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MASTER EDUCATOR PREMIUM PORTAL NOW OPEN

Idaho educators interested in applying for the Master Educator Premium (MEP) can submit portfolios on the Idaho State Board of Education website:

<https://boardofed.idaho.gov/k-12-education/educator-effectiveness/master-teacher-premium-plan/master-educator-premium-portfolio-submission/>

The submission portal was originally scheduled to open on June 1st but was delayed by a technical problem. The portal will remain open until close of business on June 30, 2020. Successful applicants may receive additional pay of up to \$4,000 per year for up to three years.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have at least eight years of experience as a teacher or working in pupil service staff position with the three most recent years of experience being continuous in an Idaho public school.
- Applicant portfolios must demonstrate they have used “Master of Instructional” techniques in their class rooms for at least three of the previous five years and that a majority of their students meet measurable student achievement criteria set at the school district level.

- Applicants are also required to successfully complete an individual learning plan.
- Mastery of instructional techniques is shown through meeting the standards in three of the previous five years.

This is the last year that Idaho educators can apply for the Master Educator Premium. The program will sunset after the MEP is awarded to this year's cohort of educators, who will receive the yearly bonus for up to three years, even though the program will be discontinued. Lawmakers and the Governor chose to sunset the program as part of legislation approved last session expanding the teacher pay career ladder to include veteran educators.

Last year, nearly 1,400 Idaho educators applied for the Master Educator Premium and just over 1,300 received the award.

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