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SUBJECT

K-12 Overview

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Idaho State Board of Education Bylaws (Operational Procedures) Section E.4.
Section 33-125, 125A, and 127, Idaho Code

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Idaho State Board of Education bylaws establish the Superintendent of Public Instruction as responsible for carrying out policies, procedures, and duties prescribed by the Constitution of the State of Idaho and by Idaho Code or as established by the Board for all elementary and secondary school matters.

Debbie Critchfield was sworn into office as the Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction on January 2, 2023. She will update the State Board of Education on the Superintendent's priorities moving forward.

- Early Literacy Update
  - IRI Spring Scores
  - SMART/Science of Reading Implementation
- SDE Summer Initiatives
  - Civics Assessment
  - Graduation Requirements Implementation
  - FY 2027 Budgets

BOARD STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

No Board staff recommendation for informational items.

BOARD ACTION

This item is for informational purposes only.

SUBJECT

2025 Curricular Materials Adoption

REFERENCE

June 2016	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for mathematics.
August 2017	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 arts and humanities, 9-12 computer applications, K-12 health and wellness, K-12 physical education, K-12 social studies, and 6-12 mathematics open educational resources.
October 2018	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 English language arts & literacy, K-6 handwriting, K- 12 English learner, K-12 computer applications, K-12 computer science, and 9-12 mathematics open educational resources.
August 2019	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 science, K-12 computer applications, and K-12 computer science.
August 2020	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 science, K-12 computer applications, K-12 computer science, and career technical education.
August 2021	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 English language learner, 6-8 computer science, and driver's education.
August 2022	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 mathematics and K-12 English language learner.
October 2022	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 mathematics and K-12 English language learner.
August 2023	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 mathematics.
August 2024	Board approved the recommendations made by the Curricular Materials Selection Committee of curricular materials for K-12 English Language Arts and K-12 Health and Physical Education.

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

Idaho State Board of Education Governing Policies & Procedures, Section IV.B.9.
Section 33-118, Idaho Code – Courses of study – Curricular materials
Section 33-118A, Idaho Code – Curricular materials – Adoption procedures IDAPA 08.02.03.128 – Rules Governing Thoroughness, Curricular Materials Selection and Online Course Approval

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The curricular materials review and adoption process is established in Sections 33-118 and 33-118A, Idaho Code, and is further defined in IDAPA 08.02.03.128, *Rules Governing Thoroughness*. Curricular materials are defined as textbooks and instructional media including software, audio/visual material, and internet-based instructional material (Section 33-118A, Idaho Code). Idaho is a multiple adoption state and adopts a number of materials in a designated subject area from a variety of publishing companies.

The adoption process provides for the continuous review and evaluation of new curricular materials. This process ensures that all Idaho school districts and charter schools have quality products available to purchase at a guaranteed low contract price. The process preserves local control by offering multiple lists of approved materials. . Use of vetted and approved materials is optional; districts and charter schools may select other materials if they meet state standards.

In accordance with IDAPA 08.02.03.128, Idaho adopts materials in the areas of reading, English, spelling, speech, journalism, languages other than English, art, drama, social studies, music, mathematics, business education, career technical education, counseling, science, health, physical education, handwriting, literature, driver education, and limited English proficiency. In addition, computer science is adopted annually, and computer applications are adopted biennially.

The Curricular Materials Selection Committee (Committee), the members of which are appointed by the State Board of Education (Board) for a five (5)-year term, is responsible for overseeing the adoption process for the state. The Executive Secretary of this Committee is an employee of the Idaho Department of Education (Department) and a voting member of the committee.

The Committee consists of not less than ten (10) total members from the following stakeholder groups:

- Certified Idaho classroom teachers
- Idaho public school administrators
- Idaho higher education officials
- Parents
- Trustees
- Local board of education members
- Members of the Division of Career Technical Education
- State Department of Education personnel

The Committee, assisted by content specialists from throughout the state, meets for approximately one week in June to review and evaluate all materials against Idaho Content Standards and specific course requirements. The Committee votes to recommend materials to the Board, and these recommendations are forwarded to the Board for adoption. All meetings of the Committee are open to the public.

If the Board accepts the recommendation of the Committee and adopts the materials, the Department executes contracts with the publishing companies, and the listing of newly adopted materials is published in the Department's Curricular Materials Adoption Guide. In accordance with IDAPA 08.02.03.128, a state curriculum depository is maintained at Caxton Printers, Ltd., in Caldwell, Idaho. Curriculum libraries are also maintained at seven (7) regional centers.

The 2025 curricular materials review included K-12 Science and CTE materials. One hundred twenty-four (124) content area specialists assisted eight (8) Committee members in the evaluation of curricular materials and related instructional materials. Recommended curricular materials and related instructional materials are catalogued in Attachment 1.

IMPACT

The curricular review and adoption process helps to ensure that all Idaho school districts and charter schools, regardless of size, can purchase quality materials at a guaranteed low price for the length of the adoption cycle while maintaining local control in the choice of instruction materials.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended curricular materials and related instructional materials
Attachment 2 – Curricular Materials Selection Committee Roster
Attachment 3 – Regional Center locations

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The definition of the classifications for the recommendations may be found on page 10 of Attachment 1.

Staff recommends approval.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the recommendation of the Curricular Materials Selection Committee to adopt curricular materials and related instructional materials for K-12 Science and CTE, as submitted in Attachment 1.

Moved by_____Seconded by_____Carried Yes_____No _____

2025 Curricular Materials Review

Content Area	Publisher	Title	Grade Level/Program Area	Recommendation
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade K	K	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 1	1	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 2	2	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 3	3	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 4	4	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 5	5	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 6	6	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 7	7	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Grade 8	8	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Earth and Space Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Life Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Physical Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Chemistry	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Earth/Space Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Life Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Physical Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	AccelerateLearning	STEMscopes NGSS 3D Physics	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Activate Learning	OpenSciEd Middle School	6	Comprehensive
Science	Activate Learning	OpenSciEd Middle School	7	Comprehensive
Science	Activate Learning	OpenSciEd Middle School	8	Comprehensive
Science	Activate Learning	OpenSciEd High School Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Activate Learning	OpenSciEd High School Physics	9-12	Comprehensive

Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	K	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	1	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	2	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	3	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	4	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Science	5	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Earth & Space	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Life Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Amplify	Amplify Physical Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Biozone Corporation	Biology for NGSS (3rd Ed)	9-12	Basic
Science	Biozone Corporation	Earth & Space Sciences for NGSS	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Biozone Corporation	Physical Sciences for NGSS	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	K	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	1	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	2	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	3	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	4	Comprehensive
	Carolina Biological	Smithsonian Science for the Classroom	5	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Carolina's Certified Version of Open Science Ed., (6-8)	6	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Carolina's Certified Version of Open Science Ed., (6-8)	7	Comprehensive
Science	Carolina Biological	Carolina's Certified Version of Open Science Ed., (6-8)	8	Comprehensive
Science	Cengage	National Geographic Learning Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Cengage	National Geographic Learning World of Chemistry	9-12	Comprehensive

Science	Cengage	National Geographic Learning Earth & Space Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Cengage	National Geographic Learning Physics	9-12	Basic
CTE	Cengage	Plant & Soil Science: Fundamentals and Applications	AFNR	Basic
CTE	Cengage	Century 21 Accounting: General Journal	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	Cengage	Century 21 Accounting: Multiculumn Journal	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	Cengage	Marketing	BME	Basic
CTE	Cengage	Century 21 Accounting: Advanced	BME	Basic
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	K	Not Recommended
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	1	Not Recommended
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	2	Not Recommended
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	3	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	4	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Science4Us (K-5)	5	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Earth & Space	6-8	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Life	6-8	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Physical Science	6-8	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Biology	9-12	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Chemistry	9-12	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Earth & Space	9-12	Component
Science	Explore Learning, LLC	Gizmos Physics	9-12	Component
Science	HMH	Into Science	K	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science	1	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science	2	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science	3	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science	4	Comprehensive

Science	HMH	Into Science	5	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science Earth & Space	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science Life Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Into Science Physical Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	K	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	1	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	2	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	3	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	4	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions	5	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Earth & Space Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Life Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Physical Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Earth & Space	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	HMH	Science Dimensions Physics	9-12	Comprehensive
CTE	iCEV	Marketing	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	iCEV	Culinary Arts	FCS	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	K	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	1	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	3	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	2	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	4	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	5	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	6	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	7	Comprehensive
Science	Imagine Learning	Twig	8	Comprehensive

Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	K	Comprehensive
Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	1	Comprehensive
Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	2	Comprehensive
Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	3	Comprehensive
Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	4	Comprehensive
Science	Inquisitive	Inquisitive K-5 Science	5	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Earth & Space Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Physical Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	BSCS Biology: Understanding for Life	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Biology + Earth & Space Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Chemistry + Earth & Space Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Kendall Hunt	OpenSciEd- Physics Earth & Space Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	K	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	1	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	2	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	3	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	4	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science	5	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science, Integrated	6	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science, Earth and Space	6	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science, Integrated	7	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science, Life Science	7	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	K-8 Inspire Science, Physical Science	8	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Chemistry	9-12	Comprehensive

Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Earth & Space	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Physical Science	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Physical Science with Earth	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	Inspire Science: Physics	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	McGraw Hill	ALEKS Chemistry	9-12	Comprehensive
CTE	McGraw Hill	Accounting Fundamentals	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	McGraw Hill	Advanced Accounting	BME	Basic
CTE	McGraw Hill	Advanced Business Foundations	BME	Basic
CTE	McGraw Hill	Marketing Fundamentals	BME	Basic
Science	NCEE The National Center on Education and The Economy	Middle School Earth and Space Science	6-8	Basic
Science	NCEE The National Center on Education and The Economy	Middle School Life Science	6-8	Comprehensive
Science	NCEE The National Center on Education and The Economy	Middle School Physical Science	6-8	Basic
Science	NCEE The National Center on Education and The Economy	Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	News-O-Matic	Elementary Science, Grade K-2	K-2	Component
Science	News-O-Matic	Elementary Science, Grades 3-5	3-5	Component
Science	News-O-Matic	Life Science	6-8	Component
Science	News-O-Matic	Physical Science	6-8	Component
Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Grade 6	6	Comprehensive
Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Grade 7	7	Basic
Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Grade 8	8	Comprehensive

Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Biology	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Chemistry	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	PASCO	OpenSciEd Physics	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Pearson	Campbell Biology: Concepts & Connections,10th Edition, © 2021 (Taylor, Simon, Dickey, and Hogan)	9-12	Component
Science	Pearson	Conceptual Integrated Science, 3rd Edition, © 2020 (Hewitt, Lyons, Suchocki, Yeh)	9-12	Not Recommended
Science	Pearson	Conceptual Physics, 13th Edition, © 2022 (Hewitt)	9-12	Component
Science	Pearson	Basic Chemistry, 6th Edition, © 2020 (Timberlake and Timberlake)	9-12	Not Recommended
Science	Pearson	Introductory Chemistry, 7th Edition, © 2024 (Tro)	9-12	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*Animal Science and Livestock Production* ©2026, Emergent Learning	AFNR	Basic
CTE	Pearson	*Introduction to Horticulture, Landscaping, and Floral Design* ©2026, Henrickson	AFNR	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*Horngren's Accounting* 14th Edition ©2024, Miller-Nobles, Mattison	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*Foundations of Marketing*	BME	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*Introduction to Culinary Arts* 5th Edition, ©2020, Culinary Institute of America	FCS	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*On Cooking: A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals*	FCS	Comprehensive

CTE	Pearson	*On Baking: A Textbook of Baking and Pastry Fundamentals* 4th Edition ©2020, Labensky, Martel, Damme	FCS	Component
CTE	Pearson	*Introduction to Hospitality* 9th Edition, ©2024, Walker	FCS	Comprehensive
CTE	Pearson	*The Pharmacy Technician* ©2024, Johnston	HPPS	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	K	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	1	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	2	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	3	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	4	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (K-5)	5	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (6-8)	6	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (6-8)	7	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Elevate Science (6-8)	8	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	K	Basic
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	1	Basic
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	2	Basic
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	3	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	4	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Experience Science (K-5)	5	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Earth Science (9-12)	9-12	Basic
Science	Savvas	Experience Chemistry (9-12)	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Experience Physics (9-12)	9-12	Comprehensive
Science	Savvas	Miller & Levine Biology (9-12)	9-12	Comprehensive
CTE	Savvas	Early Childhood Education I (9-12)	FCS	Basic
CTE	Savvas	Early Childhood Education II (9-12)	FCS	Basic

Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	K	Comprehensive
Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	1	Comprehensive
Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	2	Comprehensive
Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	3	Comprehensive
Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	4	Comprehensive
Science	SchoolSpecialty	FOSS	5	Comprehensive
Science	Stile USA	Stile Science	6	Comprehensive
Science	Stile USA	Stile Science	7	Comprehensive
Science	Stile USA	Stile Science	8	Comprehensive
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: Kindergarten	K	Basic
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: First Grade	1	Comprehensive
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: Second Grade	2	Comprehensive
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: Third Grade	3	Comprehensive
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: Fourth Grade	4	Comprehensive
Science	Studies Weekly	Explore Science Studies Weekly: Fifth Grade	5	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices	K	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices	1	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices	3	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices	2	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! Exploring Science Practices	4	Comprehensive
Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! 6th Grade Integrated	6	Comprehensive

Science	TCI	Bring Science Alive! 8th Grade Integrated	8	Comprehensive

*LEGEND
COMPREHENSIVE: A recommended program which meets the focus, coherence, depth, and rigor of the Idaho Content Standards with minimal or no need for supplemental material.
BASIC: A recommended program which meets the focus, coherence, depth, and rigor of the Idaho Content Standards with some need for supplemental material.
COMPONENT: A program designed and intended to be used to supplement a comprehensive or basic program. A component program will support and/or enhance the focus, coherence, depth, and rigor of a comprehensive or basic program.
NOT RECOMMENDED: A program that does not meet the focus, coherence, depth, and rigor of the Idaho Content Standards.

Selection Committee

Curricular Materials

COMMITTEE LISTING

Committee Member	Stakeholder Group
Summer Cook	Executive Secretary, Idaho State Department of Education
Kristi Enger Term Expires: December 13, 2028	Idaho Career & Technical Education
Vacant	Idaho Higher Education Official
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Kelli Schroeder Term Expires: February 28, 2026	Idaho Public School Administrators Filer School District #413
Nathan Tracy Term Expires: February 28, 2026	Parent & Idaho Public School Administrators Jerome School District #261
Bernadette Edwards Term Expires: December 13, 2028	Local Board of Education Member Mountain View School District #244
Laree Jansen Term Expires: September 30, 2026	Parent
Vacant	Parent
Stacey Jensen Term Expires: September 30, 2026	Certified Idaho Classroom Teacher Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25
Robyn Hill Term Expires: February 28, 2026	Certified Idaho Classroom Teacher Nampa School District #131

Committee Member	Stakeholder Group
Vacant	Certified Idaho Classroom Teacher
Darlene Dyer Term Expires: September 30, 2026	Certified Idaho Classroom Teacher Blaine County School District #61
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Regional Centers

Curricular Materials

The Regional Centers serve as public depositories for curricular materials currently under adoption in the state of Idaho. Publishing companies are required to provide samples of approved materials for public viewing.

REGIONAL CENTER LISTING

Location	Contact
Boise State University Albertson Library 1910 University Blvd Boise, ID 83725-1430	Marlena Hooyboer 208-426-2132 marlenahooyboer@boisestate.edu
Brigham Young University–Idaho David O McKay Library, MCK 306 525 South Center Street (0405) Rexburg, ID 83460-0405	Holly Green 208-496-9539 greenh@byui.edu
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Lewis Clark State College Curriculum Library 500 8th Avenue Lewiston, ID 83501	Jennifer Cromer 208-792-2829 jjcromer@lcsc.edu

Location	Contact
Northwest Nazarene University John Riley Library 623 S. University Boulevard Nampa, ID 83686-5897	Sheryll Hampton 208-467-8357 sheryllhampton@nnu.edu
University of Idaho Gary Strong Curriculum Center College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences University of Idaho 875 Perimeter Dr. Moscow, ID 83844-3089	Marco Seiferle-Valencia 208-885-2504 marcosv@uidaho.edu curriculumcenter@uidaho.edu **Request shipment boxes to be less than 50 lbs each

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SUBJECT

ESSA Plan Amendment - Alternate English Language Proficiency Reclassification Criteria & Growth to Proficiency

REFERENCE

August 2012	Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE) adopted the 2012 WIDA ELD Standards. - SBOE adopted the 2012 WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards, incorporating them into IDAPA 08.02.03.004.02. marked Idaho's initial alignment with the WIDA ELD Standards Framework for EL instruction.
August 2016	SBOE approved proposed rule setting new state accountability framework.
November 2016	SBOE approved pending rule creating a new statewide accountability system.
August 2017	SBOE approved Idaho's ESSA Consolidated Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Education.
October 2017	SBOE approved ELPA Achievement Standards. - SBOE approved the Idaho English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Achievement Standards, codified in IDAPA 08.02.03.004.03. These standards established benchmarks for assessing EL students' proficiency.
February 2018	SBOE approved revisions to The ESSA Consolidated Plan based on USED feedback.
February 2019	SBOE approved amendments to The ESSA Consolidated Plan.
March 2020	SBOE waived the requirement for the spring 2020 ISAT administration and approved the waiver to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education requesting flexibility in The ESSA Consolidated Plan accountability provisions.
April 2020	SBOE approved waiver for the ESSA accountability requirements and ISAT/alternate assessment administration.
January 2021	SBOE approved accountability addendum for modifying post-2020–2021 school year calculations.
June 2021	SBOE approved proposed rule Docket 08-0203-2101 and federal accountability waiver.

August 2021	SBOE adopted 2020 WIDA ELD Standards. - SBOE discussed proposed rule Docket 08-0203-2101, which incorporated the 2020 WIDA ELD Standards by updating the standards referenced in IDAPA 08.02.03.004.02.
November 2021	SBOE approved pending rule Docket 08-0203-2101.
August 2022	SBOE approved proposed rule Docket 08-0203-2201. - This removed the 2020 WIDA ELD Standards from IDAPA rule.
April 2022	SBOE approved 2021–2022 addendum to The ESSA Consolidated Plan.
June 2022	SBOE approved temporary rule Docket 08-0203-2202.
October 2022	SBOE approved 2022–2023 amendment to The ESSA Consolidated Plan.
April 2023	SBOE approved WIDA ELD Standards. - SBOE formally approved the 2020 WIDA ELD Standards via board action.
November 2022	SBOE approved ELPA Achievement Standards. - SBOE approved moving the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Achievement Standards from IDAPA 08.02.03.004.03 to IDAPA 08.02.03.111.08 for better alignment and clarity.
February 2024	SBOE approved proposed amendments to The ESSA Consolidated Plan, including adjustments to graduation rates and the progress indicator.
June 2024	SBOE approved technical corrections to the ESSA Consolidated State Plan.
October 2024	SBOE approved the adoption of WIDA Alternate ELPA Achievement Standards and Achievement Level Descriptors. - SBOE adopted the WIDA Alternate ACCESS Achievement Level Descriptors for ELs with the most significant cognitive disabilities.
June 2025	SDE updated SBOE on its plan on proposal of adopting new WIDA Alternate ACCESS reclassification criteria and the intent to develop an Alternate English language growth metric for student who meet the alternate participation criteria.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to adopt English language proficiency (ELP) standards and conduct annual assessments of English learners

(ELs) in accordance with ESEA Sections 1111(b)(1)(F) and 1111(b)(2)(G). In-line with these federal requirements, Idaho has made several updates to its ELP standards and assessments. In 2012, Idaho adopted the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards; 2012 Edition, along with corresponding achievement level standards in 2017. Most recently, Idaho adopted the WIDA ELD Standards; 2020 Edition in 2021, which includes more specific performance indicators, refined language use, and enhanced goals for language-driven content learning.

In response to these updates, the Idaho Department of Education (Department) has identified the need to revise the Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) reclassification criteria for students taking the alternate ELP assessment (WIDA Alternate ACCESS). In October 2024, following the first operational administration of this assessment in 2024, SBOE adopted new alternate achievement-level standards and proficiency level descriptors. A new reclassification criterion, Composite Overall Score of PL4 (Expanding), is proposed to update the Idaho Consolidated State Plan, allowing students to exit LIEP services by the end of the 2025 academic year. This change aligns with federal and state requirements and ensures that students taking the WIDA Alternate ACCESS are included in Idaho's English language proficiency indicator. Furthermore, the state proposes to include language outlining the intent to develop a new growth indicator for these students. The proposal is that the indicator will be based on data from at least three years of subsequent assessments, ensuring compliance with federal accountability requirements and addressing the diverse needs of this population.

The revised reclassification criteria and proposed growth metric for students taking the WIDA Alternate ACCESS were not submitted to the State Board of Education earlier in the 2024–2025 school year because the Department and SBOE were awaiting federal approval of a previous ESSA Consolidated State Plan submission. This approval was not received from the U.S. Department of Education until early April 2025. With federal approval now in place for the 2024–2025 amendments and technical corrections, the revised criteria and new growth indicator are being presented to the SBOE for formal consideration. Once approved, these amendments will be submitted to USED to ensure continued compliance with federal accountability requirements and alignment with Idaho's adoption of the 2020 WIDA English Language Development Standards.

IMPACT

Enhanced Reclassification Accuracy: Adopting a new reclassification criterion, Composite Overall Score of PL4 (Expanding), ensures that ELs are exited from (LIEPs) based on more precise proficiency levels, aligning with the updated 2020 WIDA ELD Standards. This change aligns with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements under ESEA Section 1111(b)(1)(F).

Improved Accountability Compliance: Developing a growth indicator for ELs taking Alternate ACCESS addresses previous gaps in federal compliance, ensuring these students are included in Idaho's English learner progress indicator as required by ESSA. The new growth metric, based on at least three years of assessment data, will provide educators with better tools to monitor and support the language development of ELs with significant cognitive disabilities, facilitating more tailored instructional strategies.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – ESSA-Summary-Proposed-Changes&Public-Comment-8.20.2025
Attachment 2 – ESSA-Plan-Proposed-Alt.-ACCESS-Amendments-8.20.2025
Attachment 3 – ESSA-Plan-Proposed-Alt.-ACCES-Public-Comment-3.13.25-\ 4.12.2025

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board staff recommends approval.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the proposed amendments to the Idaho Consolidated State Plan, as aligned to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as provided in Attachment 2 and authorize the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit the amendment request on behalf of the State Board of Education.

Moved by _____ Seconded by_____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Consolidated State Plan; Public Comment Process

The Idaho State Board of Education and the Idaho Department of Education (IDE) identified the need to update the Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Reclassification Criteria and establish the intent to develop a new growth indicator for English learners (ELs) taking WIDA Alternate ACCESS within Idaho's Consolidated State Plan. A summary of the changes and feedback collected from education partners are outlined and provided.

Summary of Proposed Changes

Revised Reclassification Criteria for WIDA Alternate ACCESS

The first operational administration of WIDA Alternate ACCESS, aligned to the WIDA English Language Development Standards (2020 Edition), took place between January 29 and March 8, 2024. The new test introduced updated Achievement Level Standards (PL1 - Entering, PL2 - Emerging, PL3 - Developing, PL4 - Expanding, and PL5 - Bridging) along with revised Achievement Level Descriptors. In October 2024, the Idaho State Board of Education approved these new standards and descriptors. To comply with federal and state requirements, Idaho replaced the previous reclassification criterion (Composite Overall P2 - Emerging) with the following change reclassification criteria:

- **Composite Overall Score of PL4 - Expanding**

Intent to Develop an Alternate ACCESS Growth Indicator

Currently, Idaho does not calculate growth for ELs taking WIDA Alternate ACCESS. To address this, the IDE proposes to develop a new growth calculation for this student group once sufficient data becomes available. This measure will ensure ELs taking WIDA Alternate ACCESS are included in Idaho's English learner progress indicator and meet federal accountability requirements. The proposed change includes adding the following language under English Language Proficiency Section (ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii)):

- "Idaho continues to actively engage education partners, technical advisory members, and field experts to establish a new Alternate ELP growth indicator for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This development process has included – and continues to include – gathering and synthesizing input from education partners and conducting data analysis to inform the creation of a new valid, reliable, and relevant growth indicator. Establishing an appropriate growth metric for this diverse population requires further evidence – Including at-least three years of data – to ensure alignment with best practices and the unique needs of Idaho's student population. Idaho's collaborative approach ensures the Alternate ELP indicator will address the unique needs of this population while maintaining alignment with state and federal requirements."

Summary of Education Partner Engagement & Public Comment Process

Idaho's proposed amendments were informed by feedback from a variety of education partners. This included the English Language Proficiency Assessment – Advisory Committee, Accountability Oversight Committee, Idaho Assessment Technical Advisory Committee and members of the public.

English Language Proficiency Assessment – Advisory Committee

The primary objective of the English Language Proficiency Assessment – Advisory Committee (ELPA-AC) is to ameliorate challenges encompassing the Idaho English language proficiency assessment and English language proficiency screener(s) assessments. Members of the advisory committee hold the following roles: educators, district & school test coordinators, special education directors, and federal programs directors and meet several times a year to provide feedback on Idaho State Board of Education and Idaho Department of Education polices and initiatives.

- **April 18, 2024** – Reviewed reclassification methodology for SY2024 and the timeline for adopting Alternate ACCESS achievement standards, descriptors, and reclassification criteria for SY2025. Discussed alternate growth metrics and explored how other states (MN, MO, NH) approach growth. Members expressed interest in incorporating local-level data alongside Alt. ACCESS scores.
- **May 22, 2024** – Reviewed the timeline for Alternate ACCESS reclassification for 2024 and 2025.
- **September 4, 2024** – Reviewed proficiency level cuts from the Alt. ACCESS standard setting and their potential impact. Confirmed use of equi-percentile equating and discussed alignment with previous reclassification criteria (P2 – Emerging).
- **October 10, 2024** – Reviewed concordance between old and new scaling and corresponding proficiency levels. The committee endorsed PL4 (Expanding) as the new reclassification criterion due to Idaho's small sample size of students taking the Alternate ACCESS.
- **November 5, 2024** – Validated PL4 (Expanding) as an appropriate exit level across grade bands (K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12). Reviewed interpretive and expressive mode expectations and confirmed consistent performance distributions across versions of the test.
- **January 5, 2025** – Reviewed the final adoption timeline, including public comment, SBOE approval, and ESSA plan submission.
- **March 13, 2025** – Confirmed PL4 (Expanding) remains appropriate with one year of data. Supported including language in the ESSA plan indicating intent to develop a growth metric once additional years of data are available.

Accountability Oversight Committee

The Accountability Oversight Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Idaho State Board of Education tasked with evaluating the effectiveness of the statewide student achievement system and recommending improvements. It reviews and contributes to an annual student achievement report in collaboration with the Board and State Department of Education staff. The committee consists of members with expertise in education administration, special education, assessment, and accountability, meeting twice annually to fulfill their duties.

- **January 17, 2025** - The AOC convened to provide input on the proposed alternate reclassification criteria and the development of a future growth metric for English learners with significant cognitive disabilities. During this meeting, the committee confirmed the use of concordance between the previous and current WIDA Alternate ACCESS assessments to establish reclassification criteria (PL4 Expanding) for the 2025 school year. Their feedback informed the ESSA plan language, emphasizing the need to establish a growth indicator once sufficient data becomes available.

Idaho Assessment Technical Advisory Committee

The Assessment Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is composed of assessment subject matter experts who have extensive experience with evaluating large-scale assessment systems and models to track student performance. The assessment TAC provides expert guidance on technical and policy issues, helping to maintain assessment integrity and effectiveness within Idaho comprehensive assessment program. This collaboration strengthens the connection between assessments and education partners, ensuring they support student learning and educational outcomes.

- **November 13, 2024** – The committee confirmed that establishing reclassification criteria aligned with the retired criteria using a concordance is an appropriate approach. They also recommended developing a growth model that reflects realistic and measurable progress based on data trends.

Public Comment Feedback

The Public Comment Window solicited public feedback from March 12, 2025, to April 13, 2025. Public feedback was solicited via several communication channels. These channels included:

1. Posting a public comment survey, outlining the proposed plan changes, to the Idaho Department of Education's ESSA webpage: https://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/consolidated-plan/. This information was released on March 7, 2025, through April 13, 2025.

2. Sharing information and applicable public comment links within the Department's public newsletter, which was sent on March 13, 2025. The newsletter is sent to LEA superintendents, principals, program administrator, and others from the public who have elected to receive the newsletter.

3. Emailing education partners (District Test Coordinators and Idaho English Language Assessment Coordinators) listed within the Idaho District Contact Information List on March 13, 2025.

The following is an overview of the comments received.

- Jerome School District #261: Supports the proposed amendments, stating "it is in the best interest of students who cannot successfully participate in all four domains of the ACCESS assessment, Alternate or otherwise". Emphasized that the development of a growth indicator "is essential for monitoring the progress of all students served". The Jerome School District serves approximately 5.3% of identified English learners identified in Idaho.

