (4) of which will be laboratory based. Secondary sciences include instruction in applied sciences, earth and space sciences, physical sciences, and life sciences.

i. Up to two (2) credits in Dual Credit Engineering and computer science courses aligned to the state standards for grades nine (9) through (12), including AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering may be used as science credits. Students who choose to take AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, computer science, and Dual Credit Engineering may not concurrently count such courses as both a mathematics and science credit. (4-19-18)F( )

ii. Secondary sciences include instruction in the following areas: biology, physical science or chemistry, and earth, space, environment, or approved applied science. Four (4) credits of these courses must be laboratory based. (3-29-10)

f. Social Studies. Five (5) credits are required, including government (two (2) credits), United States history (two (2) credits), and economics (one (1) credit). Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology, and world history may be offered as electives, but are not to be counted as a social studies requirement. (3-29-10)

g. Humanities. Two (2) credits are required. Humanities courses include instruction in visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or world language aligned to the Idaho content standards for those subjects. Other courses such as literature, history, philosophy, architecture, or comparative world religions may satisfy the humanities standards if the course is aligned to the Interdisciplinary Humanities Content Standards. (3-28-18)

h. Health/Wellness. One (1) credit is required. Course must be aligned to the Idaho Health Content Standards. Effective for all public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2015 or later, each student shall receive a minimum of one (1) class period on psychomotor cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training as outlined in the American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR to include the proper utilization of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) as part of the Health/Wellness course. (3-12-14)

i. Students participating in one (1) season in any sport recognized by the Idaho High School Activities Association or club sport recognized by the local school district, or eighteen (18) weeks of a sport recognized by the local school district may choose to substitute participation up to one (1) credit of physical education. Students must show mastery of the Physical Education Content Standards in a format provided by the school district. (3-28-18)

**02. Content Standards.** Each student shall meet locally established subject area standards (using state content standards as minimum requirements) demonstrated through various measures of accountability including examinations or other measures. (3-29-10)

**03. College Entrance Examination.** (Effective for all public school students who enter grade nine (9) in Fall 2012 or later.) (3-12-14)

a. A student must take one (1) of the following college entrance examinations before the end of the student's eleventh grade year: SAT or ACT. Students who participated in the Compass assessment prior to its final

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administration may also use the Compass to meet this requirement. Students receiving special education services through a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) may utilize the ACCUPLACER placement exam in lieu of the SAT or ACT. (3-28-18)

**b.** A student who misses the statewide administration of the college exam during the student's grade eleven (11) for one (1) of the following reasons, may take the examination during their grade twelve (12) to meet this requirement: (3-25-16)

i. Transferred to an Idaho school district during grade eleven (11) and has not previously participated in one of the allowed college entrance exams outlined in Subsection 03.a; (3-28-18)

ii. Was homeschooled during grade eleven (11) and is enrolled in an Idaho high school as a diploma seeking student; or (3-28-18)

iii. Missed the spring statewide administration of the college entrance exam dates for documented medical reasons. (3-12-14)

**c.** A student may elect an exemption in from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is: (3-28-18)

i. Receiving special education services through a current Individual Education Plan (IEP) that specifies the student meets the alternate assessment eligibility criteria; (3-28-18)

ii. Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for three (3) academic years or less; or (3-12-14)

iii. Transferring from out of state to an Idaho high school in grade twelve (12). (3-28-18)

**d.** A school district, on behalf of a student, on a form established by the State Department of Education, may submit an appeal application requesting the Superintendent of Public Instruction or their designee consider another college entrance exam or college placement exam to fulfill this requirement, or exempt the student due to extenuating circumstances. (3-28-18)

**04. Senior Project.** The senior project is a culminating project to show a student's ability to analyze, synthesize and evaluate information and communicate that knowledge and understanding. A student must complete a senior project by the end of grade twelve (12). Senior projects may be multi-year projects and may be group or individual projects. The project must include ~~a written report and an oral presentation~~ elements of research, development of a thesis using experiential learning or integrated project based learning experiences and presentation of the project outcome. Additional requirements for a senior project are at the discretion of the local school district or LEA. Completion of a postsecondary certificate or degree at the time of high school graduation or an approved pre-internship or internship program may be used to meet this requirement. (3-28-18)

**05. Civics and Government Proficiency.** Pursuant to Section 33-1602, Idaho Code, each LEA may establish an alternate path for determining if a student has met the state civics and government content standards. Alternate paths are open to all students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12.) Any student who has been determined proficient in the state civics and government content standards either through the completion of the civics test or an alternate path shall have it noted on the student's high school transcript. (3-29-17)

**06. Middle School.** A student will have met the high school content and credit area requirement for any high school course if the requirements outlined in Subsections 105.06.a. through 105.06.c. of this rule are met. (3-25-16)

**a.** The student completes such course with a grade of C or higher before entering grade nine (9); (3-12-14)

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**b.** The course meets the same content standards that are required in high school for the same course;  
and (3-25-16)

**c.** The course is taught by a teacher properly certified to teach high school content and who meets the federal definition of highly qualified for the course being taught. (3-25-16)

**d.** The student shall be given a grade for the successful completion of that course and such grade and the number of credit hours assigned to the course shall be transferred to the student's high school transcript. Notwithstanding this requirement, the student's parent or guardian shall be notified in advance when credits are going to be transcribed and may elect to not have the credits and grade transferred to the student's high school transcript. Courses taken in middle school appearing in the student's high school transcript, pursuant to this subsection, shall count for the purpose of high school graduation. However, the student must complete the required number of credits in all high school core subjects as identified in Subsections 105.01.c. through 105.01.h. except as provided in 105.01.d.iii. The transcribing high school is required to verify the course meets the requirements specified in Subsections 105.06.a. through 105.06.b. of this rule. (3-25-16)

**07. Special Education Students.** A student who is eligible for special education services under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act must, with the assistance of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, refer to the current Idaho Special Education Manual for guidance in addressing graduation requirements. (4-11-06)

**08. Foreign Exchange Students.** A foreign exchange student may be eligible for graduation by completing a comparable program as approved by the school district or LEA. (4-11-06)

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