

Innovation Schools

Sections 33-5803 through 33-5805, Idaho Code, will become effective July 1, 2016, and authorizes the establishment of 10 “Innovation Schools” per year for five years (for a total of 50 schools). The 10 schools per year will be based on the date and time the Office of the State Board of Education is notified by the school district of an executed agreement. Notifications will be accepted starting July 1, 2016. Notifications received beyond the annual limit of 10 will be added to a waiting list for innovation schools for the following year. Placement on the list of Innovation Schools will be determined based on the date and time received. Notifications will be accepted through the following methods:

- Email (date and time determined by e-mail received time stamp)
- Hand delivered (will be date and time stamped upon delivery to receptionist)
- US postal service (will be 8 am on date of postmark)

Notification must include the executed Innovation School Agreement. If after review of the agreement, it is determined that the agreement does not meet the statutory requirements as specified in Section 33-5804, Idaho Code, the school district will be notified that the agreement is noncompliant, and they will be removed from the list of eligible schools. Following receipt of an amended agreement that meets the statutory requirements, the school will be added back on the list at the new date and time. Answers to frequently asked questions will be posted to the State Board of Education website at: www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

The Innovation School Agreement must be signed by the following:

- a) A representative of the majority of the teachers at the school seeking to establish the innovation school;
- b) The school principal and/or a superintendent;
- c) The local school board; and
- d) The authorizer of the charter school if the school seeking to be an innovation school is a charter school.

The agreement must include:

- a) A statement that the innovation school is considered to be part of the school district and not considered a separate local education agency;
- b) A provision that the district shall distribute estimated state, federal and local funding to the innovation school consistent with the amounts it distributes to other schools in the district;
- c) The performance goals and accountability metrics agreed upon for the innovation school;
- d) The duration of the agreement, which shall be for not less than three (3) years and include automatic renewal at the option of the innovation school team if all conditions under the agreement are satisfied;
- e) Grounds for termination of the agreement. At a minimum the right of termination if the innovation school team fails to:
 - (i) Comply with the conditions or procedures established in the Innovation School Agreement;
 - (ii) Meet generally accepted fiscal management and government accounting principles;
 - (iii) Comply with applicable laws; or
 - (iv) Meet the educational goals set forth in the Innovation School Agreement;
- f) If the innovation school is an existing public charter school authorized by the district, a statement regarding which provisions of chapter 52, title 33 shall apply;
- g) A provision that specifies that the innovation school will administer the Idaho Standards Achievement Test;
- h) A statement that the innovation school will meet content standards as set forth in Administrative Rules promulgated by the State Board of Education; and
- i) A statement specifying how state graduation requirements will be addressed.