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The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act

APRIL 25, 2025

AMENDED

INTRODUCTION

Section 8302 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA),[1] requires the Secretary to establish procedures and criteria under which, after consultation with the Governor, a State educational agency (SEA) may submit a consolidated State plan designed to simplify the application requirements and reduce burden for SEAs. ESEA section 8302 also requires the Secretary to establish the descriptions, information, assurances, and other material required to be included in a consolidated State plan. Even though an SEA submits only the required information in its consolidated State plan, an SEA must still meet all ESEA requirements for each included program. In its consolidated State plan, each SEA may, but is not required to, include supplemental information such as its overall vision for improving outcomes for all students and its efforts to consult with and engage stakeholders when developing its consolidated State plan.

COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING A CONSOLIDATED STATE PLAN

Each SEA must address all of the requirements identified below for the programs that it chooses to include in its consolidated State plan. An SEA must use this template or a format that includes the required elements and that the State has developed working with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

Each SEA must submit to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) its consolidated State plan by one of the following two deadlines of the SEA's choice:

- **April 3, 2017;** or
- **September 18, 2017**.

Any plan that is received after April 3, but on or before September 18, 2017, will be considered to be submitted on September 18, 2017.

Alternative Template

If an SEA does not use this template, it must:

- Include the information on the Cover Sheet;
- Include a table of contents or guide that clearly indicates where the SEA has addressed each requirement in its consolidated State plan;

[1] *Unless otherwise indicated, citations to the ESEA refer to the ESEA, as amended by ESSA.*

- Indicate that the SEA worked through CCSSO in developing its own template; and

- Include the required information regarding equitable access to, and participation in, the programs included in its consolidated State plan as required by section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act. See Appendix C.

Individual Program State Plan

An SEA may submit an individual program State plan that meets all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for any program that it chooses not to include in a consolidated State plan. If an SEA intends to submit an individual program plan for any program, the SEA must submit the individual program plan by one of the dates above, in concert with its consolidated State plan, if applicable.

Consultation

Under ESEA section 8540, each SEA must consult in a timely and meaningful manner with the Governor or appropriate officials from the Governor's office, including during the development and prior to submission of its consolidated State plan to the Department. A Governor shall have 30 days prior to the SEA submitting the consolidated State plan to the Secretary to sign the consolidated State plan. If the Governor has not signed the plan within 30 days of delivery by the SEA, the SEA shall submit the plan to the Department without such signature.

Assurances

In order to receive fiscal year (FY) 2017 ESEA funds on July 1, 2017, for the programs that may be included in a consolidated State plan, and consistent with ESEA section 8302, each SEA must also submit a comprehensive set of assurances to the Department at a date and time established by the Secretary. In the near future, the Department will publish an information collection request that details these assurances.

For Further Information:
If you have any questions, please contact your Program Officer at OSS.[State]@ed.gov (e.g., OSS.Alabama@ed.gov).

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By signing this document, I assure that: *To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information and data included in this plan are true and correct. The SEA will submit a comprehensive set of assurances at a date and time established by the Secretary, including the assurances in ESEA section 8304.*
Consistent with ESEA section 8302(b)(3), the SEA will meet the requirements of ESEA sections 1117 and 8501 regarding the participation of private school children and teachers.

Authorized SEA Representative (Printed Name)
Superintendent Sherri Ybarra

Dr. Linda Clark,
President, Idaho State Board of Education

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Signature of Authorized SEA Representatives
Superintendent Sherri Ybarra

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Date: February 27, 2019

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Date SEA provided plan to the Governor under ESEA section 8540:

Signature of Governor

Date: February 27, 2019

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The SEA, through its authorized representative, agrees to the enclosed assurances.

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The SEA, through its authorized representative, agrees to the enclosed assurances.

PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATE PLAN

Instructions

Indicate below by checking the appropriate box(es) which programs the SEA included in its consolidated State plan. If an SEA elected not to include one or more of the programs below in its consolidated State plan, but is eligible and wishes to receive funds under the program(s), it must submit individual program plans for those programs that meet all statutory and regulatory requirements with its consolidated State plan in a single submission.

☒ Check this box if the SEA has included all of the following programs in its consolidated State plan.

Or

If all programs are not included, check each program listed below that the SEA includes in its consolidated State plan:

☐ Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
☐ Title I, Part C: Education of Migratory Children
☐ Title I, Part D: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
☐ Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction
☐ Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
☐ Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
☐ Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers
☐ Title V, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income School Program
☐ Title VII, Subpart B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (McKinney-Vento Act)

Instructions

Each SEA must provide descriptions and other information that address each requirement listed below for the programs included in its consolidated State plan. Consistent with ESEA section 8302, the Secretary has determined that the following requirements are absolutely necessary for consideration of a consolidated State plan. An SEA may add descriptions or other information, but may not omit any of the required descriptions or information for each included program.

A. Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

1. **Challenging State Academic Standards and Assessments** *(ESEA section 1111(b)(1) and (2) and 34 CFR §§ 200.1–200.8.)*[2]

2. **Eighth Grade Math Exception** *(ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(C) and 34 CFR § 200.5(b)(4)):*

i. Does the State administer an end-of-course mathematics assessment to meet the requirements under section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(bb) of the ESEA?

☐ Yes
☒ No

ii. If a State responds "yes" to question 2(i), does the State wish to exempt an eighth-grade student who takes the high school mathematics course associated with the end-of-course assessment from the mathematics assessment typically administered in eighth grade under section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(aa) of the ESEA and ensure that:

a. The student instead takes the end-of-course mathematics assessment the State administers to high school students under section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(bb) of the ESEA;

b. The student's performance on the high school assessment is used in the year in which the student takes the assessment for purposes of measuring academic achievement under section 1111(c)(4)(B)(i) of the ESEA and participation in assessments under section 1111(c)(4)(E) of the ESEA;

c. In high school:

1. The student takes a State-administered end-of-course assessment or nationally recognized high school academic assessment as defined in 34 CFR § 200.3(d) in mathematics that is more advanced than the assessment the State administers under section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(bb) of the ESEA;

2. The State provides for appropriate accommodations consistent with 34 CFR § 200.6(b) and (f); and

3. The student's performance on the more advanced mathematics assessment is used for purposes of measuring academic achievement under section 1111(c)(4)(B)(i) of the ESEA and participation in assessments under section 1111(c)(4)(E) of the ESEA.

☐ Yes
☒ No

[2] *The Secretary anticipates collecting relevant information consistent with the assessment peer review process in 34 CFR § 200.2(d). An SEA need not submit any information regarding challenging State academic standards and assessments at this time*

iii. If a State responds "yes" to question 2(ii), consistent with 34 CFR § 200.5(b)(4), describe, with regard to this exception, its strategies to provide all students in the State the opportunity to be prepared for and to take advanced mathematics coursework in middle school.

Not applicable.

3. **Native Language Assessments** (ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(F) and 34 CFR § 200.6(f)(2)(ii)):

i. Provide its definition for "languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population," and identify the specific languages that meet that definition.

Idaho's definition for languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population, is a language spoken by 5% or more of all students, or 20% or more of English Learners.

Over 150 different language and dialects are native to Idaho students. To identify specific languages other than English that are present to a significant extent, we referenced our data from the SY1516 Consolidated State Performance Report, which captures the top five.

(5) commonly spoken languages shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Idaho's top five languages spoken by English Learner populations

Language	# of EL Students
Spanish	11,124
Arabic	389
Swahili	196
Somali	148
Chinese	133

Spanish is the most predominant language, representing nearly 80% of our English Language learners.

ii. Identify any existing assessments in languages other than English and specify for which grades and content areas those assessments are available.

Currently the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in Science, administered in grades 5, 8, and 11 is offered in both English and Spanish. The statewide mathematics assessment, developed by Smarter Balanced and administered in grades 3-8 and high school, is offered in a Spanish/English stacked translation format. Neither the ISAT English Language Arts by Smarter Balanced or the English Language Proficiency Assessment developed by WIDA, are offered in translated versions because English language is a critical component of the measured

constructs of these two required statewide assessments.

iii. Indicate the languages identified in question 3(i) for which yearly student academic assessments are not available and are needed.

At this time, there are no other languages of origin for students that constitute a large enough percentage of the statewide student population to require additional translated versions of any Idaho Statewide assessment.

iv. Describe how it will make every effort to develop assessments, at a minimum, in languages other than English that are present to a significant extent in the participating student population including by providing:

a. The State's plan and timeline for developing such assessments, including a description of how it met the requirements of 34 CFR § 200.6(f)(4);
b. A description of the process the State used to gather meaningful input on the need for assessments in languages other than English, collect and respond to public comment, and consult with educators; parents and families of English learners; students, as appropriate; and other stakeholders; and
c. As applicable, an explanation of the reasons the State has not been able to complete the development of such assessments despite making every effort.

Not applicable.

4. **Statewide Accountability System and School Support and Improvement Activities** *(ESEA section 1111(c) and (d))*:

i. **Subgroups** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(2))*:

a. List each major racial and ethnic group the State includes as a subgroup of students, consistent with ESEA section 1111(c)(2)(B).

Within Idaho's accountability system, all required consistently underperforming subgroups are included in both federal reporting, as well as comprehensive and targeted school identifications.

- Economically disadvantaged are students with a free or reduced-price lunch status.
- English learners are those who have not yet tested as English proficient.
- Major racial and ethnic groups include American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, White, Hispanic or Latino.
- Students with disabilities are students that meet eligibility criteria as outlined in the Idaho Special Education Manual according to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

b. If applicable, describe any additional subgroups of students other than the

statutorily required subgroups (*i.e.*, economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and English learners) used in the Statewide accountability system.

Not applicable.

c. Does the State intend to include in the English learner subgroup the results of students previously identified as English learners on the State assessments required under ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I) for purposes of State accountability (ESEA section 1111(b)(3)(B))? Note that a student's results may be included in the English learner subgroup for not more than four years after the student ceases to be identified as an English learner.

☒ Yes
☐ No

d. If applicable, choose one of the following options for recently arrived English learners in the State:

☒ Applying the exception under ESEA section 1111(b)(3)(A)(i); or
☐ Applying the exception under ESEA section 1111(b)(3)(A)(ii); or
☐ Applying the exception under ESEA section 1111(b)(3)(A)(i) or under ESEA section 1111(b)(3)(A)(ii). If this option is selected, describe how the State will choose which exception applies to a recently arrived English learner.

ii. **Minimum N-Size** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(3)(A))*:

a. Provide the minimum number of students that the State determines are necessary to be included to carry out the requirements of any provisions under Title I, Part A of the ESEA that require disaggregation of information by each subgroup of students for accountability purposes.

The minimum number of students required for the all-students group and each student group listed in section A(4)(i)(a) of this plan to be included for accountability is N >= 20. Previously, Idaho used N >= 25, however after Idaho's Data Management Council (DMC) changed its policy to reduce the minimum number of students for reporting purposes from 10 to 5, the ISDE will reduce the minimum number of students for accountability purposes by a commensurate 5 students.

The minimum number of students required for graduation rate to be included for accountability is N >= 20.

Idaho rule IDAPA 08.02.03.112(5)(d)(i), describes the number of days students must be enrolled in school for accountability purposes: "A student who is enrolled continuously in the same public school from the end of the first eight (8)

weeks or fifty-six (56) calendar days of the school year through the state approved spring testing administration period, not including the make-up portion of the test window, will be included in the calculation to determine if the school achieved progress in any statewide assessment used for determining proficiency. A student is continuously enrolled if the student has not transferred or dropped-out of the public school. Students who are serving suspensions are still considered to be enrolled students."

b. Describe how the minimum number of students is statistically sound.

ISDE's analysis showed that the difference in the number of K-8 and high schools captured
in Idaho's school identification system changed very little between N >=25, N >= 20, and N>= 15. Table 2 shows how many of Idaho's Title I schools meet the N-size requirement with N >= 20.

Table 2: Approximate Number of Title I schools included in identification system N>= 20

School type	Achievement	Student growth	English Prof.	Graduation rate
K-8 (349 total)	337	314	137	NA
High school (67 total)	64	NA	8	43
Alternative high school (16 total)	11	NA	1	13

c. Describe how the minimum number of students was determined by the State, including how the State collaborated with teachers, principals, other school leaders, parents, and other stakeholders when determining such minimum number.

Idaho solicited feedback on the state's minimum N-size for accountability purposes through our online feedback opportunities as well as our in-person feedback forums, which were attended by education stakeholders of all types. Minimum N-size was brought up specifically to understand whether stakeholders had concerns about continuing to use the N-size as determined under the NCLB flexibility waiver.

Feedback from stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, school board members, indicated that N >= 20 is preferred in order to ensure that the performance of each student alone does not have an unreasonable impact on whether the school is identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

However, legislators specifically indicated a desire for Idaho's N-size to avoid leaving very small schools out of school improvement results. Due to this feedback, Idaho's original plan called for the N-size for all students to be N >= 20,

but for student groups and graduation rate Idaho would use N >= 10. Feedback from the U.S. Department of Education indicated that this approach was not in compliance with ESSA.

Because there is broad agreement among stakeholders that an N-size smaller than N >= 20 introduces too much noise into comprehensive support and improvement results, Idaho will use N >= 20 for the all students group as well as each student subgroup. However, achievement results for smaller groups of students will still be reported on the school report card as long as they meet state N-size requirements described in section A(4)(2)(e) of this plan.

d. Describe how the State ensures that the minimum number is sufficient to not reveal any personally identifiable information.[3]
The State of Idaho places a high value on preserving the privacy of students and safeguarding their personally identifiable information (PII). To ensure that student data is treated with the utmost security, Idaho has enacted statutory protections found in Idaho Code § 33-133.

As part of this protection, the statute permits the release of student data in aggregate. It requires that "the minimum number of students shall be determined by the state board of education."

e. To provide oversight and guidance over the collection, retention, and security of student data, the State Board of Education created the Data Management Council (DMC). This controlling body has set rules on minimum numbers reported in aggregate. These minimums supersede any other minimums that may be defined elsewhere unless expressly permitted by the DMC. If the State's minimum number of students for purposes of reporting is lower than the minimum number of students for accountability purposes, provide the State's minimum number of students for purposes of reporting.

DMC policy page 5 states:
Any release of data that would result in the ability to identify the personally identifiable information (PII) of an individual must be approved by the Data Management Council, aggregated to a minimum cell size of 5, or masked/blurred. This includes situations where a calculation can be done to arrive at a single count of less than 5 students that would risk exposure of PII. Instances where 100% or 0% of students fall within one category and would risk the exposure of PII must also be approved by the Data Management Council or masked/blurred since doing so discloses information on either all or no students and thereby violates the minimum cell size policy. In order to protect student privacy, we must redact data in any cells of less than 5 students or where the

[3] Consistent with ESEA section1111(i), information collected or disseminated under ESEA section 1111 shall be collected and disseminated in a manner that protects the privacy of individuals consistent with section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly known as the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974"). When selecting a minimum n-size for reporting, States should consult the Institute for Education Sciences report "*Best Practices for Determining Subgroup Size in Accountability Systems While Protecting*

difference between the total of one or more cells of categorical data is less than 5 of the total student population. In addition, Data Management Council Policies and Procedures call for at least two cells to be redacted in most cases in order to prevent any cell required for redaction to be derived. Under DMC policy additional cells may be required to be redacted until the total of the exempt and therefore redacted aggregate data in a line or column equals 5 or more. Zero is considered a number.
Performance of student groups that are too small to be included in school identification is reported on the state website and on the state report card so long as the reporting meets the redaction rules detailed above. Enrollment numbers and percentages are displayed so long as there is at least one student within the subgroup.

iii. **Establishment of Long-Term Goals** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A))*:

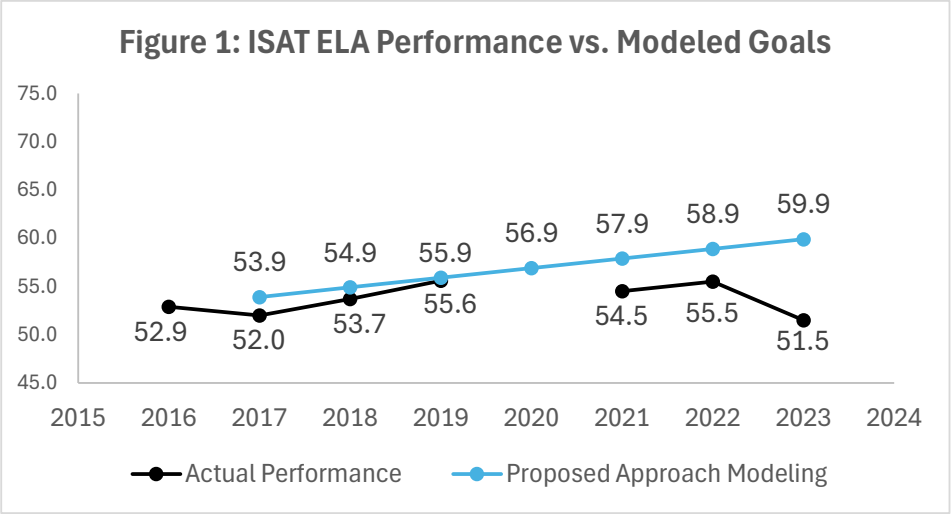
a. **Academic Achievement** (ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(i)(I)(aa))

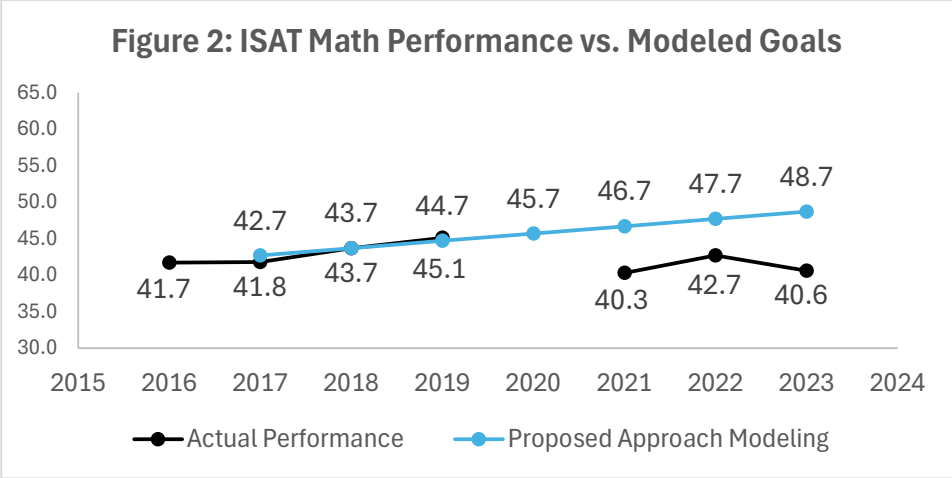
1. Describe the long-term goals for improved academic achievement, as measured by proficiency on the annual statewide reading/language arts and mathematics assessments, for all students and for each subgroup of students, including: (1) the timeline for meeting the long-term goals, for which the term must be the same multi-year length of time for all students and for each subgroup of students in the State, and (2) how the long-term goals are ambitious.

Idaho's long-term goals for English/Language Art and Mathematics is to increase the percentage of students who score "Proficient" or "Advanced" on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). For our revised goals, we created a "Base + Gap Closure" model designed to set goals for all student groups that include a base expectation of improvement (7 percentage points over 7 years), with an additional gap closure expectations for groups that have a baseline proficiency rate below the All Students group. The gap closure component establishes an expectation that groups with a lower baseline will close their gap to the All Students group by 10% in 7 years. The proposed length of time for the long-term goals– 7 years from 2023 – encompasses half of a student's K-12 career and therefore achieves the goal of impacting students currently in the K-12 education system.

The State Board of Education, Department of Education, Accountability Oversight Committee, and stakeholders agreed on the need for long-term goals for the state that are balanced between being ambitious and achievable. The Accountability Oversight Committee reviewed Idaho's pre-, during-, and post-pandemic data when developing these goals. Based on that data, if Idaho had used the proposed model beginning in 2016, some groups would have met the goals in some years. Thus, we assert that these goals are appropriately ambitious, particularly given the longstanding challenges of closing achievement gaps and the built-in, focused gap closure component of this model. Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the actual performance of the All Students group for ELA and Math, as compared to what the targets would have been if Idaho adopted the

proposed model in 2016.





Calculation: Long-term goal = (2023 baseline % proficient/advanced + 7) + (maximum 0 (All Students 2023 baseline – group 2023 baseline)) x 0.10)
Interim progress goal = (group's 2030 long-term goal – group's 2023 baseline) / 7

Table 3: Mathematics - 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets

Mathematics	2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 Long-term Goal
All Students	40.6%	41.6%	42.6%	43.6%	44.6%	45.6%	46.6%	47.6%
Economically Disadvantaged	26.7%	27.9%	29.1%	30.3%	31.5%	32.7%	33.9%	35.1%
English Learners	8.3%	9.8%	11.2%	12.7%	14.1%	15.6%	17.1%	18.5%
Students with Disabilities	11.5%	12.9%	14.3%	15.7%	17.2%	18.6%	20.0%	21.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	18.7%	20.0%	21.3%	22.6%	24.0%	25.3%	26.6%	27.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	60.0%	61.0%	62.0%	63.0%	64.0%	65.0%	66.0%	67.0%
Black / African American	17.6%	18.9%	20.3%	21.6%	22.9%	24.2%	25.6%	26.9%
Hispanic or Latino	22.1%	23.4%	24.6%	25.9%	27.2%	28.4%	29.7%	31.0%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	30.0%	31.2%	32.3%	33.5%	34.6%	35.8%	36.9%	38.1%
Two or More Races	42.6%	43.6%	44.6%	45.6%	46.6%	47.6%	48.6%	49.6%
White	45.7%	46.7%	47.7%	48.7%	49.7%	50.7%	51.7%	52.7%

Table 4: English Language Arts/Literacy – 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets

ELA/Literacy	2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 Long-term Goal
All Students	51.6%	52.6%	53.6%	54.6%	55.6%	56.6%	57.6%	58.6%
Economically Disadvantaged	36.2%	37.4%	38.6%	39.9%	41.1%	42.3%	43.5%	44.7%
English Learners	8.1%	9.7%	11.3%	13.0%	14.6%	16.2%	17.8%	19.5%
Students with Disabilities	13.6%	15.1%	16.7%	18.2%	19.8%	21.3%	22.9%	24.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	27.6%	28.9%	30.3%	31.6%	33.0%	34.3%	35.7%	37.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	65.0%	66.0%	67.0%	68.0%	69.0%	70.0%	71.0%	72.0%
Black / African American	27.9%	29.2%	30.6%	31.9%	33.3%	34.6%	35.9%	37.3%
Hispanic or Latino	33.8%	35.1%	36.3%	37.6%	38.8%	40.1%	41.3%	42.6%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	39.4%	40.6%	41.7%	42.9%	44.1%	45.3%	46.4%	47.6%
Two or More Races	55.7%	56.7%	57.7%	58.7%	59.7%	60.7%	61.7%	62.7%
White	56.4%	57.4%	58.4%	59.4%	60.4%	61.4%	62.4%	63.4%

1. Provide the measurements of interim progress toward meeting the long-term goals for academic achievement in Appendix A.

   Table 3 and 4 above provide the interim progress targets towards meeting the state's long-term goals for academic achievement in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. Interim progress targets are also available in Appendix A.

2. Describe how the long-term goals and measurements of interim progress toward the long- term goals for academic achievement take into account the improvement necessary to make significant progress in closing statewide proficiency gaps.

   The "Base + Gap Closure" model incorporates a specific gap closure component for any group underperforming the All Students group, while applying the same formula to all groups. Additionally, because the gap closure component of the formula requires a ten percent decrease in the group's gap, subgroups with baselines farther behind the All Students group have a more ambitious long term

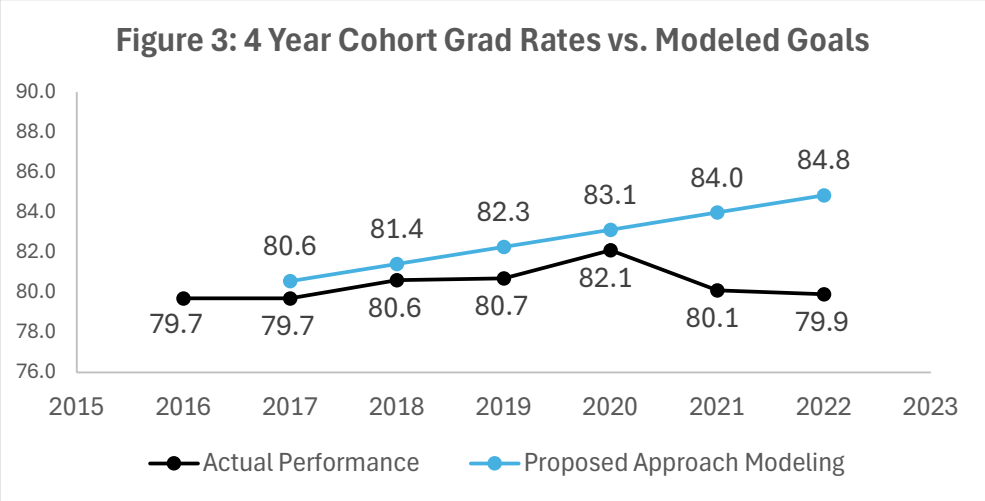
goal, and interim measures to reach that goal, which will close achievement gaps for student subgroups using attainable targets.

b. **Graduation Rate.** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(i)(I)(bb))*

1. Describe the long-term goals for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for all students and for each subgroup of students, including: (1) the timeline for meeting the long- term goals, for which the term must be the same multi-year length of time for all students and for each subgroup of students in the State, and (2) how the long-term goals are ambitious.

   Idaho's long-term goals to increase our 4 year cohort graduation rates also use a "Base + Gap Closure" model, as described above. The State Board of Education, Department of Education, Accountability Oversight Committee, and stakeholders agreed on the need for long-term goals for the state that are balanced between being ambitious and achievable. Based on our historical data and stakeholder feedback, the base expectation is 6 percentage points improvement over 7 years, which is slightly lower than the expectation set for our achievement goals. The gap closure component establishes an expectation that groups with a baseline lower than the All Students group will close their by 10% in 7 years. The proposed length of time for the long-term goals– 7 years from 2023 – encompasses half of a student's K-12 career and therefore achieving the goal would impact students that are currently in the K-12 education system.

   Based on Accountability Oversight Committee's review of modeled data, if Idaho had used the proposed model beginning in 2016, the state would have met the goal for 1 year and some subgroups would have met the goals additional years. Since our historical data does not show a consistent upward trend in our cohort graduation rates, we are confident that these goals are appropriately ambitious, particularly given the longstanding challenges of closing achievement gaps and the built-in, focused gap closure component of this model. Figure 3 shows a comparison of our actual 4 year cohort graduation rates by year compared to modeled goals representing what targets would have been if we had adopted the proposed approach in 2016.



Calculation: Long-term goal = (Class of 2022 baseline % proficient/advanced + 6) + (maximum 0 (All Students Class of 2022 baseline – group Class of 2022 baseline)) x 0.10)
Interim progress goal = (group's Class of 2029 long-term goal – group's Class of 2022 baseline) / 7

Please note that due to the timing of Idaho's graduation rate appeals window and the finalization of data, our graduation rate for a given year is always for the prior graduating class. Thus, the 2023 baseline is the Class of 2022.

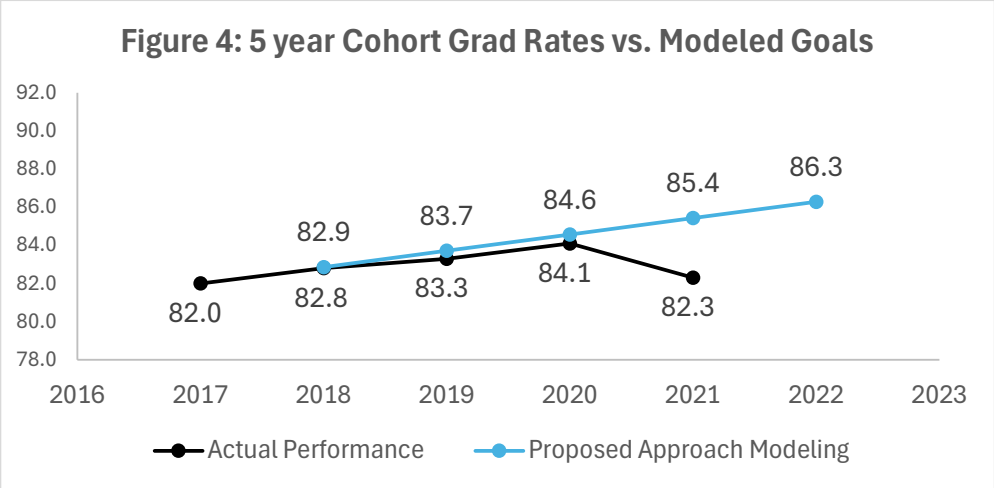
Table 5a: 4 year Graduation rate – Class of 2022 baseline, Class of 2029 long-term goal, and Class of 2023-Class of 2028 interim targets
***Reporting of 4 Year graduation rates lags 1 year**

4 year Graduation Rate	Class of 2022 Baseline	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
All Students	79.9%	80.8%	81.6%	82.5%	83.3%	84.2%	85.0%	85.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	69.6%	70.6%	71.6%	72.6%	73.6%	74.6%	75.6%	76.6%
English Learners	65.4%	66.5%	67.5%	68.6%	69.7%	70.7%	71.8%	72.9%
Students with Disabilities	56.6%	57.8%	59.0%	60.2%	61.4%	62.6%	63.7%	64.9%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	73.4%	74.4%	75.3%	76.3%	77.2%	78.2%	79.1%	80.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	85.4%	86.3%	87.1%	88.0%	88.8%	89.7%	90.5%	91.4%
Black / African American	69.1%	70.1%	71.1%	72.1%	73.1%	74.2%	75.2%	76.2%
Hispanic or Latino	73.0%	74.0%	74.9%	75.9%	76.8%	77.8%	78.7%	79.7%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	71.6%	72.5%	73.4%	74.2%	75.1%	76.0%	76.9%	77.8%
Two or More Races	76.5%	77.4%	78.3%	79.2%	80.1%	81.0%	81.9%	82.8%
White	81.9%	82.8%	83.6%	84.5%	85.3%	86.2%	87.0%	87.9%

2. If applicable, describe the long-term goals for each extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, including (1) the timeline for meeting the long-term goals, for which the term must be the same multi-year length of time for all students and for each subgroup of students in the State; (2) how the long-term goals are ambitious; and (3) how the long-term goals are more rigorous than the long-term goal set for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

   Idaho's 5 year cohort graduation rate long-term goals and measurements of interim progress were created using the same "Base + Gap Closure" calculation as the 4 year cohort graduation rate. Based on our historical data and stakeholder feedback, the base expectation is 6 percentage points improvement over 7 years with a 10% gap closure component. The proposed length of time for the long-term goals– 7 years from 2023 – encompasses half of a student's K-12 career and therefore achieving the goal would impact students that are currently in the K-12 education system.

Based on historical data trends and stakeholder feedback, we are confident the targets are appropriately ambitious, particularly for subgroups underperforming when compared to the All Students Group. Additionally, Idaho tracks and reports our 5 year cohort graduation rates because they are particularly applicable for alternative high schools. Since these schools are serving students who are not on track to graduate in four years at their time of enrollment, ensuring that students graduate within five years is challenging. Thus, we believe the improvement expected is appropriately ambitious. Figure 4 shows our historical 5 year cohort graduation rate data versus what the targets would have been if we adopted the proposed model in 2017.



Because the baselines (Class of 2022) are higher than the 4 year cohort graduation rate baselines, the proposed 5 year cohort graduation rate interim targets and long-term goals are all higher than the 4 year targets.

Calculation: Long-term goal = (Class of 2022 baseline % proficient/advanced + 6) + (maximum 0 (All Students Class of 2022 baseline – group Class of 2022 baseline)) x 0.10)
Interim progress goal = (group's Class of 2028 long-term goal – group's Class of 2022 baseline) / 7

Table 5b: 5-Year graduation rate long term goals and interim progress goals
***Reporting of 5 Year graduation rates lags 2 years**

5 year Graduation Rate	Class of 2022 Baseline	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
All Students	82.5%	83.4%	84.2%	85.1%	85.9%	86.8%	87.6%	88.5%
Economically Disadvantaged	73.0%	74.0%	75.0%	76.0%	77.0%	78.0%	79.0%	80.0%
English Learners	69.3%	70.3%	71.4%	72.4%	73.5%	74.6%	75.6%	76.6%

Students with Disabilities	60.0%	61.2%	62.4%	63.5%	64.7%	65.9%	67.1%	68.3%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	76.0%	77.0%	77.9%	78.9%	79.8%	80.8%	81.7%	82.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	87.5%	88.4%	89.2%	90.1%	90.9%	91.8%	92.6%	93.5%
Black / African American	72.8%	73.8%	74.8%	75.8%	76.8%	77.8%	78.8%	79.8%
Hispanic or Latino	76.5%	77.4%	78.4%	79.3%	80.3%	81.2%	82.2%	83.1%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	75.6%	76.6%	77.5%	78.5%	79.4%	80.4%	81.3%	82.3%
Two or More Races	79.0%	79.9%	80.8%	81.7%	82.6%	83.5%	84.4%	85.4%
White	84.4%	85.3%	86.1%	87.0%	87.8%	88.7%	89.5%	90.4%

3. Provide the measurements of interim progress toward the long-term goals for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and any extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

   Interim progress goals are in Tables 5a and 5b above and in Appendix A.

4. Describe how the long-term goals and measurements of interim progress for the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and any extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rate take into account the improvement necessary to make significant progress in closing statewide graduation rate gaps.

   As with goals for reading/language arts and mathematics assessments, Idaho's 4 year cohort and 5 year cohort graduation rate goals were created using our "Base + Gap Closure" model that incorporates a specific gap closure component for any group underperforming the All Students group, while applying the same formula to all groups. Additionally, because the gap closure component of the formula requires a ten percent decrease in the group's gap, subgroups with baselines farther behind the All Students group have a more ambitious long term goal, and interim measures to reach that goal, which will close achievement gaps for student subgroups using attainable targets.

c. **English Language Proficiency.** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii))*

~~Idaho determines a student's eligibility as an English Learner in a multi-step process, beginning with an initial home language survey, completed at registration. If the home language survey indicates a language other than English~~

~~is the primary language spoken at home, the student is then screened using the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten or WIDA Screener. The student's results from this screener determine eligibility and inform the students plan for developing English language skills.~~

~~The ACCESS for ELL is administered to all identified English Learners, annually, and includes assessments in reading, writing, listening and speaking. A student receives an overall composite score and a scale score in each of the four domains.~~

~~The reading and writing domains are weighted 35% each in the overall composite, while the speaking and listening are weighted 15% each in the overall composite.~~

~~Following the 2020 ACCESS for ELL administration, a student is considered proficient when they receive a composite score equal to or greater than 4.2, with a minimum score of 3.5 in the domains of reading, writing and listening, and a minimum score of 1 in the speaking domain.~~

~~The change came after analysis of both Idaho and WIDA Consortium data, consultation with stakeholders and assessment measurement experts as well as considering the rigor of English Language assessed by the ACCESS for ELL.~~

~~After analyzing the 2016, 2017 and 2018 results from the WIDA ACCESS for ELL, Idaho has updated the measure of expected progress. The new measure of expected progress as captured in Table 6a, considers the student's initial ELP level, and recognizes student's English language development is not equal to the years served in an EL program, but influenced by their initial ELP level.~~

~~The expected time to English Language Proficiency also serves educators in the development of the student's EL plan in setting realistic and attainable growth targets, with a focus on meeting students where they are and moving students where they need to be, so they can successfully access academic content and be college and career ready.~~

~~Initial ACCESS for ELL Proficiency Level Composite (2017 or later)~~	~~Calculated Growth Year 1*~~	~~Calculated Growth Year 2*~~	~~Calculated Growth Year 3*~~	~~Calculated Growth Year 4*~~	~~Calculated Growth Year 5*~~
~~6.0 Reaching~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~
~~5.0 – 5.9 Bridging~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~
~~4.0 – 4.9 Expanding~~	~~4.0+~~	~~4.2+~~	~~**~~	~~**~~	~~**~~
~~3.0 – 3.9 Developing~~	~~3.0+~~	~~3.6+~~	~~4.2+~~	~~**~~	~~**~~
~~2.0 – 2.9 Emerging~~	~~2.5+~~	~~3.0+~~	~~3.6+~~	~~4.2+~~	~~**~~
~~1.0 – 1.9 Entering~~	~~1.5+~~	~~2.0+~~	~~3.0+~~	~~3.6+~~	~~4.2+~~

~~** Only years in which the student was continuously enrolled in Idaho schools count for the year counter in the first row of this table.*~~
~~*** English learners must meet proficiency (Idaho Language Instruction Educational Program*~~

~~*exit criteria) to be considered as making the expected progress.*~~

Idaho employs a multi-step process to identify English learners (ELs), beginning with a Home Language Survey (HLS) administered during student enrollment. The HLS collects information about the primary language spoken at home to determine if further English Language Proficiency (ELP) screening is necessary. If a language other than English is identified, students in kindergarten through grade 12 are screened using either the WIDA Screener for Kindergarten or the WIDA Screener (Grades 1–12). Screening results confirm eligibility for participation in the Local Education Agency's (LEA) Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP). Both the completed HLS and ELP screener performance scores are required to be uploaded to the state's English Learner Management System (ELMS) and included in the student's cumulative file.
Idaho ensures accurate and effective EL identification practices through regular reviews of the identification process by education partners, including EL specialists, technical advisors, and advocacy groups. This collaborative review process guarantees compliance with state and federal regulations while maintaining standardized procedures across LEAs. Explicit attention is given to students with disabilities, ensuring inclusive practices that meet their needs.

English Language Proficiency Assessment

As a member of the WIDA Consortium, Idaho utilizes WIDA's English Language Development (ELD) Standards and a comprehensive suite of summative ELP assessments, including ACCESS for ELLs (Online, Paper, Kindergarten) and WIDA Alternate ACCESS. These assessments measure a student's English proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing, supporting the monitoring of progress and readiness for reclassification from LIEP services.

English Learners Achieving English Language Proficiency

General English Language Proficiency Assessment

Idaho has identified the following reclassification criteria for students completing the general summative ELP assessment.

General ELP Assessment – English Achievement Level Standard

- ≥ 4.2 Composite Overall Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Listening Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Reading Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Writing Proficiency Level
- ≥ 1.0 Speaking Proficiency Level

Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment

For students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, Idaho administered WIDA Alternate ACCESS for the first time in 2024. The new test form reflects increased academic rigor and expanded scaling of scores and are outlined in the new alternate achievement level standards and alternate achievement level descriptors. To establish appropriate English language proficiency reclassification criteria, Idaho collaborated with WCER, education partners, and advisory committees to review historical performance data and reclassification rates. Equi-percentile equating and other evidence-based methodologies were used to identify new reclassification criteria. Idaho will continue to monitor reclassification rates to confirm that students are not prematurely exited from

LIEP services once they become available.
Idaho defines English proficiency for its alternate ELP assessment as:

- Composite Overall Proficiency Level of PL4-Expanding.

English Learners Achieving English Language Growth Toward Proficiency

General English Language Proficiency Assessment

Recognizing that growth toward English proficiency is non-linear and influenced by students' initial proficiency level, Idaho has developed individualized growth targets to reflect realistic and attainable goals for each EL.
Table 6a outlines the growth expectations as they relate to the English language achievement level standards. The expected amount of growth is based on a student's starting proficiency level.

Table 6a: English Learners Achieving English Language Growth toward English Proficiency

Initial ACCESS for ELL Proficiency Level Composite (2017 or later)	Calculated Growth Year 1*	Calculated Growth Year 2*	Calculated Growth Year 3*	Calculated Growth Year 4*	Calculated Growth Year 5*
6.0 Reaching	**	**	**	**	**
5.0 – 5.9 Bridging	**	**	**	**	**
4.0 – 4.9 Expanding	≥4.0	≥4.2	**	**	**
3.0 – 3.9 Developing	≥3.0	≥3.6	≥4.2	**	**
2.0 – 2.9 Emerging	≥2.5	≥3.0	≥3.6	≥4.2	**
1.0 – 1.9 Entering	≥1.5	≥2.0	≥3.0	≥3.6	≥4.2

** Only years in which the student was continuously enrolled in Idaho schools count for the year counter in the first row of this table.*
*** English learners must meet proficiency (Idaho Language Instruction Educational Program exit criteria) to be considered as making the expected progress.*

Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment

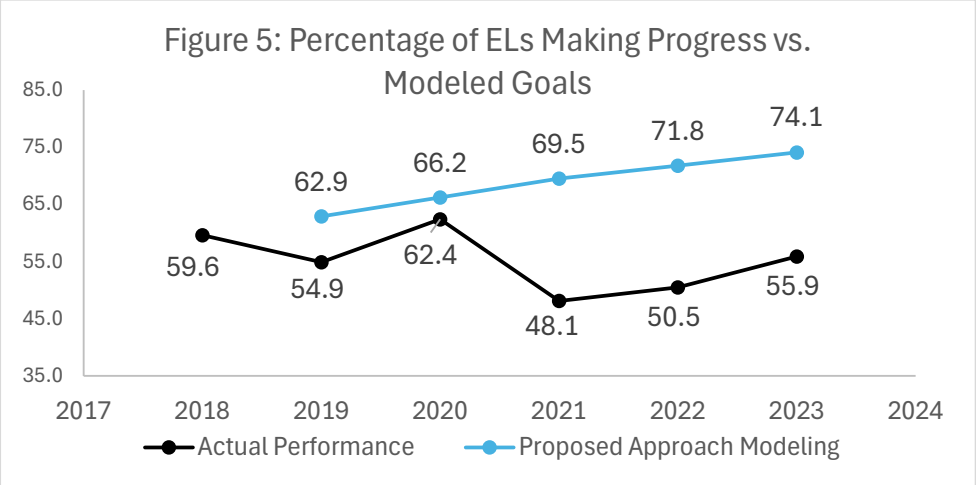
Idaho continues to actively engage education partners, technical advisory members, and field experts to establish a new Alternate ELP growth indicator for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. This development process has included – and continues to include – gathering and synthesizing input from education partners and conducting data analysis to inform the creation of a new valid, reliable, and relevant growth indicator. Establishing an appropriate growth metric for this diverse population requires further evidence – Including at-least three years of data – to ensure alignment with best practices and the unique needs of Idaho's student population. Idaho's collaborative approach ensures the Alternate ELP indicator will address the unique needs of this population while maintaining alignment with state and federal requirements.

1. Describe the long-term goals for English learners for increases in the percentage of such students making progress in achieving English language proficiency, as measured by the statewide English language proficiency assessment, including: (1) the State-determined timeline for such students to achieve English language proficiency and (2) how the long- term goals are ambitious.

The proposed length of time for English Learners' progress long-term goals is the

same as all other proposed goals– 7 years from 2023 – which encompasses half of a student's K-12 career and achieves the goal of impacting students currently in the K-12 education system.

Based on changes made to Idaho's exit criteria and, as a result, a shift in the student population taking the state's English Language Proficiency Assessment, the percentage of students meeting their growth targets has changed in recent years**.** We reviewed data since the change in exit criteria was implemented (in 2020) and considered pandemic impacts to identify our long-term goals for the percent of students making expected progress. We also engaged with stakeholders and gathered feedback directly from districts and educators with larger populations of English Learners. Figure 5 shows the actual percentage of ELs that have made expected progress as compared to modeling of what the state goals would have been if we had adopted the proposed approach in 2018.



Based on data trends and stakeholder feedback, we have set goals for the percentage of EL students meeting their growth targets to improve by a very ambitious 20 percentage points from the 2023 baseline (55.9%) to the 2030 long-term goal (75.9%). Recognizing that program improvements and student outcomes are more likely to see greater annual improvement initially with lower rates of improvement over time, we set the measurements of interim progress for 3.3 percentage points annually for 2024 through 2027 and 2.3 percentage points per year from 2028 to 2030.

Table 6b: Percent of Students Making Expected Progress toward English proficiency 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets

2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
55.9%	59.2%	62.5%	65.8%	69.1%	71.4%	73.7%	76.0%

2. Provide the measurements of interim progress toward the long-term goal for

increases in the percentage of English learners making progress in achieving English language proficiency in Appendix A.

Interim progress goals are in Table 6b above and Appendix A.

iv. **Indicators** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(B))*

Idaho annually and publicly reports progress on all measures in the state's Accountability Framework (Appendix B), originally approved by the Idaho State Board of Education and the Idaho Legislature in 2017. These measures were agreed upon by Idaho's stakeholders as the next step forward in education accountability in the state to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Idaho believes defining success requires going beyond statewide test scores and should illustrate multiple measures reflecting the many facets of our students. All measures in the Accountability Framework reflect Idaho's values and will further empower educators and parents to engage in educational decisions about their children.

The Accountability Framework is used to meet both state and federal school accountability requirements and is broken up by school categories.

A subset of the measures in the Accountability Framework is used as the accountability indicators required by ESSA, and described in this section. Idaho uses these indicators every three years to determine schools for comprehensive support and improvement, and each year to determine schools for targeted support and improvement, using the methodology described in sections A(4)(v) and A(4)(vi) of this plan.

It should be noted that the state accountability framework groups schools into three categories so meaningful differentiation can be made between like schools. The following school categories are outlined in the state accountability framework:

School Categories

- Kindergarten through grade eight (K-8): Schools in this category include elementary and middle schools as defined in IDAPA Rule 08.02.03.112.05.f.
- High Schools, not designated as alternative high schools, as defined in Subsection 112.05.f.
- Alternative High Schools

The indicators Idaho uses for school identification as required by ESSA are listed by school category.

Academic Measures by School
Category K-8:

- Achievement on Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in English Language Arts and Math
- Growth on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), as determined by the percentage of students meeting their individual, annual growth targets.

- English Learners making progress towards English language proficiency.

High School:
- Achievement on Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in English Language Arts and Math
- English Learners making progress towards English language proficiency.
- Four (4) year cohort graduation rate

Alternative High School:
- Achievement on Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in English Language Arts and Math
- English learners making progress towards English language proficiency.
- Four (4) year cohort graduation rate

School Quality Measures by School
Category K-8:
- Chronic absenteeism rates for grades K-8.

High School:
- College and Career Readiness indicators, determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.

Alternative High School:
- College and Career Readiness indicators, determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.

a. **Academic Achievement Indicator**. Describe the Academic Achievement indicator, including a description of how the indicator (i) is based on the long-term goals; (ii) is measured by proficiency on the annual Statewide reading/language arts and mathematics assessments;(iii) annually measures academic achievement for all students and separately for each subgroup of students; and (iv) at the State's discretion, for each public high school in the State, includes a measure of student growth, as measured by the annual Statewide reading/language arts and mathematics assessments.

Idaho's Academic Achievement Indicator is achievement on the statewide tests in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy and meets the criteria for academic indicators as described in section A(4)(iv)(a) of this plan.

Academic achievement indicator measures:
- K-8 Schools
  - Idaho Student Achievement Test (ISAT) Mathematics grades 3-8
  - ISAT English Language arts (ELA)/Literacy grades 3-8

- High Schools
  - ISAT Mathematics
  - ISAT ELA/Literacy
- Alternative High Schools
  - ISAT Mathematics
  - ISAT ELA/Literacy

The academic achievement indicator represents the proficiency on statewide mathematics and ELA/Literacy tests. In the school identification system, academic achievement for K-8 schools is the actual, non- averaged achievement in that school year. For high school, students are allowed to demonstrate their mastery of the high school content standards by taking the assessment at least once in high school prior to or during their 11th grade year.

The state administers and reports the grade level assessments annually and provides comparative data across subgroups.

Used for all schools in state: Both academic indicators in this section are used for all schools in the state according to the school categories as outlined in Idaho's Accountability Framework.

Same calculation for all schools: The same calculation is used for all schools in the state for the academic indicators. This is further described in the process of annual meaningful differentiation methods later in this section.

Validity and reliability: The academic indicators are calculated using statewide test scores in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The Idaho Standard Achievement Tests, developed by Smarter Balanced, have met validity and reliability criteria as outlined in the Federal Assessment Peer Review.

Based on long-term goals: Both academic indicators are aligned directly to Idaho's long- term goals.

Proficiency on statewide reading/language arts and mathematics assessments: The academic indicators are based on the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on these assessments. Results from both content areas will be weighted equally. Please see annual meaningful differentiation of schools methodology for further explanation.

Disaggregation: Each academic indicator can be disaggregated for each student group.

95% participation: Both academic indicators measure the performance of at least 95% of all students and 95% of all students in each student group.

b. **Indicator for Public Elementary and Secondary Schools that are Not High Schools (Other Academic Indicator).** Describe the Other Academic Indicator, including how it annually measures the performance for all students and separately for each subgroup of students. If the Other Academic Indicator is not a measure of student growth, the description must include a demonstration that the indicator is a valid

and reliable statewide academic indicator that allows for meaningful differentiation in school performance.

Idaho's Other Academic Indicator is Academic Growth as defined below and meets the criteria for academic indicators as described in section A(4)(iv)(a) of this plan.

Other Academic indicator measures:

- Student Growth to proficiency in English Language Arts/Literacy, based on the percentage of students meeting their annual growth targets
- Student Growth to proficiency in Mathematics, based on the percentage of students meeting their annual growth targets

To set meaningful, achievable annual growth targets for students that keep them on a trajectory towards proficiency or appropriately maintaining proficiency, we have established different expectations for students based on their performance.

Expectations for Students Who Have Not Scored Proficient or Above

First, we divided the non-proficient ISAT achievement levels (Level 1 and Level 2) into 3 sub-categories. Students' growth targets are then set based on the expectation to improve their performance spring-to-spring by 1 achievement sub-category or more, as shown below.

Minimum Expected Growth for Non-Proficient Students						
	Level 1			**Level 2**		
Prior Year	1a	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c
Current year	1b	1c	2a	2b	2c	3a

Expectations for Students Who Have Scored Proficient

For students who have scored proficient, we again divided the proficient ISAT achievement level (Level 3) into 3 sub-categories. Because students have demonstrated proficiency, substantial upward movement is encouraged but not expected for the student to meet their growth target. Instead, for proficient students, the targets are designed to ensure they continue to expand their learning by at least one academic year. As a result, the growth targets for proficient students are set with the expectation that they will maintain their performance within their sub-category spring-to-spring or will improve performance. The minimum expectations are shown below.

Minimum Expected Growth for Proficient Students

	Level 3		
Prior Year	3a	3b	3c
Current year	3a	3b	3c

Expectations for Students Who Have Scored Advanced

For students who have scored advanced, we have maintained one ISAT achievement level (Level 4) rather than creating sub-categories. There are two primary reasons for this decision:

- We recognize that achieving a Level 4 is challenging
- We understand the nature of the assessment and the reality that scores at the top end of the scale are less precise, so students' movement within the category could be a result of normal testing error.

Because students who have scored advanced have exceeded proficiency expectations, the targets are designed to ensure they continue to expand their learning by approximately one academic year without backsliding into a lower performance category. As a result, the growth targets for advanced students are set with the expectation that they may have varying performance within Level 4, but are expected to stay at or above the Level 4 cut to meet their growth target.

Maintenance Expectation for Advanced Students	
	Level 4
Prior Year	4
Current year	Maintain performance anywhere within Level 4

Disaggregation: The other academic indicator can be disaggregated for each student group. Student growth can be disaggregated for each student group.

Validity and reliability: Student growth calculations are a valid and reliable measure and have been used by the U.S. Department of Education to understand and measure the growth of schools and districts.

95% participation: The growth rate indicator measures the performance of at least 95% of all students and 95% of all students in each student group.

c. **Graduation Rate.** Describe the Graduation Rate indicator, including a description of (i) how the indicator is based on the long-term goals; (ii) how the indicator annually measures graduation rate for all students and separately for each subgroup of students; (iii) how the indicator is based on the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate; (iv) if the State, at its discretion, also includes one or more extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rates, how the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is combined with that rate or rates within the indicator; and (v) if applicable, how the State includes in its four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and any extended-year adjusted cohort graduation rates students with the most significant cognitive disabilities assessed using an alternate assessment aligned to alternate academic achievement standards under ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(D) and awarded a State-defined alternate diploma under ESEA section 8101(23) and (25).

Table 7 below describes Idaho's graduation rate indicators. Idaho uses the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate for the graduation rate indicator, which follows federal guidelines. See section A(4)(v) for how the graduation rate indicator is used for meaningful differentiation of schools. Idaho does not award a state-defined alternate diploma. Based on stakeholder feedback, Idaho calculated a five-year cohort graduation rate for the first time in 2018/2019. The Five-year cohort graduation rate is reported for all high schools.

Table 7: Graduation rate indicators

Indicator	Measure	Description
Graduation Rate	The four-year cohort graduation rate	The percent of students graduating using the four-year graduation cohort rate calculation within a school reported[4] in the current school year.

Used for all high schools in state: The graduation rate indicator is used for all high schools in the state.

Same calculation for all high schools: The same calculation is used for all schools in the state for the graduation rate indicator.

Based on long-term goals: The graduation rate indicator is aligned directly to Idaho's long- term goals.

Disaggregation: The graduation rate indicator can be disaggregated for each student group. The graduation rate indicator can be disaggregated for each student group.

Validity and reliability: The federally-required four-year cohort graduation rate has been shown to be valid and reliable.

d. **Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency (ELP) Indicator.** Describe the Progress in Achieving ELP indicator, including the State's definition of ELP, as measured by the State ELP assessment.

Idaho administers the ACCESS for ELL developed by WIDA as our English Language Proficiency Assessment. The progress in achieving ELP is defined in section iv.c above.

e. **School Quality or Student Success Indicator(s).** Describe each School Quality or Student Success Indicator, including, for each such indicator: (i) how it allows for meaningful differentiation in school performance; (ii) that it is valid, reliable, comparable, and statewide (for the grade span(s) to which it applies); and (iii) of how each such indicator annually measures performance for all students and separately for each subgroup of students. For any school quality or indicator that does not apply to all grade spans, the description must include the grade spans to which it does apply.

Table 8: School Quality Indicators

School Category	Measure
K-8	Chronic absenteeism rates for grades K-8.
High School	College and Career Readiness indicators, determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.
Alternative High School	College and Career Readiness indicators, determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.

Table 8 describes the school quality indicators used in our school identification methodology. Additional school quality indicators are found in Appendix B, described at the end of this section and included in annual reporting on the state, district and school report card used as our tool for annual meaningful differentiation.

Disaggregation: Each school quality indicator can be disaggregated for each student group.

Validity and reliability:
The validity of chronic absenteeism is supported by numerous studies that have found strong linkages between chronic absenteeism and other key indicators of student performance and success such as improved academic achievement, increased graduation rates, and lower dropout rates. The reliability of the collected data is largely ensured by a consistent reporting methodology, the use of a standardized state definition of chronic absenteeism, and a singular data collection system that has already been established and used for reporting. Idaho is confident in the accurate reporting of attendance data because Idaho has used an average daily attendance (ADA) funding model for many years for all school districts.

All local education agencies in Idaho have been submitting chronic absenteeism data since the 2018-2019 school year to the state. Idaho defines chronic absenteeism the same as the definition provided by the U.S. Department of Education in the EDFacts file spec FS195:

"The unduplicated number of students absent 10% or more school days during the school year. A student was absent if he or she was not physically on school grounds and was not participating in instruction or instruction-related activities at an approved off-grounds location for at least half the school day".

The college and career readiness indicator will be calculated for every student using

[4] *Graduation rate lags by one school year.*

data collected by the ISDE, State Board of Education, or the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education (ICTE).

Students who demonstrate early success in college and career preparation opportunities have an increased likelihood of entry and success in education and career training after high school. College and career preparation is determined by calculating the percent of students who have demonstrated success preparation for education and/or career training after high school through advanced course work, technical skills attainment or work experience.

Advanced coursework includes advance placement courses, dual credit courses, and international baccalaureate programs. Students earn credit by passing the course. Technical Skills Assessment (TSA) is a pathway program that measures a student's understanding of the technical requirements of the occupational pathway. The TSA is a nationally validated, industry- based assessment, administered by an approved vendor, such as Career Technical Education. All juniors and seniors enrolled in a capstone course are required to take the TSA. Work experience includes credit for internships and job shadowing. A student earns work experience credit by passing the established criteria for that experience. At a minimum, each work experience aligns to Idaho's Content Standards. In this way, the work experience requirements for credit are consistent and comparable across the State. The LEA may require additional criteria above and beyond the Standards.

The three options in the college and career ready indicators in Idaho's Accountability framework are equally accessible and reflective of stakeholder feedback and State Board of Education goals and allow for meaningful differentiation among all high schools and alternative schools in the state.

Each college and career indicator will include all 12th graders in the denominator providing a true measure of student's access to advanced coursework and a measure of performance throughout their high school experience.

The numerator and denominator are summarized below:

The # of 12th grade students in a high school meeting one or more of the three College and Career options divided by the number of 12th grade students.

Idaho's high school students have equitable access to Advanced Opportunities. Idaho requires that all high schools offer Advanced Opportunities. Idaho rule 08.02.03.106.01 states: "All high schools in Idaho shall be required to provide Advanced Opportunities, as defined in Section 007, or provide opportunities for students to take courses at the postsecondary campus."

In addition, each student in Idaho has $4,125 available to them to cover costs associated with Advanced Opportunities. These funds may be used to pay for dual credits, overload courses, or certificate exams.

Additional school quality and student success indicators not used in school identification. Additional school quality indicators in the state accountability framework include students enrolled in grade 8 taking pre-algebra or higher-level

math courses and students in grade 9 taking algebra 1 or higher level math courses in our high schools and alternative high schools. Enrollment in math courses is based on the total population of students in the applicable grade and is disaggregated by sub-groups.

Research shows that students learn more in schools that emphasize high academic expectation and students that take higher-level academic courses learn more. This research supports the use of the enrollment in on-grade or above grade mathematics courses as an indicator of school quality and student success. This indicator also allows for evaluation of school programs in aligning curriculum and instruction in setting high expectation.

Credit recovery and accumulation in Idaho alternative schools as a measure of school quality and student success is predicated on the specific academic needs of students in alternative high schools. The state intends to identify the number of courses taken for credit recovery – which is defined as, any course for which a student received credit after previously attempting the same or equivalent course where credit was not earned. The State Department of Education is working with alternative schools to determine the most meaningful way of articulating this in our reporting of the indicators in the state, district and school report cards. Business rules for reporting will be finalized in May 2018.

The final indicator of school quality and student success; communication with parents on student achievement, which applies to all school configurations, was implemented in the 2018/2019 school year.

v. **Annual Meaningful Differentiation** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(C))*

a. Describe the State's system of annual meaningful differentiation of all public schools in the State, consistent with the requirements of section 1111(c)(4)(C) of the ESEA, including a description of (i) how the system is based on all indicators in the State's accountability system, (ii) for all students and for each subgroup of students. Note that each state must comply with the requirements in 1111(c)(5) of the ESEA with respect to accountability for charter schools.

Idaho annually and publicly reports progress on all measures in the state's Accountability Framework (Appendix B), approved by the Idaho State Board of Education and the Idaho Legislature in 2017. These measures were agreed upon by Idaho's stakeholders as the next step forward in education accountability in the state to ensure that all students are college and career ready. Idaho believes defining success requires going beyond statewide test scores and should illustrate multiple measures reflecting the many facets of our students.

All measures in the Accountability Framework reflect Idaho's state values and further empower educators and parents to engage in educational decisions about student achievement. Idaho reports results for each indicator disaggregated by all student subgroups for all schools. Idaho's stakeholders were outspoken in their opposition to a summative rating for each school. It was felt that the complex

calculations required to produce a summative score are not transparent, sometimes misleading, and result in a system that is not useful for parents and educators. In order to produce a meaningful report card, Idaho has developed a user-friendly report card that allows for data to be summarized and visualized in ways most useful to parents and community members. The state also incorporated tools for comparing schools to each other. This allows all education stakeholders to use the multiple measures in the Accountability Framework to differentiate schools.

b. Describe the weighting of each indicator in the State's system of annual meaningful differentiation, including how the Academic Achievement, Other Academic, Graduation Rate, and Progress in ELP indicators each receive substantial weight individually and, in the aggregate, much greater weight than the School Quality or Student Success indicator(s), in the aggregate.

When identifying comprehensive and targeted support and improvement schools as described above, the school quality indicator is weighted at 10% for all schools, with the remaining indicators weighted evenly across the remaining 90%.

See Table 9 below for an outline of indicator weights for Idaho's most common school configurations.

Table 9: Indicator weights for Idaho's most common Title I school configurations (percent)

School Type (Title 1 Schools)	Math	ELA/ Literacy	Student Growth – Math	Student Growth – ELA/Literacy	English Learner Proficiency	Graduation Rate	School Quality
K-8	18	18	18	18	18	NA	10
K-8 (no ELs)	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	NA	NA	10
High school	22.5	22.5	NA	NA	22.5	22.5	10
High school (no ELs)	30	30	NA	NA	NA	30	10
Alternative high school	22.5	22.5	NA	NA	22.5	22.5	10
Alternative high school (no ELs)	30	30	NA	NA	NA	30	10

c. If the State uses a different methodology for annual meaningful differentiation than the one described in section 4(v)(a) above for schools for which an accountability determination cannot be made (*e.g.*, P-2 schools), describe the different methodology, indicating the type(s) of schools to which it applies.

The CSI process for identifying the lowest performing schools relies on multiple measures of school performance to accurately identify schools with systemic challenges. Consequently, to progress through Step 6 above and receive a composite score, schools must meet the n size threshold of 20 students in a minimum number of key indicators.

For K-8 schools, the key indicators are:

- Academic Achievement
  - ISAT/IDAA Proficiency Rate in ELA/literacy
  - ISAT/IDAA Proficiency Rate in Mathematics
- Academic Growth
  - Student Growth toward Proficiency – ISAT ELA/Literacy
  - Student Growth toward Proficiency – ISAT Mathematics
  - English Learner Growth toward English Language Proficiency

K-8 schools must have a value for at least one academic achievement measure and one academic growth measure listed above to receive a composite score.

For High Schools and Alternative High Schools, the key indicators are:

- Academic Achievement
  - ISAT/IDAA Proficiency Rate in ELA/literacy
  - ISAT/IDAA Proficiency Rate in Mathematics
- Graduation Rate
  - Four-year cohort graduation rate (High Schools)

High Schools and Alternative High Schools must have a value for at least one academic achievement measure and a graduation rate to receive a composite score.

When schools meet the n size requirements for the key indicators described above, the SDE uses the results in the standard, Lowest-Performing CSI process with the weights distributed across the available indicators. However, if the school still fails to meet the n size requirements for the minimum number of indicators, the school will be subject to a qualitative review process.

Qualitative Review Process

In the qualitative review process, the SDE convenes a review committee to review the school's characteristics and performance using available data. This committee will review information about the school, including the following:

- Title I status
- Grades served
- Detailed school type (e.g. career technical school, adjudicated school, etc.)
- Number of students in the denominator of each accountability measure
- Performance in each measure
- Student achievement progress and growth based on criteria established by the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT)
- For schools serving grades not assessed in our accountability system, the review committee will consider the school's performance on the statewide early

literacy assessment as a metric of comparison. While not a measure in our identification system, the statewide literacy assessment is a measure in our accountability framework and is a key performance indicator in annual meaningful differentiation in our report card.

The committee will use the information available during the qualitative review to determine if the school should be identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

vi. **Identification of Schools** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(D))*

a. **Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools**. Describe the State's methodology for identifying not less than the lowest-performing five percent of all schools receiving Title I, Part A funds in the State for comprehensive support and improvement.

Idaho identified schools in the beginning of the 2018-19 school year using data from 2015- 16, 2016-17, and 2017-18. In the case of the student engagement survey, only data from the end of the 2017-18 school year was used. Idaho originally planned to identify schools every three years thereafter, using the same review of three prior years' data. Although this original identification schedule was delayed by COVID-19 disruptions, Idaho will return to a three-year identification cycle starting in the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

Feedback from stakeholders strongly emphasized a three-year identification cycle in order to build a system that supports the development of sustainable school improvement strategies. School leaders will be able to dedicate time to planning and early implementation in the first year of identification and will have an additional two full years to implement their school improvement strategies, with the intent of generating sustainable change at the school.

ISDE reviews identification data annually to determine whether schools would be identified during an off-cycle year. If schools are found that are not currently identified but would have been identified if the current year were on-cycle will be notified and offered support and thought partnership from staff. Those schools will be added to a watch list and this will be noted on the school report card.

A subset of the measures in the Accountability Framework is used as accountability indicators as required by ESSA, described in section A(4)(iv) of this plan. Idaho uses these indicators every three years to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement, and each year to determine schools for targeted support and improvement, using the methodology described in this section and section A(4)(vi) of this plan.

The steps below describe the calculation steps the state will use in identifying the lowest- performing five percent of all schools receiving Title I, Part A funds.

***Step 1**:*
For each indicator used in school identification, combine the performance of students in the school for the most recent three years and calculate a weighted average. For indicators for which three years of statewide data is not available, the state combines performance for the number of years that are available.

The example below demonstrates the three-year average calculation for math achievement.

Math Assessment	2016		2017		2018		Three year average calculation for Math achievement	
# proficient	95	95.0%	100	78.7%	79	57.20%	274	75.07%
# tested	100	proficiency	127	proficiency	138	proficiency	365	proficiency

***Step 2**:* Select a school and identify the three-year weighted average value of the first indicator (among the academic and school quality indicators described in section iv.)

As an example, the academic achievement indicator for Math, which is the percentage of students scoring at proficient or advanced. From the example calculation above, this value is 75% for a hypothetical school – School X.

School X math performance

75%

***Step 3**:* Determine the school's rank on that indicator relative to all other public schools in the state in the same school category.

To continue our example, assume School X's math achievement was about in the middle relative to other schools in the state, ranking 197 of 378 schools.

School	Achievement	Rank
P	99%	1
F	98%	2
AA	96%	3
S	94%	4
-	-	-
-	-	-
X	**75%**	**197**
-	-	-
-	-	-
G	32%	378

There are 181 schools with lower Achievement than School X and 196 that have higher Achievement than School X.

Step 4: Calculate the school's percentile rank for the indicator. The percentile rank is a simple calculation: divide the number of schools below the school in question by the total number of public schools in the state in the same school category. This number is then multiplied by 100. This calculation provides the percent of schools in the state that fall below the target school in that indicator.

For our hypothetical school X, the calculation would be as follows:

Math Achievement Percentile Rank

$$\frac{\text{Number of schools below School X (181)}}{\text{Total Number of schools (378)}}$$

Using this calculation, we determine that 48 percent of schools in the state fall below School X in the math academic achievement indicator.

Step 5*:* Repeat steps 1-4 for all indicators.

Step 6: Calculate a composite value for the school based on the available indicators. The composite value is calculated by applying the weights described in section b (below) to the percentile ranks for each indicator (determined at the end of step 4) and summing these values.

Step 7*:* Repeat steps 1-6 for all schools in the state.

Step 8 Rank schools from highest to lowest within their school category based on their composite value.

Step 9 Identify the composite value that would capture the bottom 5% of Title I

schools within the K-8, high school, and alternative high school categories.

Idaho designates both Title I and Non-Title I schools with composite scores at or below the relevant 5% threshold value as schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

Step 10: Idaho also celebrates schools for their work to meet the needs of their students by recognizing:

- Schools that meet or exceed the interim progress goals for each indicator.
- Schools that fall into the 90th percentile rank or above using the school identification methodology for each of the indicators in the framework.

b. **Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools**. Describe the State's methodology for identifying all public high schools in the State failing to graduate one third or more of their students for comprehensive support and improvement.

Beginning in 2019, the state calculates and reports both a 4-year cohort and a 5-year cohort graduation rate annually for all traditional and alternative high schools.

Beginning in 2021, Idaho identifies all high schools in the state with a 5-year cohort graduation rate less than 67%, based on a three year weighted average, for comprehensive support and improvement.

The change to using a 5-year rate specifically addresses the challenges and unique needs of our alternative high schools, which are required to serve students who are at risk for dropping out due to academic and social or emotional challenges. Using a 5-year cohort graduation rate average for all high schools recognizes the unique challenges and important work educators and students accomplish in preparing students for college and/or career.

The use of a 5-year cohort graduation rate also allows the state to meaningfully differentiate high schools in our accountability system.

c. **Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools**. Describe the methodology by which the State identifies public schools in the State receiving Title I, Part A funds that have received additional targeted support under ESEA section 1111(d)(2)(C) (based on identification as a school in which any subgroup of students, on its own, would lead to identification under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i)(I) using the State's methodology under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(D) and that have not satisfied the statewide exit criteria for such schools within a State-determined number of years.

If a Title 1 school is identified for additional targeted support under section A(4)(vi)(f) of this plan for three consecutive years (i.e., the school has not met the statewide exit criteria for two consecutive years immediately after the year in which it was identified for additional targeted support), that school will be identified as a comprehensive support and improvement school.

d. **Year of Identification**. Provide, for each type of schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement, the year in which the State will first identify such schools and the frequency with which the State will, thereafter, identify such schools. Note that these schools must be identified at least once every three years.

Idaho began identifying comprehensive support and improvement schools for the 2018-19 school year and originally planned to repeat this process every three years. Due to COVID- 19 disruptions, the identification schedule was pause. Idaho re-identifies schools prior to the 2022-2023 school year and then continues to identify schools every three years thereafter.

e. **Targeted Support and Improvement**. Describe the State's methodology for annually identifying any school with one or more "consistently underperforming" subgroups of students, based on all indicators in the statewide system of annual meaningful differentiation, including the definition used by the State to determine consistent underperformance. *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(C)(iii))*

While the lowest-performing five percent of schools will be identified as comprehensive support and improvement schools every three years, the methodology for identifying these schools will be calculated annually for the purpose of identifying schools for targeted support and improvement.

The comprehensive support and improvement calculations will be run for all students to identify the lowest-performing five percent of schools. The same calculations will then be run for each subgroup of students (when meeting the n size requirements). Idaho identifies targeted support and improvement schools based on a student group composite below the bottom 5% of state average composite for all students and in the bottom five (5) percent of the corresponding student group composites.

The composite score is calculated based on three most recent years of data. For indicators for which three years of statewide data is not available, Idaho combines performance for the number of years that are available.

Each targeted support and improvement school will be required to develop and implement an improvement plan that is aligned to the long-term goals for the state, and approved by their LEA.

To exit targeted support and improvement, a school must not be identified using the methodology described above.

f. **Additional Targeted Support.** Describe the State's methodology for identifying schools in which any subgroup of students, on its own, would lead to identification under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i)(I) using the State's methodology under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(D), including the year in which the State will first identify such schools and the frequency with which the State will, thereafter, identify such schools. *(ESEA section 1111(d)(2)(C)-(D))*

The methodology for identifying additional targeted support schools will be calculated annually.

The same calculations as used for comprehensive support and improvement identifications will be run among targeted support and improvement schools for all subgroups of students (when meeting the n size requirements). The final, weighted composite value for each student group will be compared with that for schools that are (or would be) identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

If the composite value for any of the subgroups is below that for the highest performing school in the bottom 5% of the comprehensive identification schools, the school will be identified for additional targeted support and improvement.

The composite score is calculated based on three most recent years of data. For indicators for which three years of statewide data is not available, Idaho combines performance for the number of years that are available.

To exit additional targeted support, a school must not be identified using the methodology described above.

g. **Additional Statewide Categories of Schools**. If the State chooses, at its discretion, to include additional statewide categories of schools, describe those categories.

The state does not identify additional statewide categories of schools.

vii. **Annual Measurement of Achievement** *(ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(E)(iii))*: Describe how the State factors the requirement for 95% student participation in statewide mathematics and reading/language arts assessments into the statewide accountability system.

Idaho understands that in order to provide a fair and accurate picture of school success, and to help parents, teachers, school leaders, and state officials understand where students are struggling and how to support them, the state must ensure high participation in statewide assessments.

According to current Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA 08.02.03.112(e), “failure to include ninety-five percent (95%) of all students and ninety-five percent (95%) of students in designated subgroups automatically identifies the school as not having achieved measurable progress in ISAT proficiency.” For the purposes of this plan, “measurable progress on ISAT proficiency” is defined as not having met the school’s interim progress measure toward its long-term goals in any group where 95% participation is not attained.

Additionally, “If a school district does not meet the ninety-five percent (95%) participation target for the current year, the participation rate can be calculated by the most current three (3) year average of participation.”

Should a school or LEA not meet the 95% participation minimum standard, the local school board will be notified by the State Board of Education that the school or district has failed to

meet the minimum standard of reporting and that this will be reflected on the state report card. The ISDE will support the school or LEA to write a parent outreach plan that addresses how it will engage parents and community members in order to meet the 95% participation minimum standard. In addition, ISDE will develop policies requiring the LEA to use a portion of its funds pursuant to 33-320, Idaho Code (Continuous Improvement Plans) for local school board and superintendent training on data-driven decision-making and assessment literacy.

If a school has at least 95% participation in any year, the school is not required to submit a parent outreach plan for the following year.

viii. **Continued Support for School and LEA Improvement** *(ESEA section 1111(d)(3)(A))*

a. **Exit Criteria for Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools**. Describe the statewide exit criteria, established by the State, for schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement, including the number of years (not to exceed four) over which schools are expected to meet such criteria.

Lowest performing 5% of schools:
To exit comprehensive support and improvement a school identified in the lowest performing 5% of schools must:

- No longer meet the eligibility criteria for comprehensive support and improvement (no longer be in the lowest 5%), and
- Achieve ELA and Math results above the 10th percentile within each school category for the all student group, and
- Articulate in writing a plan for sustaining improved student achievement. The plan will be submitted to and approved by the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT). This plan will articulate measurable goals, aligned strategies, and a robust monitoring plan. This sustainability plan must explain how the school will maintain a strong rate of growth and change for students while addressing how the school intends to ensure sustainability without additional improvement funds.

A school may not exit if student outcomes (e.g. proficiency rates) have not improved from the point of identification.

Schools with graduation rate below 67%:
Schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement by failing to graduate two- thirds of its graduating cohort may exit from comprehensive status if:

- The school's average graduation rate over the previous 3 years exceeds 67%, or
- The school's graduation rate for two consecutive years exceeds 67%.

b. **Exit Criteria for Schools Receiving Additional Targeted Support**. Describe the statewide exit criteria, established by the State, for schools receiving additional targeted support under ESEA section 1111(d)(2)(C), including the number of years over which schools are expected to meet such criteria.

Schools identified for additional targeted support will be assigned school

improvement goals with a three-year timeline for the student group for which the school was identified for additional targeted support. These goals will be aligned with a long-term goal for that student group to reduce the gap to 100% proficiency in each indicator by half over 6 years with 2016 as the baseline year. To exit, a school must:

- No longer meet the eligibility criteria for additional targeted support, and
- Achieve ELA and Math results above the 10th percentile within each school category, for all subgroups for which the school was identified for targeted support and improvement.

A school may not exit if student outcomes (e.g. proficiency rates) have not improved from the point of identification.

c. **More Rigorous Interventions**. Describe the more rigorous interventions required for schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement that fail to meet the State's exit criteria within a State-determined number of years consistent with section 1111(d)(3)(A)(i)(I) of the ESEA.

More rigorous interventions in a school failing to meet Idaho's exit criteria after three years will be led by the State Technical Assistance Team (or STAT, see section A(4)(viii)(e) for a complete description), who will facilitate the completion of a Comprehensive and Integrated Field Review (CIFR) that will lead to next steps for the school. Below is a description of the steps the STAT will complete to determine more rigorous interventions.

Next steps include:

- The ISDE conducts a Comprehensive and Integrated Field Review (CIFR) during the fall following the third year of identification (see below for membership and protocol).
- The State Board of Education may direct the use of some of the LEA's continuous improvement funds pursuant to 33-320, Idaho Code for local school board training in school improvement.
- A leadership coach may be assigned to the local school board and LEA leader to inform school improvement at the local level.

Membership of the Comprehensive and Integrated Field Review Team may include:

- STAT Team; including the superintendent, building administrators and school leadership team
- ISDE representatives as needed
- LEA/school administrators from the region with similar demographics

Comprehensive and Integrated Field Review protocol:

- Observe a stratified sample of faculty including teachers of special populations, using a standard protocol. The protocol will include a subset of the indicators that align with the state's current teacher evaluation system.
- Interview focus groups; which may include teachers, parents, students, and noncertified staff (e.g. food service, custodians and paraprofessional).

- Interview LEA and school administrators.
- Collect and interpret data.
- Recommend additional school interventions to school, LEA, and state leadership.
- School, LEA, and state leaders agree upon and implement new interventions for the school.

d. **Resource Allocation Review**. Describe how the State will periodically review resource allocation to support school improvement in each LEA in the State serving a significant number or percentage of schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement.

Idaho will identify all LEAs with 50% or more of comprehensive and targeted support and improvement schools every year.

For LEAs with 50% or more comprehensive and targeted support and improvement schools the state will annually review ESSA Federal program resource allocations from the LEA to the school through the Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA). Budget and expenditure information, supports and resources, and student performance will be analyzed to determine the effectiveness of those supports.

ISDE has access to a wide variety of resources, including funding, expertise, math and ELA coaches, leadership training, and assessment development. The allocation of these resources will first be applied to those comprehensive and targeted schools, especially the LEAs that have more than 50% of schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support.

e. **Technical Assistance**. Describe the technical assistance the State will provide to each LEA in the State serving a significant number or percentage of schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement.

Idaho is committed to a robust statewide system of support. Our system of support is designed to pair local issues with local solutions and draws from a variety of resources and programs to build the capacity of schools and LEAs for continuous and sustainable improvement. The statewide system of support is managed and coordinated by the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT). This team is responsible for overseeing all school improvement grants for comprehensive and targeted schools. The STAT works with LEAs to ensure that improvement plans are evidence-based and managed for high performance.

The STAT will provide a network approach to improving instruction and achievement for each school identified as comprehensive support and improvement. The STAT will include members of the Idaho Department ~~o~~f Education, LEA Team, and other specialists as necessary to meet the unique needs of the LEA/District.

As shown in Table 10 below, the statewide System of Support includes strategies and activities that LEAs and schools can select based on need. Schools identified for

comprehensive support and improvement will likely need to draw on multiple strategies, whereas schools identified for targeted support and improvement may apply focused resources on meeting the needs of identified groups of students.

The STAT will ensure that school improvement plans meet evidence-based requirements under ESSA, and that the state interventions being applied to schools are evaluated to ensure that they are high quality and resulting in improved outcomes for students.

State-led school improvement activities are funded through the state administrative set- aside for 1003(a) funds. Services are provided directly to schools identified for improvement, when requested by the LEA as an optional part of the 1003(a) funding formula.

Table 10: Strategies used in the Idaho statewide System of Support

Strategy	Activity	Provider/program	Funding source
Creating/implementing comprehensive and targeted school improvement plans	Diagnostic evaluation/needs assessment to determine key challenges and root causes	Idaho Building Capacity Project	Title I-A School Improvement funds
Creating/implementing comprehensive and targeted school improvement plans	Comprehensive school improvement and leadership coaching	Idaho Building Capacity Project	Title I-A School Improvement funds
Improving leadership effectiveness	Training/Mentoring for School Board Members	ISDE, Idaho School Boards Association, Idaho Building Capacity Project	School Improvement funds
Improving leadership effectiveness	Mentoring and support for principals	Idaho Principals Network Idaho Principal Mentoring Project	School improvement funds Title II-A
	Mentoring and support for superintendents	Idaho Superintendents Network, Idaho Superintendent Mentoring Project	School Improvement Funds

Strategy	Activity	Provider/program	Funding source
Aligning curriculum and improving instruction	Professional development and technical assistance in curriculum and standards development and alignment and research-based instructional improvement	ISDE, Content and Curriculum Coaches	State funds
Aligning curriculum and improving instruction	Training on the Idaho Content Standards and technical assistance with how to align curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices	ISDE, Content and Curriculum Coaches	State funds
Aligning curriculum and improving instruction	Educator evaluation training and coaching	ISDE and SBOE Educator Effectiveness Coordinators	Title II-A State funds
Aligning curriculum and improving instruction	Training on Assessment and Data Literacy	ISDE	State funds
Supporting English learners	Technical assistance with EL program design	Idaho English Learner Program	State and federal funds
Supporting English learners	Training on WIDA standards and technical assistance on aligning WIDA standards with Response to Intervention (RTI) practices	Idaho English Learner Program	State and federal funds
Supporting Special Education students	Multi-tiered instructional training and coaching	SESTA team of Special Education Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development	State funds, special education funds

Strategy	Activity	Provider/program	Funding source
Supporting Special Education students	Training on intensive interventions, assessments and strategies related to special education	SESTA team of Special Education Idaho Center on Disabilities and Human Development	Special education funds
Family and community engagement	Technical assistance in the inclusion of families and the community in the school improvement planning and implementation process	ISDE-Family Engagement Coordinator	State funds

The following describes each of these strategies and activities in greater detail:

Management of Comprehensive and Targeted School Improvement

LEAs and schools need guidance and support in conducting needs assessments, prioritizing goals and needs, and developing improvement plans that are actionable and effective. ISDE partners with local and regional organizations to provide this assistance.

Comprehensive needs assessment and action plan: As part of the state's support, all comprehensive support and improvement schools will conduct a comprehensive needs assessment. The needs assessment may include an examination of four key components of each school: climate and culture, student engagement, leadership, and stakeholder perspectives and experiences. Data will be collected and analyzed using key performance and improvement indicators for school quality and learner outcomes. Areas of improvement will include a root-cause analysis to determine appropriate solutions.

Improvement areas will be prioritized, and this information will help guide LEAs in writing their comprehensive support and improvement plans and will help the STAT provide ongoing support assistance. If the LEA would like assistance from ISDE in either conducting the diagnostic evaluation or recommending an external provider, the school improvement coordinator will provide the information and resources.

Action plans from the diagnostic evaluation will address the why, who, what, when, and resource allocation for making improvement changes. A vision for the school will be developed and the school's strategic direction—setting short-term (one year) and long-term (three to five years) goals—will be identified. An important component of the plan will include external stakeholder involvement

in the development process and during the implementation of the plan. External stakeholders will include, at a minimum, the principal and other school leaders, teachers, and parents. The LEA will address in the plan how it will monitor and oversee the plan's implementation, as well as how the effectiveness of the plan will be evaluated. Title I-A school improvement funds may be used to fund a comprehensive needs assessment if the LEA chooses to use an external provider.

Additionally, grant funds will be available for all Title I schools identified as comprehensive support and improvement for the purpose of implementing system changes, strategies, and interventions as identified in the school's improvement plan based on the results of the comprehensive needs assessment.

STAT Team: The STAT will meet regularly either in person or via web conference. The state school improvement coordinator will develop the agenda and facilitate the meetings. One of the key responsibilities of this group will be to review data to inform strategies for improvement. The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress of schools in CSI-Up and align the statewide System of Support for continuous improvement.

If ~~the~~ a school no longer falls in the category of comprehensive support due to the *significant increase in achievement and/or growth* or it is the conclusion of the STAT that the school's processes and procedures will result in higher levels of student outcomes, ISDE and the LEA will discuss termination of designation and a plan for interim measures of progress, student data, and scaffolded support. The school will be considered exited, but the additional funding allocated for support will no longer be distributed.

Idaho Building Capacity Project: Central to the strategy of providing assistance with the management of school improvement is the Idaho Building Capacity (IBC) Project. The project began in 2008 and is now a cornerstone of ISDE's statewide System of Support and its approach to school improvement. Idaho Capacity Builders are experienced educators who have in-depth knowledge of school improvement processes and demonstrated experience implementing change processes. All schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement may receive support from a Capacity Builder. Capacity Builders coach leaders and leadership teams through the tasks of improvement with ongoing training.

Capacity Builders are provided with a toolkit of evidence-based school improvement resources and, in partnership with school and LEA leaders, help create and implement a customized school improvement plan. The Capacity Builders are managed by regional school improvement coordinators at Boise State University, Idaho State University, and University of Idaho.

Improving Leadership Effectiveness

The statewide System of Support includes several activities to increase the effectiveness of school leadership. The following activities draw on the strengths and assets of Idaho's educators while providing focused support to leaders of

schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement.

Idaho Principals' Network (IPN): The IPN brings school principals together in a professional learning community that is singularly focused on improving outcomes for all students by improving the quality of instruction in all schools. Through the IPN, principals participate in a balance of content, professional conversation, and collegial instructional rounds related directly to instructional leadership, managing change, and improving the overall effectiveness of the instructional core. For schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement, the IPN is recommended and provides coaching and support unique to the leadership needs of each principal. Data collected in July 2017 indicated that IPN participants overwhelmingly indicated satisfaction with the program. Over 95% of participants would either recommend or strongly recommend the program and indicated that the workshops are useful and directly impact their work.

Idaho Superintendents' Network (ISN): The ISN was developed by ISDE in partnership with Boise State University's Center for School Improvement and Policy Studies. The purpose of this project is to support the work of superintendents in improving outcomes for all students. The network is comprised of committed superintendents who work together to developa cohesive and dedicated leadership community focused on teaching and learning.

The ISN is a key resource for superintendents in LEAs with schools that are in comprehensive and targeted designation in order to support and build their capacity in specific aspects of leadership. The ISN is recommended for district superintendents with one or more schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

The Idaho Principal Mentoring Project (IPMP): The IPMP is designed for early career principals in Idaho. This project is voluntary and will provide principals in their first or second year multiple levels of support. The program hires highly distinguished principals and/or superintendents trained by the state to mentor school leaders. Principal mentors are assigned to principal mentees based on need and experience. Mentors coach leaders through the tasks of improvement with regular high-performance phone calls. Principal mentors are provided with a toolkit of mentoring resources and work with mentees to create a customized mentoring plan that focuses on developing the skills and dispositions in four critical areas of school level leadership: interpersonal and facilitation skills, teacher observation and feedback, effective school-level practices and classroom-level practices, and using data to improve instruction. Data collected in July 2017 showedthat 100% of IPMP participants indicated satisfaction with the program and that it directly impacts their work.

Idaho Career & Technical Education (CTE) Leadership Institute: Leadership Institute was developed to foster professional development and provide leadership training and opportunities for Idaho professionals in career and technical education. The goal is to train individuals to become local, district, or state-level administrators of career and technical programs. CTE programs in Idaho exist at the middle, secondary, and postsecondary levels, and workforce training exists in noncredit settings such as community colleges and correctional facilities. Each year applicants for Leadership Institute are nominated by a peer, supervisor, or other CTE

administrator who recognize the leadership potential of the nominee. New selected members are placed into a cohort to join other cohorts in a rolling 27-month professional development journey that includes training on state and national policy, CTE funding and governance, administration of CTE programs and schools, introduction to national CTE professional associations and advocacy, and personal leadership discovery and growth. Professional staff at ICTE lead the cohorts and act as mentors for the Leadership Institute participants throughout their time in the cohort and beyond.

Aligning Curriculum and Improving Instruction

Professional development and technical assistance from state content specialists: Idaho has a network of local teacher leaders and content specialists who provide high-quality professional development across the state. The Idaho Regional Mathematics Centers are housed within the colleges of education at each of Idaho's four-year institutions of higher education: Boise State University, Lewis Clark State College, Idaho State University and University of Idaho. The staff of each Regional Mathematics Center provides both regional, district and school-specific support in mathematics education. Each center has developed and utilizes a systematic method to gauge regional, district or school needs and readiness in order to provide equal opportunity to services. To ensure a lasting change in Idaho educators' instructional practice, center programs are of sufficient quality, duration and frequency.

The Idaho Content Literacy Coaches are a group of more than 600 teacher leaders who provide professional development on the Idaho Content Standards, along with lessons, units, and assessments aligned to the Idaho Content Standards. For schools identified as in need of comprehensive or targeted support and improvement, regional mathematics and literacy specialists provide job-embedded coaching.

For schools that are implementing mastery education, expertise from the Idaho Mastery Education Network will be a critical resource for implementing this important but challenging shift in how students learn and are assessed. In addition, mastery education may be used as a strategy for school improvement in schools that are not yet implementing mastery education.

Educator effectiveness coordinator: Educator effectiveness is a program that provides LEAs with standards, tools, resources, and support to increase teacher and principal effectiveness and consequently increase student achievement. ISDE's and OSBE's educator effectiveness coordinators integrate educator effectiveness policies and resources within Idaho's statewide system of support. Schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement may utilize the educator effectiveness program for the following: integrating observation and evaluation into continuous school and LEA improvement; technical assistance and professional development on effective instructional strategies and interventions; and creating school and LEA improvement plans that integrate educator observation and evaluation practices with resources, strategies, assessments, and evaluation procedures that will adequately address the needs of all learners.

Supporting English Learner Students

Schools identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement may serve disproportionately high percentages of EL students compared with other

schools in the state. ISDE is part of the WIDA Consortium and provides the following supports:

Technical assistance with EL program design and implementation: The Idaho English Learner Program assists school districts with federal and state requirements of ELs. Program staff works with LEAs to create, implement, and maintain language development programs that provide equitable learning opportunities for ELs. The Idaho EL and Title III Program also provides support for all Idaho educators of EL students through professional learning opportunities that are intentionally designed based on evidence about student and teacher needs.

Training on WIDA standards and technical assistance on aligning WIDA standards with RTI practices: The Idaho State EL and Title III Program partners with the WIDA consortium to provide training and technical assistance in implementing the WIDA standards and assessments for English language development and in using data to design and manage instruction and support for EL students.

Extended Learning Time

Adjusting the frequency and intensity of interventions can be facilitated by the provision of extended learning time for students and educators. The state encourages LEAs to review school schedules for efficient use of available time and to ensure that available time is effectively used for instruction and academic intervention. LEAs are encouraged to determine how—within existing frameworks and resources—schools can provide interventions and supports beyond scheduled instructional time and how they might use school improvement funds to extend learning time beyond the school day. In particular, schools may leverage school or public libraries in order for students to access additional education resources outside of regular class time during the regular school day.
Additionally, LEAs are encouraged to evaluate and determine how extended professional learning time can be made available for educators within schools identified for comprehensive improvement.

Family and Community Engagement

ISDE provides resources to support LEAs and schools in taking an evidence-based approach to involving families and the community in improving student outcomes.

Family and community engagement coordinator: ISDE has built a system to engage parents within the improvement process. The family and community engagement coordinator identifies, plans, and implements methods that would support LEA leaders and their schools in engaging families and the community at large in the discussion of continuous school improvement.

Family engagement tool: Idaho has collaborated with the Academic Development Institute, the parent organization for the Center on Innovation and Improvement, to provide the Family Engagement Tool (FET) as a resource to all Idaho schools. The FET guides school leaders through an assessment of indicators related to family engagement policies and practices. The resulting outcome is a set of recommendations that can be embedded in the school's improvement plan. As described on the FET website (www.families- schools.org/FETindex.htm), the tool provides: a structured process for school teams working to strengthen family

engagement through the school improvement plan; rubrics for improving LEA and school family engagement policies, the home-school compact, and other policies connected to family engagement; documentation of the school's work for the LEA and state; and a reservoir of family engagement resource for use by the school.

Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs): CTSOs are an integral, co-curricular part of all CTE programs. They provide opportunities for students to learn and practice leadership skills in the classroom, the school, the community, and within their organization. CTSO members perform community service projects. They may also engage with business and industry community leaders during board meetings, fundraising, and CTSO conferences where the community leaders attend to act as judges for competitive events. CTSOs are, in effect, the part of CTE programs that is visible to the community.

Technical Advisory Committees (TACs): TACs support CTE programs by providing input on curriculum and projects, collaborating on and/or securing equipment and other program needs, and supporting the educators and schools where CTE programs are housed, as practical and appropriate. TAC members become involved not only for CTE programs but also the school and the community to advocate for program improvement and student success.

Fiscal Management
Idaho's Public School Finance Department provides technical support to LEAs. Finance department staff also prepares reports about revenues, expenditures, budgets, attendance and enrollment, staffing, and school property taxes with information provided by LEAs. For LEAs seeking support on fiscal management and budgetary issues, the State Assistance Team will help coordinate support from the finance department.

ICTE provides technical assistance and oversight to administrators, managers, and teachers regarding the funding distributed through its office. This funding includes, but is not limited to, CTE added-cost funds, career technical school funds, and Idaho Quality Program Standards (IQPS) grants for secondary programs, postsecondary program funding, and Perkins funding for middle, secondary, and postsecondary programs.

f. **Additional Optional Action**. If applicable, describe the action the State will take to initiate additional improvement in any LEA with a significant number or percentage of schools that are consistently identified by the State for comprehensive support and improvement and are not meeting exit criteria established by the State or in any LEA with a significant number or percentage of schools implementing targeted support and improvement plans.

Not applicable.

5. **Disproportionate Rates of Access to Educators** (*ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B)):* Describe how low-income and minority children enrolled in schools assisted under Title I, Part A are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers, and the measures the SEA agency will use to evaluate and publicly report the progress of the State educational agency with respect to such description.[5]

   ISDE created a cross-agency workgroup in 2015 to measure the equitable distribution of educators across the state. ISDE works to analyze educator experience, credentials, and need. The data analysis does not point to disparities in terms of the distribution of personnel who are working with low-income or minority students. The data analysis did identify a shortage of personnel and a higher than desired amount of inexperienced teachers across all areas. The findings became part of Idaho's Equity Plan submitted to the

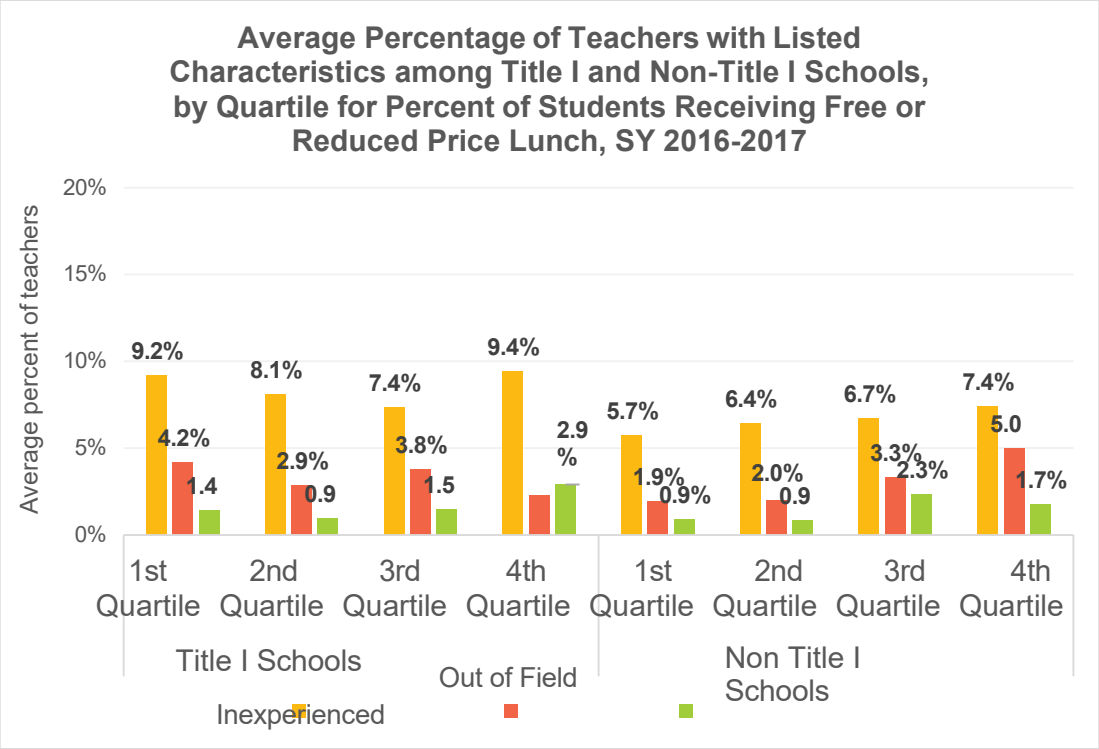
   U.S. Department of Education on June 1, 2015, and sparked a statewide effort to study recruitment and retention. ISDE continues to monitor and support LEAs as they continue to deal with the challenge of recruiting and retaining teachers.

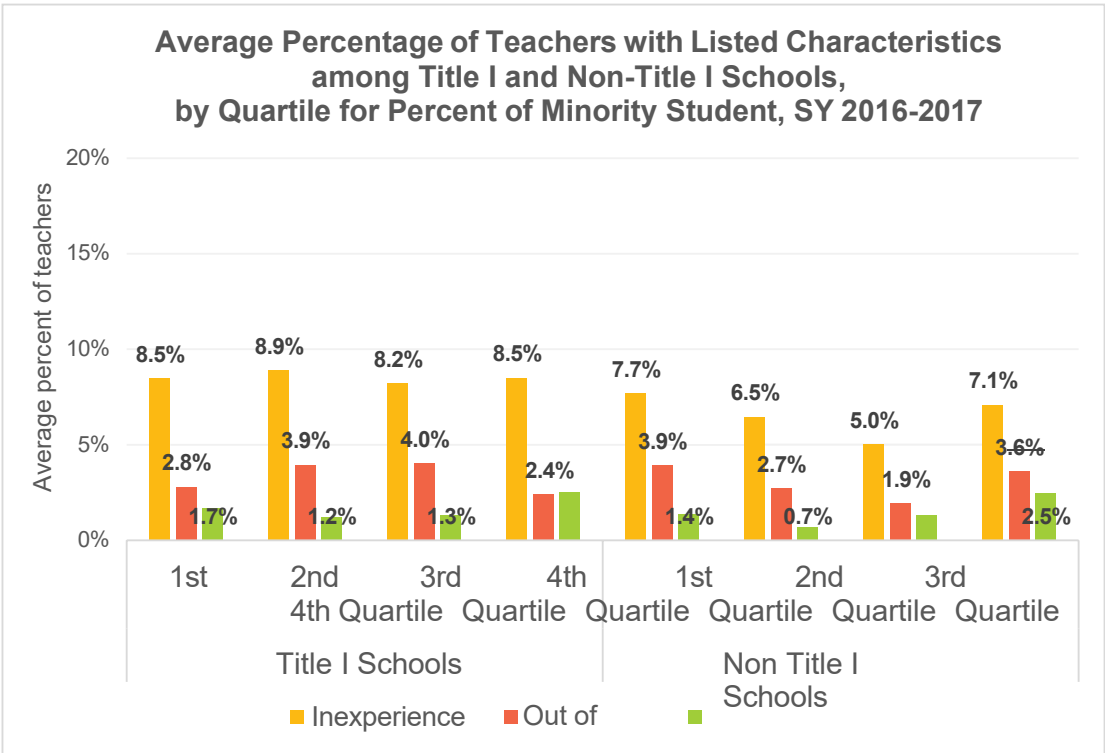
   As illustrated in the approved Equity Plan, Idaho has found that there is little to no correlation between student group and educator quality in the state. Idaho is continuing to address a general challenge with teacher recruitment and retention statewide, especially in Idaho's rural and remote school districts. Recruitment and retention of effective educators is a cornerstone focus in both school improvement (using state funds, supplemented by Title I-A school improvement funds) and Effective Educators (Title II-A state activities and set-aside funds). The goal is to support educators at every level of the system.

   In addition, the State Board of Education convened an educator pipeline workgroup in 2016, which is working to release recommendations for addressing Idaho's teacher recruitment and retention challenge this year (2017). This workgroup has representation from diverse stakeholder groups, including ISDE, teachers, school administrators, school board members, parents, and the business community.

   In 2017, the ISDE ran the data for inexperienced, out-of-field, and unqualified teachers in relation to minority and low-income students in Title I-A and non-Title I-A schools to determine to what extent, if any, there may be gaps. The results of this data for the 2016- 2017 school year are included below. While this updated data shows some disparity in the distribution of teachers, the gaps are small and will be monitored annually.

[5] *Consistent with ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B), this description should not be construed as requiring a State to develop or implement a teacher, principal or other school leader evaluation system.*





For the purpose of regularly analyzing the rates at which low-income and minority students are taught by ineffective, out-of-field, and/or inexperienced teachers, the following definitions are used:

- Ineffective teacher:
  - Majority (50% +1 student) of his/her students have NOT met their measurable student achievement targets (pursuant to 33-1001, Idaho Code), or
  - Has a summative evaluation rating of unsatisfactory.
- Out-of-field teacher: not appropriately certificated or endorsed for the area in which he/she is teaching
- Inexperienced teacher: in his/her first year of practice
- Low-income student: from economically disadvantaged families
- Minority student: identified as a member of a minority race or ethnicity

Note that Idaho's ineffective teacher definition is in alignment with the requirements in the state's salary apportionment law (Career Ladder) found in 33-1001, Idaho Code, for educators to advance on the compensation table. The ineffective teacher definition went into effect July 1, 2017.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, ISDE will annually run data to analyze these rates and to assess whether or not low income and minority students are taught at a higher rate by teachers deemed to be ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced. If gaps arise or are identified, the ISDE will provide specific support and assistance to the building, LEA, and/or region where the disparity exists. Each LEA will identify and address any disparities that result in low-income students and minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers. Progress will be evaluated annually, as described in Idaho's Educator Equity Plan.

Progress on rates at which low-income and minority students in schools assisted under Title I, Part A are taught by ineffective, out-of-field, and/or inexperienced teachers will be publicly reported when published annually on the ISDE Report Card.

6. **School Conditions** (*ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(C)):* Describe how the SEA will support LEAs receiving assistance under Title I, Part A to improve school conditions for student learning, including through reducing: (i) incidences of bullying and harassment; (ii) the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom; and (iii) the use of aversive behavioral interventions that compromise student health and safety.

Existing state supports will be leveraged to increase the impact of Title IV-A funds. After multiple years of stakeholder organizing and working with the Idaho Legislature, a law was passed during the 2015 session that increased the requirements of LEAs to address bullying and harassment including: ongoing professional development for all staff at the school building level, the expectation that all staff intervene when bullying/harassment occurs, the implementation of a graduated series of consequence for policy violators, and annual reporting of bullying incidents to ISDE.

The Idaho Legislature has also appropriated $4 million ongoing in formula funds to establish safe and drug free schools. These funds can be leveraged to establish optimal conditions for learning, improve school climate, implement special programs, and explore alternatives to suspension and expulsion. To maximize these resources and assist LEAs in

implementing best practices, ISDE hosts an annual I*daho Prevention and Support Conference*. The conference provides professional development that focuses on innovation, best practices, collective problem-solving, and motivation techniques to effectively support historically underserved and at-risk students. Approximately 700 school counselors, teachers, administrators (including charter and alternative), school resource officers, juvenile probation officers, judiciary representatives, school psychologists, and other stakeholders attend every year. Recent conference themes include addressing bullying/harassment and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). ISDE has focused heavily on ACEs as this research makes a strong case for trauma-informed disciplinary policy and practice.

Additionally, ISDE was awarded a Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration from 2014 through 2016, and again in 2020 through 2025. As part of both grant awards, ISDE Idaho Youth Suicide Prevention Program (IYSPP) assisted LEAs with implementation of Sources of Strength (an upstream, evidence-based youth suicide prevention program) in select schools. This program has demonstrated efficacy not only in preventing suicide but also a wide range of risk behaviors, including bullying and school climate by focusing on developing internal strengths (protective factors) such as resilience, hope, and connectedness.

In addition, IYSPP provides free, statewide suicide prevention gatekeeper training to adults that teaches them how to understand risk factors, recognize warning signs, ask whether a student is thinking about suicide, and how to safely connect that student to help and support. As part of this training, IYSPP provides information about the importance of Trusted Adults, which is also a known protective factor against both suicide and bullying.

ISDE received a separate Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) five-year grant from 2020 through 2025. This grant allows the Idaho AWARE Project to increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth, provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues, and connect school-aged youth and their families, who may have behavioral health issues, to needed services. Three participating LEAs use Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to implement a wide array of evidence-based programs that in part, reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom and the use of aversive behavioral interventions that compromise student health and safety.

These supports will be used to increase the impact of Title IV-A funds appropriated for LEA and ISDE efforts to address bullying and harassment, the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom; and the use of aversive behavioral interventions that compromise student health and safety. The strategies in Table 11 below already have a presence and existing supports in Idaho, and ISDE will encourage LEAs to use Title IV-A funds for these purposes if local data merits the need.

Table 11: Strategies for addressing behavior, discipline, and bullying/harassment

Strategy	Timeline	Funding sources
Idaho Prevention and Support Conference	Spring annually	Title IV-A
Support LEAs with existing initiatives: • Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (school-wide, systemic approach to improved culture and supports based on data) • Restorative justice practices • Mentoring programs such as Big Brothers, Big Sisters • Alternatives to suspension/expulsion (special programs) • Sources of Strength (primary and secondary level) • Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training • Youth Mental Health First Aid • Mental Health assessment and referral • Crisis response/de-escalation training for school staff • School nurse position with student health room • Wellness programs (Coordinated School Health) • Multi-Tiered Systems of Support • Development of risk assessment protocols and policies • Parenting programs such as Nurturing Parenting • Child sexual abuse prevention initiatives such as Stewards of Children	Ongoing	Title IV-A

The ISDE will also access—and encourage LEAs to access—the expertise of the regional Equity Assistance Center funded by the U.S. Department of Education to promote greater understanding of equity and to ensure equal access to educational opportunities for all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or national origin.

7. **School Transitions** *(ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(D))*: Describe how the State will support LEAs receiving assistance under Title I, Part A in meeting the needs of students at all levels of schooling (particularly students in the middle grades and high school), including how the State will work with such LEAs to provide effective transitions of students to middle grades and high school to decrease the risk of students dropping out.

   The ISDE was deliberate in including a wide range of stakeholders in informing this Consolidated State Plan, in particular, the Title IV part A section includes feedback from representatives focused on suicide prevention, foster youth, homeless youth, families living in poverty, children of military families, rights of disabled students, Native American advocacy, neglected youth, migratory families and English learners.

   Increasing Opportunities and Outcomes for College and Career: Idaho has a single

State Board of Education (SBOE) that oversees its entire P–20 education system. This structure promotes consistency and allows for strategic planning across the entire P–20 education continuum, from kindergarten through college or career attainment. The SBOE sets benchmarks for the percentage of Idaho students graduating from high school, attending postsecondary institutions, and completing college and/or being ready to assume careers. Examples of the implementation of these goals include the support for advanced opportunities (with specific goals for the percentages of students completing advanced opportunities), Next Steps Idaho, which provides web-based guidance through the admissions process and funding streams, as well as efforts at the high school level, such as Idaho College Application Week.

Idaho SBOE policies are established to create a seamless transition from middle school to career. Enacted in 2023, each Idaho public middle school student will receive instruction in career exploration. Funds have been made available to every 7-12 grade student to be utilize toward career advancement. Idaho SBOE has assisted in the alignment of high school graduation requirements to college admission requirements, created an aligned framework (called the GEM framework) for easy transfer of college credits taken in high school, along with alignment of degree programs and transparency through coursetransfer.idaho.gov. The Idaho Workforce Development Council has assisted with the creation and alignment of numerous registered apprenticeships, availability of career pathways and licensures and the support of funding to post-high school goals through the Idaho Launch program. Additionally, the SBOE adopted a statewide definition of college and career readiness, which was operationalized with college and career readiness standards for high school students that are now in place. All of which would not be possible without the collaboration and continued professional development of staff with a coordinated and on-going effort of providing webinars, conferences and in-person visits.

Transition to School: Idaho does not currently offer state-sponsored prekindergarten, although some LEAs use their Title I and local funds to support this effort. Transitions from prekindergarten to kindergarten are clearly articulated in the State Special Education Manual for students with disabilities. This guidance also addresses student progress through the grade continuum.

Idaho assesses all K–3 students on foundational literacy skills at least twice per year. Any student who is identified as “at risk” must receive a minimum of 30 hours (if slightly below grade level) or 60 hours (if below grade level) of additional intervention. The intervention must meet the evidence-based standard, and LEAs must write plans and identify progress annually to the state. During the 2016 session of the Idaho Legislature, funding for the intervention was increased from approximately $2 million to $9.3 million. During the 2017 legislative session, funding was increased again to $11.4 million.

Middle Level: Idaho recognizes that decisions about college and career are often made prior to high school. To this end, the Middle-Level Credit System was instituted in May 2007 with the purpose of improving rigor, relevance, and relationships in the middle grades; identifying pockets of success throughout Idaho to develop best practices for all middle schools; and ensuring every Idaho student is prepared to be successful in high school and beyond. The Middle-Level Credit System focuses on five key areas: student

accountability, middle-level curriculum, academic intervention, leadership among staff at the middle level, and student transitions between the middle and high school grades. This system provides the flexibility for LEAs to meet the unique needs of their students while maintaining quality.

By 8th grade, students are required to complete a career pathway plan and receive instruction in career exploration by teachers, who have received professional development in career exploration. The state has developed a career information system for middle school and high school students that enables a student to learn about the skills and dispositions required in a wide range of jobs and professional fields.

High School: ISDE supervises K–12 education and has identified priorities that are aligned with the vision of the SBOE. The first goal of ISDE's plan is ensure that all Idaho students persevere in life and are ready for college and careers. Every high school student is required to take a set of required courses, and every junior has the opportunity to take a nationally recognized college admission assessment, currently the Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is paid for by the state.

Each student is eligible for $4,125.00 to use beginning in 7th grade. Idaho's dual credit participation has increased dramatically in recent years, with more students entering a two- or four-year university with transferable credits toward major or general education requirements. Over 55% of juniors and seniors utilize Advanced Opportunities, with nearly 5,500 career technical education (CTE) licensures/exams and over 259,000 college credits (both CTE and Academic) paid for by the State of Idaho in 2023.

Career Technical School (CTS): Idaho has highly invested in career technical education (CTE). In the 2023-24 school year, Idaho created a Career Ready Student program that has provided $45 million for career technical facilities improvements in public schools, in addition to funding provided by Idaho's Division of Career Technical Education (ICTE) and school discretionary funds. Idaho provides flexibility in local education agency design and creation and thus has schools designed to provide high-end, state-of-the-art technical programs, meet high school graduation requirements, and provide field experience and opportunities for students across many traditional public schools. Career Technical Schools provide postsecondary alignment for all of their programs, giving students the opportunity to earn technical competency credits (credits granted upon matriculation to a post-secondary institution), be acknowledged with a Workforce Readiness Diploma and recognized credentials through Idaho's Skill Stack badging system.

Alternative Schools: Idaho's alternative schools help students find success through a personalized approach. The supports and flexibility provided to alternative schools emphasize the specific needs of at-risk students. The alternative schools work with students in grades 6-12 transitioning from elementary to middle/junior high and middle/junior high to high school to help them be successful at the next level.

Students enrolled in alternative schools in Idaho receive additional support not always found in traditional secondary schools. This may include assigning fewer classes per day and tailoring instruction to students' individual needs. Students are provided the

opportunity to attend summer school to make up credits or to get a head start on the coming school year. In addition to the academic requirements, alternative schools are required to provide services based on student needs, including daycare centers for students who are parents and direct social services such as social workers and specialized counselors and psychologists.

ISDE provides specific support for alternative schools, in addition to traditional secondary schools. In order to provide specialized instruction and additional supports, alternative schools are provided more funding per student than a traditional secondary school. Alternative schools are also reimbursed for the cost of providing summer school. Alternative schools are invited to participate in the Idaho Prevention and Support Conference and are encouraged to participate in a strand of workshops specifically focused on alternative school best practices and needs. They have also been specifically targeted to participate in programs that provide innovative instructional practices, such as the Idaho Mastery Education Network.

English Learners: ISDE supports the efforts of LEAs to help English learner students (ELs) gain English proficiency while simultaneously meeting challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards. The Idaho English Learner Program assists LEAs with federal and state requirements related to ELs. The program helps LEAs create, implement, and maintain language development programs that provide equal learning opportunities for ELs. The goal is to develop curricula and teaching strategies that embrace each learner's unique identity to help break down barriers that prevent ELs from succeeding in school.

The Idaho State EL and Title III Program provides support for all Idaho educators of ELs through professional learning opportunities that are intentionally designed based on the timely needs of EL educators. We recognize that as the number of ELs grows, all educators must be mutually responsible for the language development and academic success of ELs and, therefore, all teachers are language teachers. Partnerships with Idaho's institutes of higher education are essential for incorporating components of EL education into preservice teacher education in an effort to prepare teachers with appropriate instructional strategies for the ELs in their classrooms.

Students with Disabilities: The ISDE Special Education Department works collaboratively with LEAs, agencies, and parents to ensure students with disabilities receive quality, meaningful, and needed services. The department has program coordinators for dispute resolution, funding, program monitoring, results-driven accountability, special populations, secondary transition, and data management. The department also works collaboratively with the Special Education Support and Technical Assistance (SESTA) project through Boise State University. SESTA provides statewide professional development, training, and support to LEA leaders, teachers, and paraprofessionals who support students with disabilities.

Student College and Career Supports:
The state recognizes the need for additional supports in aligning preschool to career as well as providing equitable opportunities for students who may be disadvantaged by their location. As such Idaho maintains a comprehensive statewide college and career

exploration tool, teacher education resource and communication platform called Next Steps Idaho. In addition, Idaho schools are supported with content and course instruction through Idaho's Digital Learning Academy.

The State Board of Education has set a goal that 60% of Idahoans ages 25-34 will have some sort postsecondary degree or certificate. While there is much work to be done to meet or exceed this goal, the state is committed to providing high quality educational opportunities and outcomes for all Idahoans.

B. Title I, Part C: Education of Migratory Children

1. **Supporting Needs of Migratory Children** *(ESEA section 1304(b)(1))*: Describe how, in planning, implementing, and evaluating programs and projects assisted under Title I, Part C, the State and its local operating agencies will ensure that the unique educational needs of migratory children, including preschool migratory children and migratory children who have dropped out of school, are identified and addressed through:

Planning

State Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process: As part of the continuous improvement cycle, Idaho completed a new Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) spring 2016, based on the Office of Migrant Education Comprehensive Needs Assessment Toolkit. This process included stakeholders, appropriate ISDE and LEA staff, and parents. Results of the needs assessment surveys for staff, parents, and secondary students provided a snapshot of perceived needs from the stakeholders most directly involved in the education of migrant children and from the children themselves. Intensive analysis of student performance data also informed the process. Finally, Parent Advisory Council (PAC) feedback throughout the process provided ongoing parent insight into student and family needs, especially those of preschool students and out-of-school youth. The CNA is the foundation of the Service Delivery Plan (SDP) and its measurable program outcomes and objectives. Idaho will complete this process every three years starting in 2016 or more often if there is a dramatic shift in migratory populations.

LEA Comprehensive Needs Assessment Process and Toolkit: ISDE provides tools to the LEAs for performing local needs assessments. The Idaho needs assessment surveys, suggestions for conducting a local CNA, and strategies for collecting and reporting needs data are found in the Idaho LEA Migrant Education Program (MEP) Comprehensive Needs Assessment Toolkit. The toolkit can be found on the Migrant webpage under Resource File in Migrant Services https://sde.idaho.gov/federalprograms/migrant/index.html. LEAs are provided with technical assistance in performing the CNA process and are monitored to ensure that local needs assessments are taking place.

State Service Delivery Plan: Idaho completed a new Service Delivery Plan (SDP) in the spring of 2017 based on concerns raised in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment that included migrant stakeholders. All migrant funded LEAs have received new Measurable Program Objectives (MPOs) and have provided assurances to the Idaho MEP through the consolidated grant application process that they will work to implement the strategies and evaluate the results as measured by the MPOs. Data is collected at the end of the performance period from every project LEA, showing their self-evaluation of their progress at meeting the MPOs. The Idaho MEP will aggregate this data to evaluate the progress of the Idaho MEP at serving the unique needs of migrant students. Every three years, Idaho will update the Service Delivery Plan in the year following the Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

Implementation

The State Department of Education implements the Service Delivery Plan through the Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application completed by LEAs each year, which includes the MPOs from the

state Service Delivery Plan. In Idaho, one-third of LEAs have small migrant programs and receive minimal funding, therefore MPOs that are more appropriate to larger programs are optional for smaller programs. LEAs select which of the optional MPOs they will implement for the coming year. Required MPOs are pre-selected for all LEAs. LEAs then briefly describe their plan for implementing each MPO selected in the grant application.

Evaluation

Idaho has a Migrant Student Information System (MSIS), created by in-house developers. In this system, each LEA reports whether or not it has achieved the selected MPO from the submitted consolidated plan. They also report supporting information for each MPO. LEAs are required to submit this information in the fall so services delivered in the summer may be included. ISDE uses this data to evaluate the overall program success at meeting MPOs and for analyzing the Service Delivery Plan and data collection methods for needed revisions.

In addition, Idaho has a six-year cycle of monitoring that includes a site visit, interviews with parents, secondary students, teachers, the family liaison, administrators, the local migrant director, other migrant staff, and business manager. Monitoring occurs as a consolidated process with all federal programs represented. The Migrant Program also conducts informal monitoring of migrant summer school programs through site visits. The full range of services that are available for migratory children from appropriate local, State, and Federal educational programs;

It is critical that migratory students in Idaho have equal access to all appropriate local State, and Federal programs in addition to supplemental MEP services designed to meet the Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs) identified in the Service Delivery Plan (SDP).

In order to ensure that this takes place, the Idaho MEP has a two-pronged approach. First, ISDE MEP staff has provided, and continues to provide, intensive training and technical assistance to LEAs to ensure that they do not use migrant funds to provide services to migratory students that they would normally be eligible to receive, regardless of migrant status (supplanting). By ensuring that LEAs understand that migrant funds must be used after other programs provide services, we ensure that migratory students receive every service that they are entitled to under other programs, in addition to migrant services.

Second, collaboration by migrant and other program staff at both a state and local level is a clear expectation shared with local migrant directors in training and is part of the ISDE monitoring process. State monitoring includes an indicator that requires proof that LEA migrant staff collaborate with other local, State and Federal educational programs, including Title I-A, III-A, McKinney-Vento and others. Indeed, many Idaho LEA migrant programs are small enough that the family liaison is the only migrant staff person. He or she often provides services through advocacy (support services) both within the school and in the community, ensuring that the children receive the services they need from school, health and other social services in the community (referred services). This collaboration ensures that migratory students' needs are addressed in schools by multiple programs.

Preschool Children

Services provided to preschool-aged students are included in two MPOs in the category of School Readiness. Since Idaho does not have state-funded preschool, LEAs generally do not serve these students through local, State and other Federal

programs. In Idaho, Migrant funds may be used to pay fees for migratory students to attend developmental preschool programs as peer models, who would not otherwise be able to attend. Some LEAs with larger migrant populations provide preschool as a site-based migrant preschool. Other LEAs offer programs including home visits with materials and training provided to parents. Many LEAs offer preschool services through summer programming.

Out of School Youth (OSY)
Idaho uses materials developed by the Office of Migrant Education's Consortium Incentive Grant (CIG) "Solutions for Out of School Youth" (SOSY), including the OSY Profile adapted for Idaho. LEAs fill out this profile gathering data on the needs of the out of school youth and dropouts and provide referrals to other agencies, such as the High School Equivalency Program (HEP), agencies that can provide training opportunities, and social and health services to these youth. These profiles are submitted to the ISDE. In addition, the state provides MP3 players with intensive English curriculum for LEAs to use with out of school youth and dropouts who need help with learning English.

Drop-outs
Services provided to secondary migratory students are focused on keeping students in school until they graduate. graduate. Our approach is to provide services and activities to keep students on track for graduation. For all migratory secondary students, including those who are at-risk for dropping out, we implement the services and activities mentioned above for out of school youth. In addition, many Migrant- funded districts employee Migrant graduation specialists to prevent students from dropping out of school. They also connect students with local and state funded credit accrual and credit recovery opportunities. If a Migrant funded district does not have a migrant graduation specialist, the Migrant Family Liaison either provides the service or coordinates with the districts' counseling staff to ensure migrant students receive the necessarysupports for academic success. The Migrant Family Liaison ensures parents are kept informed of their child's progress. Lastly, Idaho's State MEP hosts a Migrant Student Leadership Institute for migratory high school students every Summer. Migratory students who are considered at- risk of dropping out are encouraged to apply for the Institute. The Institute is housed at an Idaho university, in collaboration with the local College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). The institute focuses on college, career, and leadership skills.

If our efforts to keep students in school are unsuccessful, district migrant personnel attempt to contact the student to identify reasons for dropping out. Each situation is unique, thus assistance and support will vary with each student. At times, migrant staff are able to help students re-enroll in school. Other times, staff are able to help students by referring them to High School Equivalency (HEP) programs or other local GED programs, referrals to vocational training, and other health and social services if applicable.

i. Joint planning among local, State, and Federal educational programs serving migratory children, including language instruction educational programs under Title III, Part A;

The SEA collaborates across all Federal Programs. The Idaho Migrant Education

Program (MEP) has an Advisory Committee of Practitioners with rotating members of State and LEA federal programs staff, family liaisons, K-12 teachers, migrant preschool teachers, parents, and representatives from other agencies who work with migrant families, including the High School Equivalency program (HEP), College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and Migrant Seasonal Head Start (MSHS). Other possible members include representatives from the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Institutes of Higher Education, and the State Board of Education. This collaborative group will address concerns and provide advice to continue program development.

LEAs are trained to coordinate Title I-C with Title III in parent outreach, parent advisory councils (PACs), and afterschool programming. For example, LEAs are trained to include migrant program staff in planning and implementing of non-migrant programs to ensure that migrant students are a priority and that those programs meet migrant students' needs. Since many migrant families also use a language other than English in the home and have children who are designated as English learners, these families provide planning, implementing and evaluative feedback to LEAs for both programs.

ii. The integration of services available under Title I, Part C with services provided by those other programs; and

After identifying the needs of migratory students, migrant staff also assess the availability of non-migrant programming to meet those needs and use migrant funds to provide supplemental programs that meet unmet needs. For example, Idaho does not provide state-funded preschool, so migrant LEAs have implemented a variety of preschool programs, including summer programs, to meet the school readiness needs of our migratory children. In cases where other programs offer services, the migrant programs in LEAs support migrant families by enhancing home school communication and by advocating for migrant students and families to participate in all other programs.

Collaboration between MEP staff, Federal Programs staff, Special Education staff, and general education teachers in LEAs is a program monitoring indicator for the Migrant Program.

iii. Measurable program objectives and outcomes.

This section outlines how Idaho's Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs) will produce statewide results through specific educational or educationally-related services. The MPOs will allow the Migrant Education Program (MEP) to determine whether, and to what degree, the program has met the unique educational needs of migratory children and youth as identified through the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA). It should be noted that some MPOs are required of all project LEAs, while others are optional. This determination is made by the ISDE staff in order to accommodate funded LEAs that serve very few students b y providing non-instructional support and referred services. Complete and updated MPOs and strategies can be found on the Idaho MEP website at https://sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/migrant/index.html.

School Readiness for Children Ages 3-5

MPOs for school readiness support strategies for training parents in supporting their children's pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills and for providing direct preschool services through regular and summer programs for preschool children.

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
1.1) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant parents attending parent involvement activities will report on a pre/post survey that they have an increased ability to support school readiness activities in the home.	1.1) Provide migrant parents with ideas, activities, and materials for use at home with their children to promote first language development and school readiness through site-based or home- based family literacy opportunities (e.g., language acquisition, packets with school supplies, books, and activities).	Required
1.2) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 90% of students attending at least 40 hours of migrant preschool will show a gain on a pre/post-test of school readiness skills.	1.2) Provide migrant funded site-based preschool services to migrant children ages 3- 5 (e.g., during the regular school day, as an evening program, or as part of a summer school program).	Optional
1.3) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 30% of all identified migrant-eligible preschool-aged children will be served.	1.3) Participate in the activities of the Preschool Initiative Consortium Incentive Grants (CIG) and share materials, strategies, and resources with migrant families.	Optional

English Language Arts/Mathematics

MPOs for English Language Arts and Mathematics focus on training parents to support their children academically in the home, in providing direct instructional services during the regular school year, and in summer programs.

English Language Arts

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
2.1) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant K-2 students will receive resources to promote early literacy as measured by resource distribution logs.	2.1) Provide resources through migrant funds to promote early literacy (e.g., extended day kindergarten, backpacks and school supplies, family literacy nights and opportunities, individual libraries, migrant summer school expeditionary opportunities, tutoring, after school programs).,	Optional
2.2a) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant students who participate in an extended school service taught by qualified migrant staff will show gains of at least 20% or grade level proficiency on a pre/post assessment of grade-level ELA skills for students in grades 3-12. 2.2b) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant students who participate in an extended school service taught by qualified migrant staff will earn at least one secondary English credit for students in grades 7-12.	2.2 Use qualified staff to provide supplemental ELA extended school services aligned with state standards and proficiencies (e.g., summer school for ELA, IDLA-advancement, Plato, dual enrollment, community colleges, academies offered by Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs), Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS), after school tutoring, home-based instruction).	Optional
2.3) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of teachers participating in migrant-sponsored ELA professional development will report on a survey that they successfully applied the research-based instructional strategies on supplemental literacy instruction.	2.3) Provide opportunities for migrant staff to attend LEA, regional, state, and/or national level ELA professional development (e.g., migrant funds are used to send staff to PD events).	Optional

English Language Arts continued

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
2.4) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant parents attending parent involvement activities (one-on-one or in groups) will report on a pre/post survey that the resources they received have increased their ability to provide ELA academic support at home.	2.4) Provide ongoing (year-round) access and training on specific resources (e.g., school supplies, educational materials, books and multicultural literature) needed by migrant parents and students.	Required

Mathematics

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
3.1) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant K-2 students will receive resources to promote early numeracy as measured by resource distribution logs.	3.1) Provide resources through migrant funds to promote early numeracy (e.g., extended day kindergarten, backpacks and school supplies, family math nights and opportunities, mathematics manipulatives, migrant summer school, expeditionary opportunities, tutoring, after school programs).	Optional
3.2a) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant students who participate in an extended school service taught by qualified migrant staff will show gains of at least 20% or grade level proficiency on a pre/post assessment of grade-level math skills for students in grades 3-12.	3.2) Use qualified staff to provide supplemental math extended school services aligned with state standards and proficiencies (e.g., summer school for math, IDLA-advancement, Plato, dual enrollment, community colleges, Idaho National Lab, math camps, academies offered by IHEs).	Optional
3.2a) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant students who participate in an extended school service taught by qualified migrant staff will earn at least one secondary math credit for students in grades 7-12.		Optional

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
3.3) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant staff participating in migrant-sponsored math professional development will report on a survey that they successfully applied the research-based instructional strategies during supplemental math instruction.	3.3) Provide opportunities for migrant staff to attend LEA, regional, state, or national level math professional development (e.g., migrant funds are used to send staff to PD events).	Optional
3.4) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant parents attending parent involvement activities will report on a pre/post survey that they have an increased ability to support math education at home.	3.4.a) Identify organizations, experts, and resources to provide family math engagement opportunities and share information with parents (e.g., Parent Math Night, manipulatives, guest speakers, community and job outings focused on math in their world). 3.4.b) Provide opportunities for migrant parents to attend local, regional, state, and national math family engagement events and activities.	Required

High School Graduation and Services to Out of School Youth (OSY)

The MPOs for High School Graduation and OSY focus on strategies for mentoring secondary students, tracking student progress towards graduation, improving parent-school communication, and other services to support college/career readiness.

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
4.1) By the end of 2019-2020 program year, the migrants' graduation rate will increase by 3%.	4.1a) Develop and implement a student monitoring system to follow migrant secondary students' progress toward grade promotion and graduation. 4.1b) Implement an individual plan for any migrant secondary student, who is at-risk for dropping out as demonstrated by lost credits. 4.1c) Provide a secondary migrant graduation specialist or other migrant staff to support migrant students towards grade promotion and graduation for 7th – 12th grades.	Optional
4.2) By the end of the program year 2017-2018, the percentage of secondary migrant students receiving an instructional and/or support service will increase by 20% (or 80% served overall if already serving most of their students).	4.2.a) Provide instructional services during the school day, before or after school, or during summer school for credit accrual for secondary migrant students (e.g., tutoring, study skills elective classes, PASS, credit recovery classes, internships). 4.2.b) Provide support services (e.g., supplemental supplies and fees, advocacy etc.).	Required

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
4.3) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant students or parents participating, will report on a pre/post survey that the information gained was useful in promoting the goal of high school graduation and/or college and career readiness.	4.4) Provide parents and students with information and supportive events related to high school graduation and/or college and career readiness at a minimum of twice per year (e.g., Migrant Summer Leadership Institute, college visits, presentations at Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) collaborations, leadership institutes, career fairs/speakers, Career Information System (CIS) software training).	Required
4.4) By the end of the program year 2019-2020, 90% of migrant dropouts who can be located will receive educational, support, or referral services.	4.4a) Make every effort to contact every student who has not enrolled in school as expected (e.g. multiple attempts using all available resources, such as school records, MSIX Missed Enrollment Report, MSIS Discrepancy Report, etc.). 4.4b) For any student who has dropped out of school in grades 7-12, conduct an exit interview with the student and the parents to determine and alleviate barriers to re-enrollment. 4.4c) Providing educational counseling support services to provide students with multiple options for continuing their education (e.g. alternative schools, online opportunities, GED programs, job-training programs).	Required

Non-instructional Support Services

The MPOs for Non-instructional Supports focus training non-MEP school staff, supports for increased school engagement and access to health and other social services.

Measurable Program Outcomes (MPOs)	Key Strategies	LEA Options
5.1) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant staff participating will report an increase in student engagement based on staff surveys.	5.1) Provide professional development (PD) on migratory lifestyle and unique needs of migrant students (e.g., program and cultural awareness presentation, field or home visits for teachers and administrators, training on mobility /academic/social gaps).	Required
5.2) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant parents participating will report an increase in student engagement based on parent surveys.	5.2) Provide workshops, meetings, and resources to parents and the community on ways to support and involve migrant students (e.g., extra-curricular activities, parenting classes, parent literacy workshops, instructional home visits).	Required
5.3) By the end of program year 2017-2018, at least two local partnerships and/or agreements among the school LEA and community healthcare providers and public health agencies will be established to provide health services to migrant families.	5.3) Establish partnerships and/or agreements among the school LEA and community healthcare providers (such as Lions Club and the regional health district) and public health agencies to provide health services to migrant families, such as Memoranda of Understanding.	Required
5.4) By the end of program year 2017-2018, 80% of migrant parents participating in parent involvement activities will report on a pre/post survey that they have an increased understanding of how to access community health services.	5.4) Provide information on, and referrals to, individualized health advocacy services to benefit migrant families needing health services (e.g., glasses, dental, immunizations).	Required

2. **Promote Coordination of Services** (*ESEA section 1304(b)(3)*): Describe how the State will use Title I, Part C funds received under this part to promote interstate and intrastate coordination of services for migratory children, including how the State will provide

for educational continuity through the timely transfer of pertinent school records, including information on health, when children move from one school to another, whether or not such move occurs during the regular school year.

Idaho ensures that accurate and complete records are being uploaded to MSIX in order to give liaisons access to up-to-date information on students' academic risk and progress. Further, training has been provided and will continue to be provided in using MSIX information to better serve migratory students. LEAs also receive training in accessing data from Idaho's Migrant Student Information System (MSIS), which provides extensive information on Idaho migrant students, facilitating intrastate transfer of records.

Table 12: Migrant Student Information Exchange agreements

Intrastate Coordination and Records Transfer	Interstate Coordination and Records Transfer
• Idaho's MSIS includes individual immunization records with dates and health alerts • MSIS includes historical information on movement history, enrollment, course history, and Idaho assessments. MSIX Consolidated Records includes course history	• MSIX Consolidated Records report for assessments, course history, and move history assist LEAs in accurately placing students in courses. • MSIX for Move Notifications to other states and LEAs. • MSIX for Data Requests • MSIX Worklists for mergers, splits and regular reconciliation to ensure accurate data for all students in MSIX.

As part of its consolidated plan, each LEA must attest that the LEA "will use MSIX to send Move Notices within 48 hours of being notified that the student is leaving" and "will respond to MSIX Data Requests within 48 hours of receipt".

In the event that an MSIX Data Request is received at a time of year when the family liaison and regional ID&R coordinator are not available (school breaks), the request will escalate to the Idaho MEP and data will be provided directly to the requestor by state migrant staff.

Idaho's MEP promotes intrastate and interstate coordination by participating in the following:

- ISDE collaborates with the Community Council of Idaho, Idaho's Migrant Seasonal Head Start provider to create a Memorandum of Understanding completed by LEAs with the local Head Start every two years to promote recruiting and services provided to preschool students.
- ISDE MEP staff and many LEA staff participate in the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education (NASDME) conference annually.
- ISDE is a member of the Interstate Migrant Education Council (IMEC).
- ISDE MEP Director and staff attend Migrant Annual Director's Meeting (ADM) to

learn and collaborate with Office of Migrant Education (OME) and other State MEP Directors.

- The state provides statewide Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings six times per year in the fall and spring in three locations across the state.
- Idaho's MEP director is part of the MSIX State User Group for Analysis and Recommendations (SUGAR), a national committee providing feedback to MSIX developers and Office of Migrant Education Staff.
- The Idaho MEP provides training/collaboration meetings to migrant directors.
- The state participates in the Bi-National program and contracts with an experienced person to administer the program. LEAs use the Mexican Transfer Document to ensure that students leaving the United States to Mexico will be able to register their students in school.
- Idaho participates in an Office of Migrant Education Consortium Incentive Grant (CIG) during each three year cycle.

3. **Use of Funds** (ESEA section 1304(b)(4)): Describe the State's priorities for the use of Title I, Part C funds, and how such priorities relate to the State's assessment of needs for services in the State.

   Title I, Part C Funds are used to implement the strategies identified in our Service Delivery Plan to meet the Measurable Performance Outcomes. Funding is also used to support parent advisory councils and other parent involvement activities at both the state and local level. Finally, funds are used for statewide efforts in identification and recruitment of migrant children and youth.

   The State's Comprehensive Needs Assessment completed in 2016-2017 defines concerns and proposed solutions. The Service Delivery Plan responded to the concerns and incorporated proposed solutions to create appropriate strategies and Measurable Performance Outcomes.

C. Title I, Part D: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk

1. **Transitions Between Correctional Facilities and Local Programs** *(ESEA section 1414(a)(1)(B)):* Provide a plan for assisting in the transition of children and youth between correctional facilities and locally operated programs.

   Transitional services to support students transitioning from the LEA to the correctional facility enables students to continue their education. Transitional services to support the transition of students from correctional facilities to LEAs ensure a planned and smooth transition for students returning to school.

   Participating schools coordinate with facilities working with delinquent children and youth to ensure that each student is participating in an education program comparable to the one operating in the student's school. Schools make every effort to ensure the correctional facility working with students are aware of a student's existing individualized education program.

   Procedures based on the needs of the student, including the transfer of credits that such student earns during placement; and opportunities for such students to participate in credit-bearing coursework while in secondary school, postsecondary education, or career and technical education programming for each of the two types of programs Title I-D Subpart 1 and 2 are outlined below. The state will place a priority for such children to attain a regular high school diploma, to the extent feasible. The ISDE has established the following procedures to ensure the timely re-enrollment of each student who has been placed in the juvenile justice system in secondary school or in a re-entry program.

   Idaho has two state agency programs under Title I, Part D Subpart 1:. The Idaho Adult Correctional Program and the Idaho Juvenile Correctional Program. Both programs are required to identify through Idaho's annual Title I-D Subpart 1 application the transition activities that take place at their respective programs and meet the 15 to 30 percent reservation of funds for re-entry or transition services as required by law. Additionally, both programs are required to provide a detailed explanation on how the facility will coordinate with counselors, school districts, and/or postsecondary educational institutions or vocational/technical training programs in assisting students~~'~~ transition.

   Under Title I, Part D Subpart 2 Idaho has 16 local programs, serving either neglected or delinquent students. Subpart 2 programs are required to provide transitional services (although no specific funding percentage is required by law) to assist students inreturning to locally operated schools and to promote positive academic and vocational outcomes for youth who are neglected and/or delinquent. These Subpart 2 programs are also required to annually identify their transition services through the annual application for Subpart 2 funding~~.~~

   Upon a student's entry into the Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk facility, the staff will work with the youth's family members and the local educational agency that most

recently provided services to the student (if applicable). This process will include ensuring that the relevant and appropriate academic records and plans regarding the continuation of educational services for the child or youth are shared jointly between the facility and LEA to facilitate the transition of such children and youth between the LEA and the correctional facility. The facility will consult with the LEA (for a period jointly determined necessary by the facility and LEA) upon the student's discharge from that facility, coordination of educational services to minimize disruption to the child's or youth's achievement.

A. **Program Objectives and Outcomes** *(ESEA section 1414(a)(2)(A)):* Describe the program objectives and outcomes established by the State that will be used to assess the effectiveness of the Title I, Part D program in improving the academic, career, and technical skills of children in the program.

Objective 1: Title I, Part D programs will provide for individualization of instructional experience beginning with an intake process that includes the identification of each student's academic strengths and weaknesses in reading and math. Outcome: Each Title I, Part D program will provide educational services for children and youth who are neglected or delinquent to ensure that they have the opportunity to meet challenging State academic content and achievement standards.

Objective 2: Title I, Part D programs will ensure that all neglected and delinquent students accrue school credits that meet state requirements for grade promotion and secondary school graduation. Outcome: Each Title I, Part D program will administer pre and post-tests for each student using a standards-based test to determine academic growth during the student's placement in the academic program.

Objective 3: Title I, Part D programs will ensure that all neglected and delinquent students have the opportunity to transition to a regular community school or other education program operated by an LEA, complete secondary school (or secondary school equivalency requirements), and/or obtain employment after leaving the facility. Outcome: Title I, Part D programs will annually report on the types of transitional services and the number of students that have transitioned from the facilities to the regular community schools or other education programs, completed secondary school (or secondary school equivalency requirements), and/or obtained employment after leaving the facility.

Objective 4: Title I, Part D programs will ensure (when applicable) that neglected and delinquent students have the opportunity to participate in postsecondary education and job training programs. Outcome: Title I, Part D programs will annually report on the number of neglected and delinquent students who were given the opportunity to participate in postsecondary education and job training programs.

D. Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction

1. **Use of Funds** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(A) and (D))*: Describe how the State educational agency will use Title II, Part A funds received under Title II, Part A for State-level activities described in section 2101(c), including how the activities are expected to improve student achievement.

State Level Activities – Administrators and Libraries
Idaho Principal Mentoring Project: According to the 2012 Rand Corporation (Burkauser, et. al, 2012) study on first year principals, "improving the principal placement process to ensure that individuals are truly ready for and supported in their new roles could have important implications for student achievement—particularly in low-performing schools." The Idaho Principal Mentoring Project seeks to provide this support with the ultimate goal of principal retention and increased student achievement.

Title II-A funds are used to implement the Idaho Principal Mentoring Project, which was a new program in 2016-2017 and designed for early career principals. See section A(4)(viii)(e) of the plan for a complete description of the IPMP. The project provides another level of support to those entering a leadership position. While participation has been voluntary, new principals serving in schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement are encouraged to take advantage of the program.

Whereas the Idaho Building Capacity (IBC) project (see section A(4)(viii)(e) of this plan) is designed to build local capacity at a systems level, IPMP is designed to provide one-on-one mentoring to new leaders. The mentors are highly distinguished principals or superintendents, selected and trained by the state to mentor new school leaders. A needs assessment administered to mentees and principal mentors determines the assignment of principal mentors to mentees based on need and experience. Mentors coach new leaders through the tasks of improvement with regular structured virtual or in-person check-ins.

Each mentor/mentee team creates a customized mentoring plan that focuses on developing the skills and dispositions in four critical areas of school level leadership: interpersonal and facilitation techniques, teacher observation and feedback, effective school-level and classroom-level practices, and the use of data to improve instruction. The program has two main objectives: to increase the rate of effectiveness of new administrators and to decrease turnover among rural and struggling schools.

Title II-A funds continue to support IPMP. The project has been expanded to now also include the Idaho Superintendent Mentoring Project.

Support for School Libraries: Title II-A funds are used to partner with the Idaho Commission for Libraries to expand the annual Idaho School Libraries professional development. In schools where full-time school librarians are properly trained and supported, students achieve at significantly higher levels than students in schools with no full-time librarian (see: School Libraries Work! A Compendium of Research Supporting the Effectiveness of School Libraries). Title II-A funds will ensure more

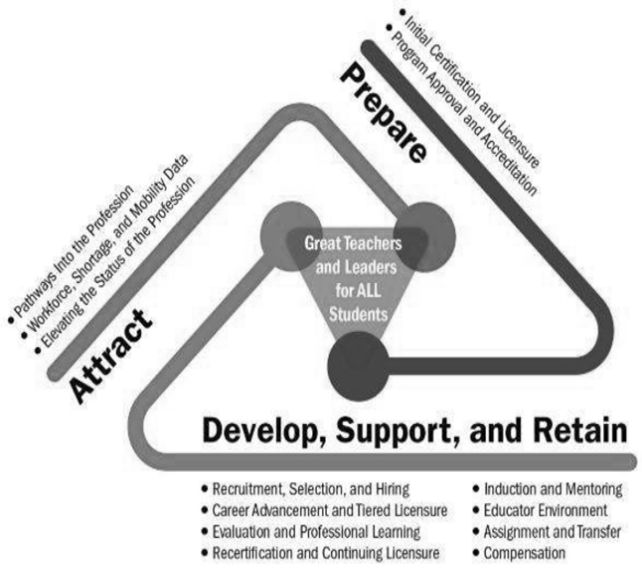
librarians are able to benefit from this valuable training, and more students will have access to a trained school librarian.

State Level Activities – Educators

Recruitment and Retention of Educators

Idaho Department of Education hosts regional career fairs to provide technical assistance to LEAs. In addition, each LEA can showcase their district to recruit educators. Beginning in 2024, the IDE career fair will also provide a one-day training to potential educators to help navigate routes to teaching.

The Idaho State Board of Education established an Educator Pipeline Work Group in 2016 to explore teacher pipeline issues across the state. Some of the early recommendations are aligned to allowable Title II-A projects. The Talent Development Systems graphic below, produced by American Institutes for Research (AIR), illustrates a three-pronged approach to addressing teacher shortages that guides Idaho's work.



In order to address teacher retention the Work Group first recommends increased professional development opportunities and support for teachers across the continuum, including induction programs, evaluation feedback for the purpose of professional growth and learning, and teacher leadership pathways. The following state level activities are aligned with these goals:

Continued Support for the Idaho Instructional Framework: Title II-A funds are used to support training and deepen understanding of Idaho's Instructional Framework through in- person workshops delivered around the state. A new approach under the flexibility of ESSA will be to deliver more of this training directly to LEAs in rural parts of the state. Workshops may include but not be limited to the following:

- Advanced Instructional Coaching Using the Framework for Teaching
- Calibration and Collaborative Self-Assessment of Observation Skills

- Data Literacy Using Assessment in Instruction
- Designing a Quality Teacher Evaluation Model
- Engagement for Student Learning
- Exploring Domains 1 and 4 of the Framework for Teaching
- Introduction to the Framework for Teaching and Deeper Understanding
- Instructional Coaching Using the Framework for Teaching
- Instructional Rounds
- Learning-Focused Conversations
- Mentoring Using the Framework for Teaching
- Observation Skills Using the Framework for Teaching
- Special Education: Introduction to the Framework for Teaching
- Special Education: Observation Skills Using the Framework for Teaching
- State of Idaho Framework Facilitators, Level 1
- Talk About Teaching: Clustering the Components

Facilitated conversations around the state's instructional framework – dialogue among teachers, instructional coaches, mentors, peer coaches, consulting teachers, preservice teachers, cooperating teachers, administrators, higher education faculty, teacher leaders, superintendents, and other district leaders – creates opportunities for deeper collaboration in and across the education system, impacting teacher growth and ultimately student achievement.

Mentoring and Coaching: In 2013 the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education made 21 Recommendations creating a strategic plan for education systems across the state. One of these recommendations was that each district develop a mentoring and induction program for the support of new teachers based on the Idaho Mentor Program Standards. Recommendations put forth in 2017 from the Educator Pipeline Work Group echoed the call, and outlined an even greater need since moving to a certification system in which new teachers have three years to move from Residency to Professional status.

Comprehensive induction and mentoring programs have been associated with first-year teachers showing student performance gains equivalent to those of fourth-year teachers who did not have this support (Strong, 2006). Though Title II-A funds alone will not be sufficient to establish robust mentoring and induction programs statewide, ISDE and the State Board of Education will continue to examine to examine how we may use Title II-A funds to support and expand upon the foundation that is in place with the goal of increased student learning. See Appendix D for additional research supporting a focus on educator mentoring.

An AIR policy brief published in May 2014 (Potemski & Matlach, 2014) noted that effective state induction policies include program standards to establish consistent expectations for mentoring and induction activities across the state. In 2009 the State Board of Education, in conjunction with ISDE, established and published such standards. Using these standards to provide a vision and guidelines for local planners to use in the design and implementation of a high-quality mentoring program for beginning teachers, the state hopes to increase the number of effective induction programs in every region of Idaho. Partnering with higher education institutions, Title II-A funds would allow

university partners to facilitate induction support for new teachers in high need LEAs across the state of Idaho. Faculty from higher education institutions in Idaho (public and private, four-year and two-year) are interested in the performance of their graduates in their early years of teaching. Investigating new teacher performance serves two main goals: continuous improvement for educator preparation programs and the identification of key supports for new teachers in terms of induction communities, practice, strategies, and outcomes. This project would study how the structures of one induction program in identified high need LEAs influences teacher performance and PK-12 student learning to inform future programs.

Additionally, the state strongly encourages and supports LEAs using Title II-A funds to recruit and train mentors within those LEAs identified for comprehensive and targeted support.

LEA Optional Use of Funds Aligned with State Level Activities
The uses of funds described below are not required of LEAs but are encouraged as we work to attract and certify more teachers for Idaho's classrooms. The Educator Pipeline Work Group has supported the development of alternative paths to certification that will not sacrifice rigor.

Grow Your Own: Idaho is experiencing teacher shortages in various content areas and geographic areas, and especially in rural parts of the state. To ensure that LEAs with schools identified for comprehensive and targeted support are fully staffed by effective educators, ISDE encourages LEAs use of Title II-A funds to embrace Grow Your Own programs. LEAs can actively recruit current classified staff (paraprofessionals) into the teaching profession, using Title II-A funds to support them in their attainment of full certification. In addition, the state recognizes the need for more teachers and leaders of color and is committed to increasing the number of American Indian and Hispanic/Latino teachers and recommends that LEAs support the full certification of teachers of color through available routes.

Idaho currently provides financial support for concurrent high school and college credit but, at present, no courses are offered that fulfill requirements for an education degree. While Idaho explores increasing the opportunities for high school students in this area, ISDE is investigating scholarship opportunities for high school students who commit to teaching in high-need areas for a designated amount of time.

Partnership Supports
Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education (ICTE) offers a program to recruit and retain career and technical education (CTE) teachers who have qualified for endorsements in a CTE area based on their professional work experience. These occupational teaching certifications begin as a Limited Occupational Specialist (LOS), then after completion of coursework and/or teacher training, advance to a Standard Occupational Specialist, and finally to an Advanced Occupational Specialist. The LOS certification is a three-year interim certificate, and during that time, ICTE provides statewide and regional training for the LOS teachers through the Inspire Cohort. The goal of the Inspire Cohort program is to not only recruit and train new occupationally endorsed teachers but also to assimilate them into the teaching profession with connections to other LOS colleagues and a fully supported first- year experience and

beyond. Inspire faculty, personal mentors, and state-level program managers provide the foundation for these new teachers at no out-of-pocket expense to the teacher. Oversight of the Inspire Cohort is maintained by ICTE, thus ensuring consistent training and mentoring, with a goal to produce a greater impact on student achievement sooner in their teaching careers. The Inspire Cohort is open to all LOS teachers employed in a CTE program and is funded with state funds for the purpose of encouraging completion of the program.

2. **Use of Funds to Improve Equitable Access to Teachers in Title I, Part A Schools** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(E))*: If an SEA plans to use Title II, Part A funds to improve equitable access to effective teachers, consistent with ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B), describe how such funds will be used for this purpose.

   Idaho does plan to use some Title II-A funds to improve equitable access to effective teachers, as described above. Idaho will target Title II-A funds to schools in comprehensive support and improvement through the IPMP, in addition to the Title I-A funds used for the Idaho Superintendents Network and Idaho Principals Network (as described in section A(4)(viii)(e) of this plan). Title II-A funds will also be used to train teachers in Idaho's instructional framework and address educator mentoring. These strategies will help to ensure that all students have access to effective teachers.

   ISDE created a cross-agency workgroup in 2015 to study the equitable distribution of educators across the state. ISDE worked with REL Northwest to analyze educator preparedness (inexperienced), content knowledge (teaching outside of field), and need (grade spans or content area). While the data analysis did not point to disparities in terms of the distribution of personnel who are working with low-income or minority students, it did identify a shortage of personnel across all areas, including areas not previously identified.
   The findings became part of Idaho's Equity Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on June 1, 2015, and they sparked a statewide effort to study recruitment and retention.

   ISDE again partnered with REL Northwest to conduct surveys and interviews of a sampling of Idaho LEAs. The process was completed in June 2016. The salient challenge reported by the superintendents interviewed was recruitment and retention of staff. Many of the superintendents are taking short-term measures (e.g., Teach for America, Idaho Digital Learning Academy for secondary coursework, multi-grade classrooms) to meet their needs but expressed concern that the issue was larger than any one LEA could tackle. One superintendent remarked, "*We are one teacher away from losing several programs."* LEAs expressed concern that the issue was not limited to teachers, but also affected administrative personnel.

Table 13: Proposed programs for supporting educators
Timeline: July 2017 to September 2022

Strategy	Funding sources
Idaho Building Capacity Network	Title I: School improvement
Idaho Superintendents Network	Title I: School improvement
Idaho Superintendent Mentoring Project	Title II-A
Idaho Principals Network	Title I: School improvement
Idaho Principal Mentoring Project	Title II-A
Mentoring and Coaching	Title II-A
School Libraries	Title II-A
Instructional Framework	Title II-A

3. **System of Certification and Licensing** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(B))*: Describe the State's system of certification and licensing of teachers, principals, or other school leaders.

Educator certification in the state of Idaho is clearly defined within Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA) and State Board of Education policy (Board policy), which put forth rigorous expectations for teachers, pupil service staff, principals, directors of special education, and superintendents who are prepared by both Idaho and out-of-state institutions of higher education. IDAPA and Board policy ensures that educators are prepared not only with the necessary knowledge gained through course work, but through clinical field experiences as well. Alternative routes to certification are also clearly defined and available to those who wish to enter the education profession through non-traditional means. IDAPA specifically outlines alternative routesto ensure all educators within Idaho, regardless of certification route, are prepared to the fullest extent. Specifics within IDAPA and Board Policy for educator certification are described in the following paragraphs:

A Standard Instructional Certificate requires: A minimum of 20 semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, and methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education which shall include demonstration of competencies in the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan. [IDAPA 08.02.02.015.01.a.i] The certificate must include an endorsement area as well. Some endorsement requirements are as follows:

An All Subjects Endorsement requires:
A minimum of 30 semester credit hours to include coursework in discipline-specific methods of teaching elementary subject areas, cognitive processes, learner development, learning differences, literacy and language development, K-8 subject content, classroom management and behavioral supports, instructional strategies and interventions, and formative and summative assessments. [Board Policy IV.D.2.a]

A Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement requires: A minimum of 30 semester credit hours to include coursework in methods of teaching early

childhood and special education, child development and learning~~,~~, curriculum development and implementation, family and community relationships~~;~~, assessment and evaluation, central concepts of birth – grade 3 subjects, professionalism, and clinical experience including a combination of general and special education in the following settings: birth to age three (3), ages three to five (3-5), and grades K-3 general education. [Board Policy IV.D.2.t] Policy IV.D.2.f]

An Exceptional Child Education Endorsement requires: a minimum of (30) semester credit hours to include coursework in methods of teaching the exceptional child, learner development and individual learning differences, assessment and evaluation, designing and monitoring individualized education programs, central concepts of academic subjects, individual behavioral supports, instructional strategies and interventions, special education law, family and community relationships, and accommodations and modifications.[Board Policy IV.D.2.t]

A Secondary Content Area Endorsement requires preparation in two fields of teaching, one of which consists of at least 30 semester credit hours, and one of which consists of at least 20 semester credit hours; or preparation of at least 45 semester credit hours in a single subject area. [IDAPA 08.02.02.015.01.c]

Clinical Requirements Idaho Administrative Code articulates clinical requirements for teacher candidates. There are no specific state requirements regarding preservice teaching experience in diverse settings or with special student populations.For the Standard Instructional Certificate, which includes all instructional endorsements, at least 10 undergraduate or 6 graduate semester credit hours of student teaching in the grade range and subject areas as applicable to the endorsement are required. [IDAPA 08.02.02.015.01.]

Administrator Certification requires at least 30 semester credit hours of graduate study in school administration based on the specific administrator area (school principal, director of special education, or superintendent). The program must include the competencies of the Idaho Standards for School Administrators. [IDAPA 08.02.02.015.03]

Alternative Routes to Certification When a professional position cannot be filled by an LEA with someone who has the correct endorsement/certification, the LEA may request an alternative authorization for certification. The LEA must provide supportive information attesting to the ability of the candidate to fill the position. [IDAPA 08.02.02.042]

Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Endorsement This alternative authorization allows an LEA to request additional endorsement for a candidate who already holds a current Idaho certificate in good standing.

Option 1 – The candidate works toward completion of a state board- approved preparation program. The candidate will receive a one-year certificate that may be renewed for two additional years with evidence of satisfactory progress toward completion of the preparation program.

Option 2 – A candidate with a master's degree may add an endorsement in the same content-specific area to a standard instructional certificate. The candidate will receive a

one-year, nonrenewable certificate. Successful completion of a one-year, state board-approved mentoring program must occur in the year of authorization.

Option 3 – A candidate may add an endorsement to a valid instructional certificate by successfully completing a state board-approved content area assessment. The candidate will receive a one-year, nonrenewable certificate. Successful completion of a one-year, state board-approved mentoring program, must occur in the year of authorization.

In addition, this alternative authorization allows a candidate to use the National Board certification process to gain an endorsement in a corresponding subject area.

Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification

This alternative authorization allows an LEA to request an additional certificate in a new certification area for a candidate who already holds a current Idaho certificate in good standing. The candidate will work toward completion of a preparation program in conjunction with the employing LEA and the participating teacher preparation program (college/university or nontraditional route). The candidate will receive a three-year, nonrenewable interim certificate to complete the preparation program. The participating educator preparation program shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences.

Alternative Authorization – Content Specialist This alternative authorization allows an LEA to request certification for a candidate who is highly and uniquely qualified in a subject area to teach in an LEA. Prior to application, a candidate must hold a bachelor's degree or have completed all the requirements for a bachelor's degree except for student teaching. A consortium comprised of a designee from the educator preparation program, a representative from the LEA, and the candidate shall determine preparation needed forthe candidate to meet the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional SchoolPersonnel. This preparation must include mentoring and a minimum of one classroom observation per month until certified. The candidate will receive a three-year, nonrenewable interim certificate to complete the preparation program. [IDAPA 08.02.02.042.02]

CTE Occupational Specialist The purpose of the occupational specialist certification is to permit individuals with several years of industry experience, and often industry certification, in a CTE-related occupation to teach secondary and postsecondary CTE students. These occupational teaching certifications most often begin as a Limited Occupational Specialist (LOS) for individuals with a bachelor's degree, 2,000-6,000 hours of recent gainful employment, and/or industry certifications. After completion of coursework and~~/or~~ teacher training at each level over the three-year validity period of the LOS certificate, teachers advance to a Standard Occupational Specialist, Certificate. With a master's degree or an additional 18 credit hours in the endorsement content area or educational pedagogy, the candidate can advance to an Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate. All teachers entering the profession from industry must meet the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. [IDAPA 08.02.02.021.02.c]

Content Knowledge, Pedagogy, and Performance
State Board of Education approved content pedagogy, and performance area assessments shall be used to ensure qualified teachers are employed in Idaho's classrooms. [IDAPA 08.02.02.017] The state approved assessment for demonstration of content knowledge is the Praxis II assessment. Candidates must have a passing score on the Praxis II assessment for the content area they are seeking certification and endorsement.

Teacher Preparation Standards All Idaho teacher preparation programs are guided by the *Idaho Core Teaching Standards* (see Table 14 below). These standards provide guidelines for what all Idaho teachers must know and be able to do.

Table 14: Idaho Core Teaching Standards

The Learner and Learning

Standard number and title	Standard description
Standard 1: Learner Development.	The teacher candidate understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.
Standard 2: Learning Differences.	The teacher candidate uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
Standard 3: Learning Environments.	The teacher candidate works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Content Knowledge

Standard number and title	Standard description
Standard 4: Content Knowledge.	The teacher candidate understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.
Standard 5: Application of Content	The teacher candidate understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Instructional Practice

Standard number and title	Standard description
Standard 6: Assessment.	The teacher candidate understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.
Standard 7: Planning for Instruction	The teacher candidate plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.
Standard 8: Instructional Strategies.	The teacher candidate understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Professional Responsibility

Standard number and title	Standard description
Standard 9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.	The teacher candidate engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.
Standard 10: Leadership and Collaboration.	The teacher candidate seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

State Specific Standards

Standard number and title	Standard description
Standard 11: American Indian Tribes in Idaho.	The teacher candidate should be able to distinguish between each of the federally recognized tribes with respect to the retention of the ancestral lands In Idaho: Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Nez Perce Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock tribes, and The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. Teacher candidates build capacity in learners to utilize the assets that each learner brings to the learning community based on their backgrounds and experiences.
Standard 12: Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators	The teacher candidate understands the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators and its place in supporting the integrity of the profession.
Standard 13: Digital Technology and Online Learning.	The teacher candidate knows how to use digital technology to create lessons and facilitate instruction and assessment in face-to-face, blended, and online learning environments to engage students and enhance learning.

Supplemental Standards

In addition to the Idaho Core Teaching Standards, the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Standards apply in whole or in part, depending on the endorsement area, to each program leading to initial certification and a Standard Instructional Certificate.

Programs leading to endorsement in Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education, Exceptional Child Education, Blind and Visually Impaired, and Deaf/Hard of Hearing meet additional standards applicable to each endorsement area.

Pupil Service Staff and Administrator Certification Standards The standards for initial certification of pupil service staff and school administrators are independent of the Idaho Core Teaching Standards. The Idaho Standards for School Administrators articulate the knowledge and performance required of the School Principal, the Superintendent, and the Director of Special Education. The Idaho Standards for Pupil Service Staff require that the preparation program receive national accreditation to meet the Idaho Standards for Pupil Service Staff:

- Audiology and Speech Language Pathologist - Council on Academic Accreditation, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Nursing (School Nurse) - Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- School Counselor - Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- School Psychologist - National Association of School Psychologists
- School Social Worker - Council on Social Work Education

4. **Improving Skills of Educators** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(J))*: Describe how the SEA will improve the skills of teachers, principals, or other school leaders in order to enable them to identify students with specific learning needs, particularly students with disabilities, English learners, students who are gifted and talented, and students with low literacy levels, and provide instruction based on the needs of such students.

   Idaho addresses the identification of high need students through a variety of supports.

   The Special Education Department in partnership with the Special Education Support and Technical Assistance team, provides professional development to teachers and administrators in meeting the needs of students with disabilities. This professional development includes identifying and qualifying students for services under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA).

   Idaho has standardized procedures for identifying English (EL) students. Idaho recognizes that all educators are responsible for the language development and academic success of ELs, therefore, the ISDE Title III Department, provides professional development support for all educators in the area of language development through content instruction. Additional information is available at https://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/el/index.html

   Idaho law requires LEA's to identify and serve gifted students. The state provides funds to support the professional development in the area of identification. The funds also support services provided to students once identified. Under IDAPA 08.02.03.999, districts are required to write a three-year plan for each student identified as gifted and talented in the areas of academics, visual/performing arts, creativity, and leadership. Teachers of these students receive annual training through the Edufest summer conference featuring nationally recognized experts in the field of gifted and talented education. Additional information is available at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/gifted-talented.

Commissioned in December 2012 by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, the Task Force for Education recognized reading proficiency is a major benchmark in a student's education and that students must learn to read before they can read to learn content in other subject areas. The task force was assembled to study and collaborate on how Idaho's education system could better prepare its children for success. One focus of the Task Force was the recommendation that students demonstrate mastery of literacy before moving on to significant content learning. The task force also recommended a better tool for identifying students with low literacy levels.

To support these recommendations, the legislature has appropriated more than $11 million dollars to support research based intervention strategies to improve outcomes for students. Funds can be used in a variety of ways, including professional development for educators to identify students with literacy deficiencies. The new assessment to identify struggling readers includes a screener, diagnostic and progress monitoring system to provide teachers with rich data that focuses on specific deficiencies in literacy skills for students in Kindergarten through third grade. Fifty-seven schools across the state are implementing the new reading assessment in a pilot administration in the 2017-2018 school year. A statewide implementation is scheduled for the 2018-2019 school year.

5. **Data and Consultation** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(K))*: Describe how the State will use data and ongoing consultation as described in ESEA section 2102(d)(3) to continually update and improve the activities supported under Title II, Part A.

   Data are collected on all state-led professional development activities to assess the quality and efficacy of those experiences. For example, the IPMP and Idaho Instructional Framework components of section A(4)(viii)(e) of this plan include survey data collected from participants of these programs in 2017.

   Meaningful consultation was conducted with stakeholders, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, charter school leaders, parents, community partners, and other organizations or partners with relevant and demonstrated expertise in the development of this program plan. ISDE will seek advice, based on statewide data review, regarding equity data and student achievement data, and consult with this group of stakeholders at least annually on how to best improve the activities to meet the purpose of this program. Additionally, LEAs annually submit a Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA) for Title II-A, which includes listing professional development program activities, describing how each is expected to improve academic achievement, and identifying the evidence level of criteria each activity meets. The application is reviewed and then approved after all application criteria are met. During monitoring visits, each LEA provides documentation evidencing how the professional development activities improved academic achievement. As evident in the plan, activities under this part are coordinated with other related strategies, programs, and activities being conducted by ISDE.

6. **Teacher Preparation** *(ESEA section 2101(d)(2)(M))*: Describe the actions the State may take to improve preparation programs and strengthen support for teachers, principals,

or other school leaders based on the needs of the State, as identified by the SEA.

Idaho is currently focusing its Title II-A funds toward supporting educators in rural, high-poverty, and high-minority schools. However, as stated above in section D(1), ISDE and the State Board of Education will investigate how we may use Title II-A funds to support teacher preparation and mentoring.

The Office of the Idaho State Board of Education is committed to supporting Educator Preparation Providers to develop learner-ready educators. A learner ready educator is one who is ready on day one of his or her career to model and develop in students the knowledge and skills they need to succeed today including the ability to think critically and creatively, to apply content to solving real-world problems, to be literate across the curriculum, to collaborate and work in teams, and to take ownership of their own continuous learning.

More specifically, learner-ready teachers have deep knowledge of their content and how to teach it; they understand the differing needs of their students, hold them to high expectations, and personalize learning to ensure each learner is challenged; they care about, motivate, and actively engage students in learning; they collect, interpret, and use student assessment data to monitor progress and adjust instruction; they systematically reflect, continuously improve, and collaboratively problem solve; and they demonstrate leadership and shared responsibility for the learning of all students.

The Office of the Idaho State Board of Education strives to approve and hold accountable teacher preparation programs that produce learner-ready teachers. Each year Idaho approved teacher preparation program's report data on admission requirements, standards and assessments. That data is currently collected in the Federal Title II Reports.

The Office of the Idaho State Board of Education and the State Department of Education are working together to innovate state systems and progress in the field to improve teacher preparation. Together, the development of the Idaho Standards for Educator Preparation Providers was created and approved by the State Board of Education on August 23, 2023. The Standards are as follows:

- STANDARD ONE: CONTENT, PEDAGOGICAL, AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE
    - Educator Preparation Providers ensure candidates develop an understanding of the critical concepts, principles, and practices of their discipline, and are able to use practices flexibly to advance the learning of all students.
        - Standard 1.1 Content Knowledge and Pedagogy: Educator Preparation Providers ensure candidates are able to apply their knowledge in critical concepts, principles, and practices as identified in the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel, National Accreditation Standards of Pupil Service Programs, and State Board approved Idaho

Student Content Standards.
- Standard 1.2 Professional Knowledge: Educator Preparation Providers ensure candidates are able to apply their knowledge of the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel, National Accreditation Standards of Pupil Service Programs, and the State Board approved Idaho Student Content Standards.
- Standard 1.3 Idaho Educational Expectations: Educator Preparation Providers integrate State Board of Education policies and procedures and Idaho Rules Governing Uniformity into the preparation of candidates.

- STANDARD TWO: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
  - Educator Preparation Providers ensure diverse high-quality clinical experiences to develop knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions in candidates and educators.
    - Standard 2.1 Clinical Practice: Educator Preparation Providers include clinical practice of depth, breadth, coherence, and duration to enable candidates or educators to demonstrate proficiency in their area of endorsement.
    - Standard 2.2 Clinical Partnerships: Educator Preparation Providers develop and implement quality clinical experiences in the context of documented and effective partnerships with Local Education Agencies.

- STANDARD THREE: CANDIDATE ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT
  - Educator Preparation Providers demonstrate the development of candidate quality throughout the preparation program.
    - Standard 3.1 Admission Standards for Academic Achievement and Ability: Educator Preparation Providers define admissions requirements, collect, and evaluate applicant data, and admit eligible candidates.
    - Standard 3.2 Monitor and Support Progress: Educator Preparation Providers establish criteria to assess and monitor candidate progression throughout the preparation program to support candidate growth and competency at completion.
    - Standard 3.3 Recommendation for Certification: Educator Preparation Providers demonstrate candidates meet the Idaho Assurances listed on the Institutional Recommendation.

- STANDARD FOUR: CONTINUOUS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT
  - Educator Preparation Providers maintain a system that consists of valid and trustworthy data from multiple measures that support continuous

improvement. The system is sustainable over time and includes input from internal and external stakeholders.

- Standard 4.1 Completer Data: Educator Preparation Providers analyze data provided via Annual Performance Measures for Continuous Improvement.
- Standard 4.2 Internal and External Stakeholder Engagement: Educator Preparation Providers involve appropriate internal and external stakeholders (e.g. alumni, employers, practitioners, school/community partners, etc.) in program design, evaluation, and improvement.
- Standard 4.3 Continuous Improvement: Educator Preparation Providers document use of data-driven decision-making processes to guide program modification and continuous improvement.

New Educator Preparation Provider annual performance measures were created and approved by the State Board of Education on August 23, 2023. These measures identify at-risk and low performing teacher preparation programs across Idaho's traditional and non-traditional programs. These measures provide transparency into the performance of teacher preparation programs, creating a feedback loop between the Office of the Idaho State Board of Education and the Educator Preparation Providers with an emphasis on continuous improvement. The measures are as follows:

- Pedagogical Knowledge: The percentage of candidates who, at exit of program, passed the Common Summative Assessment (Idaho Framework for Teaching Evaluation) at a basic or better in all 22 components.
- Content Knowledge: The percentage of overall completer pass rate of Idaho State Board Approved content assessment for which the EPP has at least ten candidates complete the assessment during the academic year.
- Completer Effectiveness on Professional Practice: The percentage of teachers of record and completers who signed an Idaho teaching contract in their first year after completion were eligible for and obtained the Idaho Professional Endorsement.

Persistence in an Idaho Local Education Agency: The percentage of teachers of record and completers who signed an Idaho teaching contract in their first year after completion working full-time in an Idaho Local Education Agency who persist for three years.

E. Title III, Part A, Subpart 1: English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement

1. **Entrance and Exit Procedures** *(ESEA section 3113(b)(2)):* Describe how the SEA will establish and implement, with timely and meaningful consultation with LEAs representing the geographic diversity of the State, standardized, statewide entrance and exit procedures, including an assurance that all students who may be English learners are assessed for such status within 30 days of enrollment in a school in the State.

   Entrance Procedures: Idaho's ESSA EL Workgroup has established the following EL Program Entrance Procedures and Criteria:

   Step 1: All LEAs administer the Statewide Home Language Survey (HLS) to all newly enrolling students in the district/charter. They then use the "Decision to Assess" Matrix to determine whether the student is a potential EL. Original HLSs are filed in students' cumulative files.

   Statewide Home Language Survey Questions:
   1. What language(s) are spoken in the home?
   2. What language(s) does your student speak most often?
   3. What language(s) did your student first learn?
   4. Which language does your child speak with you?
   5. Which language do you use when speaking with your child?
   6. Which language do you want phone calls and letters?
   7. What is your relationship to the child?
   8. Is there any additional information you would like the school to know about your child?

   The Home Language Survey is currently available in Spanish and Russian and is being translated in additional languages represented in the state. English and translated HLS forms are available on the Idaho State EL and Title III Programs website for all LEAs to download.

   Step 2: If a student is identified as a potential EL, LEAs use additional resources and data to determine whether the student has already been identified as an EL in another LEA. If the following resources indicate that the student either has screened out of EL eligibility or has previously exited from EL programming, then the student does not qualify for EL program placement.

   - Idaho's English Learner Management System (ELMS)
   - Cumulative file review for WIDA assessments
   - Cumulative file review for English Learner Plans
   - Cumulative file review for EL exit forms
   - Communication with previous district (if necessary)

   Step 3: LEAs proceed with an English Language Proficiency (ELP) Screener Assessment administration, either WIDA Screener for Kindergarten or WIDA Screener, depending on the student's grade level and time of year of enrollment. They use the following Statewide EL Entrance Criteria to determine whether a student qualifies for EL or

whether they screen out of EL eligibility.

Table 15: Idaho's Statewide EL Entrance Criteria

Grade	First semester	Second semester
Kindergarten	WIDA Screener for Kindergarten • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level	WIDA Screener for Kindergarten • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 2.0 Literacy Score
1st Grade	WIDA Screener for Kindergarten • ≥ 5.0 Oral Language Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Listening Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Literacy Score	• (Same as 2nd-12th grade)
2nd – 12th Grade	WIDA Screener • ≥ 5.0 Overall Proficiency Level Score • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Reading Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Writing Proficiency Level	WIDA Screener • ≥ 5.0 Overall Proficiency Level Score • ≥ 4.0 Speaking Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Reading Proficiency Level • ≥ 4.0 Writing Proficiency Level

Screener assessment and program placement must occur within 30 days of the student's enrollment in the LEA. In order to ensure that potential ELs with special needs are correctly identified, the EL advisory panel will collaborate with special education stakeholders to establish alternate entrance criteria and processes for identifying ELs with special needs.

The ESSA EL Workgroup created a statewide process for identifying students whose parents may have indicated "English Only" on their Home Language Survey but who have exhibited characteristics of second language learners necessitating a need to amend the original HLS. In addition, the workgroup developed a statewide process to

remove the EL designation from a student who was erroneously identified. Lastly, the workgroup has assisted the ISDE with revising the parental notification form including an option to waive ELD services.

Exit Procedures: ~~Idaho's ESSA EL Workgroup has established the following EL Program Exit Procedures and Criteria first implemented in the 2019/2020 school year, based on the 2020 ACCESS for ELL results:~~

Language Instruction Educational Program Reclassification Criteria

Reclassification from a LEA's Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) occurs after a student has attained English proficiency. English proficiency for Idaho's General ELP and Alternate ELP assessments are outlined below.

General English Language Proficiency Assessment

- ≥ 4.2 Composite Overall Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Listening Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Reading Proficiency Level
- ≥ 3.5 Writing Proficiency Level
- ≥ 1.0 Speaking Proficiency Level

Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment

- ≥ PL4 Composite Overall Proficiency Level

Step 1: Review Assessment Data

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) review annual English language proficiency assessment results to determine which students meet Idaho's EL reclassification criteria.

Step 2: Update Student Status

LEAs update their local student information system to reflect the child has entered monitoring status. Students are monitored for a period of two years.

Step 3: Notify Families

LEAs use a statewide exit form to inform the parent of the child's reclassification status. Parent notifications are delivered in a language that is comprehensible to the parent. This notification includes details about their child's exit from EL services and transition into a two-year monitoring period.

~~*Step 1:* LEAs review annual EL proficiency assessment data to determine which students have met Idaho's EL Exit Criteria. Idaho administers the WIDA ACCESS for ELL or Alternate ACCESS for ELL to annually assess for EL proficiency.~~

~~The ACCESS for ELL is administered to all identified English Learners, annually, and includes assessments in reading, writing, listening and speaking. A student receives an overall composite score and a scale score in each of the four domains.~~

~~The reading and writing domains are weighted 35% each in the overall composite, while the speaking and listening domains are weighted 15% each, in the overall composite.~~

~~A student is considered proficient when they receive a composite score equal to or greater than 4.2, with a minimum score of 3.5 in the domains of reading, writing and~~

~~listening, and a minimum score of 1 in the speaking domain.~~

~~*Step 2:* When students meet the exit criteria on the English language proficiency assessment, LEA staff members re-designate students to "exited year 1 monitoring" status in their school information systems. LEAs are required to complete the exiting process for eligible students before the end of the school year in which the student met the exit criteria. In other words, LEAs must use the results from the spring ACCESS for ELL and Alternate ACCESS for ELL assessment to update students' EL status in their school information system and inform parents by the end of the school year.~~

~~*Step 3:* LEAs will use a statewide exit form that is shared and explained to parents/families in a language they can understand to inform them of their child's program exit. In addition LEAs inform parents/families of the child's transition into a monitoring status for two years.~~

~~In order to ensure that ELs with special needs are correctly exited, the EL advisory panel collaborated with special education stakeholders to establish criteria and processes for exiting ELs with special needs taking the Alternate ACCESS for ELL. The following is a result of this collaboration:~~

- ~~ALT-ACCESS for ELL exit criteria~~
- ~~P2 Composite Proficiency Level~~

~~English learners with significant disabilities as documented by an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will exit from the EL program when reaching P2 composite proficiency level on the ALT-ACCESS for ELL.~~

2. **SEA Support for English Learner Progress** *(ESEA section 3113(b)(6))*: Describe how the SEA will assist eligible entities in meeting:
   i. The State-designed long-term goals established under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii), including measurements of interim progress towards meeting such goals, based on the State's English language proficiency assessments under ESEA section 1111(b)(2)(G); and
   ii. The challenging State academic standards.

Assistance to LEAs for Long-Term Language Proficiency and Academic Goals
The State English Learner/Title III Department exists to assist LEAs with creating, implementing, and improving language instruction educational programs that provide equal learning opportunities for ELs. In order to achieve this, the State EL/Title III Department will analyze the long-term goals and interim progress for English language proficiency and academic standards established under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii). This ongoing and annual analysis will assist the department in determining statewide and individualized support needed for LEAs.

Moreover, with EL accountability now housed under Title I, the State EL/Title III Department staff are critical members on the previously mentioned State Technical Assistant Team (STAT). This group will be responsible for tracking progress, discussing data, and identifying needs and resources.

Additionally, the department will continue to review and monitor LEAs' annual EL plan within the Consolidated Federal and State Grants Application (CFSGA). LEAs must describe their Language Instruction Educational Program(s) (LIEP) to serve their ELs. These plans also include an opportunity for the LEA to describe linguistic and academic goal(s) for their English learners. Furthermore, LEAs describe within their State EL Plans their methods for meeting these linguistic and academic goals by describing coordination of services with other supporting programs, method for incorporating WIDA English Language Development Standards within instruction, and professional learning opportunities provided to all staff in the LEA on best practices in teaching English learners. The State EL/Title III Department will review the LEAs linguistic and academic goals for alignment to the long-term goals and interim progress for English language proficiency and academic standards established under ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii). Additionally, the department uses this information to support LEAs in their individualized efforts. For example, if neighboring LEAs have similar goals, ISDE can target support regionally.

Currently, the ISDE has the following supports in place for schools and LEAs that can be tailored to address the specific linguistic and academic needs of their ELs:

Cross Collaboration
The EL/Title III Department engages in state-level collaboration with other ISDE programs such as Special Education, Migrant, Title I, Assessment, and others to address the needs of English Learners. Examples of state-level collaboration include professional learning opportunities for administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals of English Learners as well as a consolidated grant application and program monitoring for LEAs. The STAT team is another example of cross collaboration.

Ongoing Technical Assistance
Ongoing technical assistance for all LEAs is provided in a variety of ways listed below. However, individualized technical assistance can be requested by an LEA at any time and may be delivered through a variety of methods:

1. Phone, email, and individual site visits
2. The EL Department webpage http://sde.idaho.gov/el-migrant/el/index.html
3. Quarterly webinars
4. Regional trainings
5. Yearly Summer English Learner Institute

Idaho Legislature
The Idaho Legislature provides funding to LEAs for ELs. House Bill 287 appropriates $450,000 for three-year grants to assist LEAs with meeting the academic needs of English Learners. House Bill 289 provides over 1 million dollars for research-based programs for ELs.

State Title III Consortium

State Title III Consortium provides members with additional technical and instructional support. The Idaho State EL/Title III program employs an EL program assistant who coordinates various professional development opportunities. LEAs have access to various trainings which include all training costs and materials. The State EL coordinator also provides on-site technical assistance and employs two (2) regional EL coaches who travel to LEAs around the state to support them and provide onsite technical assistance personalized to their needs.

EL Advisory Panel
The EL advisory panel assists the ISDE with state-wide planning and support on EL-related topics such as creating state-wide identification and exiting criteria for all LEAs.

Professional Development/Training
The Idaho State EL/Title III Department provides support for all Idaho educators of ELs through professional learning opportunities that are intentionally designed based on the timely needs of EL educators. ISDE recognizes that as the number of ELs grows, all educators must be mutually responsible for the language development and academic success of ELs and, therefore, all teachers are language teachers. The EL/Title III Department provides a menu of professional development options to ensure a wide variety of instructional frameworks and strategies are being covered based on local LIEP determination. This includes the Go-To Strategies, Sheltered Instruction, English Language Development (ELD) Standards, and pertinent English language acquisition topics.

State and National Partnerships
The State/Title III Department staff participates in and collaborates with multiple national partners and other state agencies for support in trending EL topics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), WIDA, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research (W-CER), Regional Educational Laboratory (REL), Chief Counsel of State School Officers (CCSSO), EL State Collaborative on Assessment Student Standards (SCASS), National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), and Idaho Association for Bilingual Education (IABE). Lastly, additional partnerships with Idaho's institutes of higher education provide components of EL education in preservice teacher education in an effort to prepare teachers with appropriate instructional strategies for the ELs in their classrooms.

The ISDE will continue to adapt, create, and implement additional supports for ELs in Idaho's schools based on need as identified through data.

3. **Monitoring and Technical Assistance** (ESEA section 3113(b)(8)): Describe:
   i. How the SEA will monitor the progress of each eligible entity receiving a Title III, Part A sub- grant in helping English learners achieve English proficiency; and
   ii. The steps the SEA will take to further assist eligible entities if the strategies funded under Title III, Part A are not effective, such as providing technical assistance and modifying such strategies.

Monitoring the implementation of Federal programs and the use of funds is a requirement of each of the Federal programs and an essential function of the ISDE. The ISDE monitors all LEAs thoroughly and in a variety of ways to ensure that all children have a fair, equitable, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Moreover, the ISDE provides leadership and guidance to LEAs through technical assistance for the purpose of assisting LEAs with implementing highly effective educational programs to increase student achievement in Idaho. ISDE implements the following processes for monitoring federal programs including Title III-A:

Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA)
The Idaho Consolidated Federal & State Grant Application serves as an LEA's application for federal program funds. A consolidated approach, instead of separate applications for each of the individual programs, allows the programs to be cooperatively planned and implemented, and also helps to reduce the administrative burden. In addition, the CFSGA allows the EL/Title III Coordinator to monitor/review annual applications for Title III compliance, linguistic and academic goals, and use of funds. If an LEA's plan does not meet the criteria for approval, the coordinator coaches the LEA until the plan meets all the requirements. This approach is proactive in that it provides assistance before the LEA receives funding.

Selection Process for Onsite and Desk Monitoring of LEAs
In determining the list of LEAs to be monitored for the upcoming school year, the ISDE reviews several considerations:

1. The list of LEAs considered for monitoring in the upcoming year are derived from the ISDE's Ongoing LEA Master List, which identifies the year each LEA was last monitored.
2. Each federal program identifies risk factors for the LEAs identified for potential monitoring. Risk factors may be determined using data including the following:
    - State assessment performance data
    - Date/Year the LEA was previously monitored
    - Number and type of findings from the previous monitoring visit (such as programmatic, fiscal, policy, repeat findings)
    - Results of previous findings
    - Personnel turnover – new or inexperienced federal programs director or new superintendent
    - Audit Findings (such as incomplete audits or type of audit findings)
    - Significant carryover balances
    - Other "high-risk" factors identified by ISDE program coordinators (such as sudden and/or significant increase in English Learners, formal compliance complaint filed with the ISDE, SBOE, and/or U.S. Department of Education - Office for Civil Rights)
3. Approximately 25 LEAs are identified for monitoring annually. Monitoring is conducted by ISDE program staff either through on-site or desk monitoring.

Monitoring Process for Title III –A
During the monitoring visit, the EL/Title III Coordinator conducts classroom observations, interviews with staff, principals, students, and parents to determine if the LEA is addressing the linguistic and academic needs of their ELs. Additionally, the coordinator seeks evidence of support for the linguistic and academic goals described in the CFSGA.

Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR)
Annual CSPR data submitted by the LEA for federal reporting is another opportunity for monitoring and possible technical assistance. LEA data is reviewed for accuracy as well as for state and local level trends.

Participation in STAT Team
As mentioned before, the State EL/Title III department will work with the STAT team to monitor the progress of LEAs and provide technical assistance based on the recommendations of this team.

The above-mentioned activities and processes will assist the ISDE in identifying LEAs that may need more specific and individualized support in identifying effective strategies for their ELs. If an LEA continues to struggle with implementing effective strategies for EL English proficiency, the ISDE will convene with the STAT team to determine additional resources needed to provide intensive support. Resources could include, but not limited to, in-depth professional development, recommendations for Title III program revisions and opportunities for peer observations with successful Title III districts.

F. Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants

1. **Use of Funds** *(ESEA section 4103(c)(2)(A)):* Describe how the SEA will use funds received under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 for State-level activities.

State Level Activities
Four percent of Idaho's Title IV-A allocation targeted for state activities will be directed toward required activities including training LEAs on applying for Title IV-A funds through the ISDE's Consolidated State and Federal Grant Application and compliance monitoring.

LEA Optional Use of Funds Aligned with State Level Activities

Idahoans understand that a well-rounded, community-oriented, student-focused education provides the knowledge and skills to live, learn, work, create, and contribute to society. In supporting a community-oriented and student focused education, the ISDE supports college and career readiness through academic readiness and advising including Advanced Opportunities, Next Steps Idaho and collaborative statewide partnership. Additionally, the ISDE supports STEM experiences which enhance 21st century workforce skills such as collaboration, innovation, problem-solving, critical and creative thinking, and teamwork. All students should have the opportunity to learn these critical 21st century workforce skills.

Title IV-A state funds support ISDE staff in providing technical assistance for LEAs in the creation of local Title IV-A plans and applying for funding as well as monitoring for compliance with federal rules and regulations. While compliance monitoring visits focus on adherence to the rules and regulations, the ISDE aims to use these visits as opportunities to provide technical assistance in addressing deficiencies and offering best practices in supporting students.

The ISDE will support LEAs in directing their Title IV-A allocations to provide equitable access to a well-rounded education and rigorous coursework in subjects in which female students, minority students, English learners, students with disabilities, or low-income students are underrepresented. Such subjects could include English, reading/language arts, writing, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, world languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography, computer science, music, career and technical education, health, or physical education.

Existing state support will be leveraged to increase the impact of LEA Title IV-A funds around strengthening the instructional core and increasing access to a broad range of educational opportunities. Idaho currently has robust supports in place focused on a well- rounded education that includes professional development for teachers, instructional coaches, and mastery education funded by state dollars.

Regarding supporting safe and healthy students, LEA Title IV-A funds are used to train and equip LEA personnel with best practices specific to safe schools, crisis intervention, school violence prevention, suicide prevention, and alternatives to suspensions and

expulsions through existing statewide trainings and resources. In addition, Title IV-A funds may be used to provide schoolwide services that contribute to a positive and safe school environment by promoting mental wellness and suicide prevention among students.

2. **Awarding Subgrants** *(ESEA section 4103(c)(2)(B))*: Describe how the SEA will ensure that awards made to LEAs under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 are in amounts that are consistent with ESEA section 4105(a)(2).

   To ensure the requirement was accurately interpreted, the ISDE used a manual compiled and released by the US Department of Education on June 30, 2017. A link to the manual can be found here:

   An Excel template was created consistent with scenario 1 from the manual (p 2). The template has built in formulas, which include the following steps:

   1. Determine initial formula allocations based on LEA shares of Title I, Part A funds for the preceding fiscal year.
   2. Adjust upward allocations for LEAs whose initial allocation is below $10,000.
   3. Adjust downward, on a proportional basis, the initial formula allocations for all LEAs receiving more than $10,000.
   4. Repeat steps (iterations) as many times as necessary until there is no grant award with less than $10,000.

   The initial calculation is performed by the Federal Programs Department at the same time Title I, Part A allocations are calculated.

   Once Federal Programs Title allocations are finalized, the allocations are populated into the Idaho State Department Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA). After an LEA's CFSGA plan is approved for all programs, the funds are sent to the Grant Reimbursement Application (GRA). All LEAs receiving Title IV-A allocations receive no less than the minimum amount of $10,000.

   Once finalized, the allocations are populated into the Idaho State Departments online mechanism for LEA to submit plans and request funds for all title programs (Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application- CFSGA). Once populated LEAs are not able to request less than the populated amount, thereby assuring all LEAs receive no less than $10,000 in Title IVA funds.

G. Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

1. **Use of Funds** *(ESEA section 4203(a)(2)):* Describe how the SEA will use funds received under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, including funds reserved for State- level activities.

   ISDE reserves 2 percent of the appropriated amount for administration (approx. $130,000), which supports 1.08 FTE: partial salaries for a director, state coordinator, program specialist, and administrative assistant. The administration funds for Title IV-B are used to support eligible LEAs, Community-Based Organizations, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, and other public/private entities. Each year the ISDE provides regional training for interested organizations in applying for Title IV-B grant funds. The ISDE also use administrative funds for costs associated with the peer review process and required USED meetings.

   ISDE reserves 5 percent of the appropriated amount for state activity (approx. $325,000), which supports 0.9 FTE: partial salaries for a director, state coordinator, program specialist, and administrative assistant. The state activity funds for Title IV-B are used to support current grantees in providing monitoring and technical assistance. The ISDE partners with the Idaho Afterschool Network in developing and implementing school age quality standards. The ISDE also uses state activity funds to perform a statewide evaluation to assess the program's effectiveness in meeting performance measures.

Table 17: Title IV-B use of funds

Strategy	Timeline	Funding sources
New Grantee Training	Summer Annually	Title IV-B State Administrative Funds
21st CCLC Directors Meeting	Fall Annually	Title IV-B State Activity Funds
Request For Application (RFA) Training	Fall Bi-Annually	Title IV-B State Activity Funds
Grant Competition	Winter Bi-Annually (dependent on available funding)	Title IV-B State Activity
Peer Review Process Meeting	Spring Bi-Annually	Title IV-B State Administrative Funds
21st CCLC Directors Meeting	Spring Annually	Title IV-B State Activity Funds
21st CCLC Summer Institute	Summer Annually	Title IV-B State Administrative Funds
Grantee Monitoring & Technical Assistance	Ongoing	Title IV-B State Activity Funds

2. **Awarding Subgrants** *(ESEA section 4203(a)(4)):* Describe the procedures and criteria the SEA will use for reviewing applications and awarding 21st Century Community Learning Centers funds to eligible entities on a competitive basis, which shall include procedures and criteria that take into consideration the likelihood that a proposed community learning center will help participating students meet the challenging State academic standards and any local academic standards.

   ISDE reserves not less than 93 percent of the appropriated amount for ~~LEA~~ subgrants (approx. $6.5 million). Each year the ISDE hosts a grant competition (as unallocated funds allow) to applicants according to ESEA Sec. 4201(b)(3). The ISDE awards 5-year grants with a minimum of $50,000 per award. Award amounts are based on the applicant's needs and services provided to students; however, the ISDE provides guidance to applicants on typical award amounts based on per-pupil expenditures.

   The ISDE awards subgrants through a competitive process based on the merit of an applicant's grant application; needs assessment for before and after-school programs, project design, measures of effectiveness, budget, and other assurances as outlined in ESEA Sec. 4204. The ISDE awards additional points for entities that target students: (1) attending schools that are implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities under ESEA Sec. 1111(d); and (2) who may be at risk for academic failure, dropping out of school, involvement in criminal or delinquent activities, or who lack strong positive role models.

   The ISDE provides technical assistance and facilitates the grant application process; however, it does not participate in the decision making of the awards to applicants. The ISDE recruits a variety of peer reviewers (via email, newsletter, website, press release), which consists of individuals with diverse expertise, organization representation, geographic location, gender, racial and ethnic representation. The ISDE trains all reviewers and hosts a 1-day virtual meeting to discuss submitted applications. The peer reviewers make the decision of awarded applications based on the applicant's grant application and established scoring rubric.

Table 18: Title IV-B awarding subgrants timeline

Strategy	Timeline	Funding sources
Request For Application Training Workshops	Fall Bi-Annually 2017	Title IV-B State Administrative Funds
Grant Application Opens	Fall Annually	-
Grant Application Closes	January Annually	-
Peer Review	Spring Annually	-
Peer Review Process Meeting	Spring Annually	Title IV-B State Administrative Funds
Grant Awards Announced	April Annually	-
Funding to Grantees Begins	July 1	Title IV-B Subgrants

H. Title V, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income School Program

1. **Outcomes and Objectives** *(ESEA section 5223(b)(1))*: Provide information on program objectives and outcomes for activities under Title V, Part B, Subpart 2, including how the SEA will use funds to help all students meet the challenging State academic standards.

   Rural schools defined by Idaho Code are schools that have fewer than 20 enrolled students per square mile, or school districts within a county that contain less than 25,000 residents. The goal for students in rural schools is the same for all students—to achieve at the same level of proficiency and have access to higher education resources to be successful after high school. In order to achieve equity for rural students, the state has designated staff to support rural and low-income school programs and has created a working state plan for these programs http://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/rural/index.html. The plan was created in consultation with LEAs. The process for grant applications includes the Consolidated Federal and State Grant Application (CFSGA) online reporting system for LEAs to submit an application that includes budget, selected activates for use of funds, and measurable goals. The state also has an electronic evaluation report that is due in June each year.

Table 19: Title V-B objectives and outcomes

Objective	Outcome
Objective 1: Rural school students achieve at the same level of proficiency as all other students, and have access to higher education resources to be successful after high school.	Outcomes: Each Rural Low Income School (RLIS) grantee program will provide educational services for children and youth as described in the CFSGA to ensure that they have the opportunity to meet challenging State academic content and achievement standards.
Objective 2: ISDE has a method and annual timeline for providing annual technical assistance to RLIS eligible LEAs.	Outcomes: All RLIS LEA Federal Program directors and business managers attend training on RLIS requirements and eligibly at annual regional meeting.

2. **Technical Assistance** *(ESEA section 5223(b)(3))*: Describe how the SEA will provide technical assistance to eligible LEAs to help such agencies implement the activities described in ESEA section 5222.

   The state coordinator collaborates with Title I, Title II, Title III, and family and community coordinators; the charter school coordinator; and 21st Century Learning Center division to ensure program alignment and access to resources as well as training at least twice per year with LEA technical assistance as needed. ~~In~~ Idaho rural LEAs have participated in Northwest Rural Innovation and Student Engagement (NW RISE), a multi-state project that creates learning communities among schools in the rural northwest. Educators from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Washington can participate in NW RISE.

   The project is part of the Comprehensive Center 17 and includes two face-to-face

meetings per year as well as monthly opportunities for members to collaborate through video conference and a dedicated social media account. In addition, consultation and technical assistance is provided through the state's system of support which includes both on-site support through projects like Idaho Building Capacity, Idaho Regional Math ~~Centers~~, Idaho Content ELA Coaches, and opportunities to network with peers through various networks including the Idaho Superintendents Network and Idaho Principals Network.

I. Education for Homeless Children and Youth program, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title IX, Subtitle A

1. **Student Identification** *(722(g)(1)(B) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Describe the procedures the SEA will use to identify homeless children and youth in the State and to assess their needs.

   All LEAs are required to have a local board-approved homeless policy that describes how the LEA will implement the following: definitions, identification, school selection, enrollment, transportation, services, disputes, free meals, eligibility for Title I services, training, coordination, and preschool. To assist in the identification of children and youth without housing, public notice of the education rights of homeless children and youth are to be disseminated and posted where such children and youth receive services. ISDE provides free brochures and posters. The state coordinator local liaison contact information is listed on each poster to provide technical assistance regarding enrollment, identification, and other issues affecting students in homeless situations. Liaisons are also provided assistance from the National Center for Homeless Education toll-free help line. ISDE requires a Housing Questionnaire in which the nighttime living status of every student is assessed by enrollment documentation. Each LEA has an identified liaison responsible for conducting the assessment and verification of homeless children and youth. Once the liaison verifies eligibility of the child or youth, they are reported in the LEA student management system that uploads to the Idaho System for Educational Excellence (ISEE) K–12 longitudinal data management system. Samples are available at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/homeless/index.html

   The identification of children and youth experiencing homelessness and assessing their needs is primarily the responsibility of the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The ISDE supports identification and needs assessment by:

   i. Providing annual regional training to local liaisons on the implementation of policies and regular processes for identification of homeless students and assessment of their needs and tracking liaison training;
   ii. Regularly notifying LEAs of training opportunities through the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE);
   iii. Annually monitoring the needs assessment process for LEAs through monitoring ~~visits~~ and the completion of a self-assessment application;
   iv. Providing a best practice needs assessment worksheet and summary tool from NCHE on the ISDE website at http://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/homeless/index.html;
   Assuring that the ISDE State Coordinator is a participating member of the Idaho Continuum of Care, Special Education Advisory Panel, and Idaho HUD Homeless Advisory Council so that identification and needs assessment issues that merge in non-school contexts are appropriately addressed.

2. **Dispute Resolution** *(722(g)(1)(C) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Describe procedures for the prompt resolution of disputes regarding the educational placement of homeless children and youth.

All LEA liaisons are familiar with the ISDE dispute resolution policy posted on the ISDE website (www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/homeless/index.html*)* through annual trainings provided by the state coordinator. All LEAs must have a written dispute resolution process that aligns with the state policy. This requirement is checked during federal program monitoring visits, and when LEAs submit assurances during their annual application for funding Sample letters are provided on the ISDE website. Homeless children and youth are provided all services during the dispute resolution process.

3. **Support for School Personnel** *(722(g)(1)(D) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Describe programs for school personnel (including the LEA liaisons for homeless children and youth, principals and other school leaders, attendance officers, teachers, enrollment personnel, and specialized instructional support personnel) to heighten the awareness of such school personnel of the specific needs of homeless children and youth, including runaway and homeless children and youth.

   ISDE provides staff development to LEA liaisons, including provisions of the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program; related state laws; the special needs of students experiencing homelessness; resource materials; and strategies for training teachers, counselors, support staff, administrators, homeless service providers, advocates, and others.

   All liaisons are required to attend annual training on McKinney-Vento to heighten the awareness of the specific needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness, including runaway and other unaccompanied homeless youth. Webinars and trainings are offered by the state and liaisons are regularly notified of trainings throughout the year. Local designated liaisons are required to have annual training for all staff including those in administration, transportation, nutrition, janitorial, nursing, and secretarial work on the needs of homeless children and youth, including runaway youth.

4. **Access to Services** (*722(g)(1)(F) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Describe procedures that ensure that:
   i. Homeless children have access to public preschool programs, administered by the SEA or LEA, as provided to other children in the State;
   ii. Homeless children and youth are identified and accorded equal access to appropriate secondary education and support services, including by identifying and removing barriers that prevent youth described in this clause from receiving appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school, in accordance with State, local, and school policies; and
   iii. Homeless children and youth who meet the relevant eligibility criteria do not face barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, online learning, and charter school programs, if such programs are available at the State and local levels.

Public preschool programs: Idaho Code 33-201 identifies school-aged children as between the ages of five and twenty-one. Idaho does not fund pre-school programs. ISDE's Student Housing Survey (nighttime living status of every student) includes questions about siblings in the family

and assists with students eligible for secondary education who may not be currently identified. LEA liaisons collaborate with various agencies and service providers who work with homeless children and youth such as the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Salvation Army, area shelters, and Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho to make them aware of protections available to homeless, unaccompanied youth. LEA liaisons collaborate with service providers to advocate on behalf of these children and youth to ensure that the students have the opportunity to return to school and participate in these programs. ISDE has established collaboration with Head Start, and the ISDE state coordinator has been appointed to the Idaho Infant and Toddler Council.

Equal Access to Appropriate Secondary Education and Support Services: The state coordinator provides training with LEA liaisons pertaining to the critical element of identification of youth who are separated from public schools with equal access, without barriers to full or partial credit. Partnerships with Title I-A and other federal programs are used when available to access online courses, summer school, and tutoring for credit recovery.

In addition to training, Idaho conducts annual monitoring and requires the submission of an annual self-assessment Part of the monitoring process includes requiring evidence that the LEA policy and school processes and procedure ensure that homeless youth receive appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending public school.

Eligible Children and Youth Do Not Face Barriers: Every effort is made by all homeless liaisons and the state coordinator to include students in all academic and extracurricular activities. LEAs have policies to ensure homeless children and youth who meet the relevant eligibility criteria do not face barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities. Outreach is made by the liaison as needed to local support groups to assist with needs students might have to participate in extracurricular activities.

5. **Strategies to Address Other Problems** *(722(g)(1)(H) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Provide strategies to address other problems with respect to the education of homeless children and youth, including problems resulting from enrollment delays that are caused by—
    i. requirements of immunization and other required health records;
    ii. residency requirements;
    iii. lack of birth certificates, school records, or other documentation;
    iv. guardianship issues; or
    v. uniform or dress code requirements.

Idaho state and local policies prohibit LEAs from denying a child enrollment for lack of records and include short timelines for obtaining needed records, certifications, and other documents. All LEAs are required to set aside a minimum of 0.25 of 1% of their Title I allocation for homeless students. This can be used for all the above, as needed. ISDE and LEAs use the results of surveys, focus groups, and training evaluations to identify additional barriers caused by enrollment delays. ISDE disseminates information and provides technical assistance on how to remove barriers to school access throughout the state in its resource documents and, trainings. ISDE encourages LEAs to seek aid from local service or charitable organizations to help provide assistance that

helps meet these needs.

LEA's requiring uniforms must provide these items to enrolled homeless youth LEA's requiring uniforms must provide these items to enrolled homeless youth. In addition, MV Homeless Education Grant funds and homeless set aside funds can used to provide necessary clothing for school dress codes or school activities.

6. **Policies to Remove Barriers** (*722(g)(1)(I) of the McKinney-Vento Act)*: Demonstrate that the SEA and LEAs in the State have developed, and shall review and revise, policies to remove barriers to the identification of homeless children and youth, and the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth in schools in the State, including barriers to enrollment and retention due to outstanding fees or fines, or absences.

   The ISDE and all LEAs must have a current homeless education policy that removes barriers to identification, enrollment, and retention including those due to outstanding fees, fines, or absences of homeless children and youth.

   The ISDE State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth will review and recommend revisions to state-level policies or procedures that may create barriers to the identification, enrollment, and retention of students identified as homeless. This review will be conducted in collaboration and coordination with other state and federally funded programs.

   The state coordinator will provide regular trainings and ongoing technical assistance to LEA Liaisons on all provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

   The state coordinator will provide written guidance documents regarding the needs to enroll and retain children and youth who are homeless, including the unique needs of various at-risk and diverse subgroups of students.

   Statewide and regional-level trainings will address policies and procedures to assure students remain enrolled in their school of origin for the duration of the school year, regardless of attendance status. These trainings will also focus on strategies to minimize barriers to enrollment and retention related to outstanding fees, fines, or absences.

   During annual trainings, local liaisons will bring their current policies to be reviewed. The policies will be examined to determine if these are legal and clear. If needed, policies will be revised to be ready for local board approval. The ISDE requires that LEAs regularly review policies as a best practice, and revise as necessary. Many school districts are working with the Idaho School Boards Association on writing and revising policies.

   The ISDE has added monitoring indicators reflecting this requirement to the Federal Programs Monitoring Tool. LEA policies and school processes and procedures are monitored through the federal program monitoring process, which requires specific evidence of compliance, and include a review of district policies and procedures to ensure that homeless students and their families receive education services for which they are eligible.

7. **Assistance from Counselors** *(722(g)(1)(K))*: A description of how youths described in section 725(2) will receive assistance from counselors to advise such youths and prepare and improve the readiness of such youths for college.

   The state coordinator works with LEA liaisons and school counselors at the secondary level to make sure homeless youth are receiving appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school, in accordance with state, local, and school policies. An indicator has been added to the monitoring tool to address how youth will receive assistance from counselors to prepare and improve the readiness for college. It is a requirement and an expectation from the ISDE that counselors/liaisons will inform unaccompanied homeless youth of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and that they may obtain assistance from the liaison to receive verification of such status for the purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Appendix A Measurements of Interim Progress

Instructions: Each SEA must include the measurements of interim progress toward meeting the long-term goals for academic achievement, graduation rates, and English language proficiency, set forth in the State's response to Title I, Part A question 4.iii, for all students and separately for each subgroup of students, including those listed in response to question 4.i.a. of this document. For academic achievement and graduation rates, the State's measurements of interim progress must take into account the improvement necessary on such measures to make significant progress in closing statewide proficiency and graduation rate gaps.

a. **Academic Achievement**

Mathematics - 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets

Mathematics	2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 Long-term Goal
All Students	40.6%	41.6%	42.6%	43.6%	44.6%	45.6%	46.6%	47.6%
Economically Disadvantaged	26.7%	27.9%	29.1%	30.3%	31.5%	32.7%	33.9%	35.1%
English Learners	8.3%	9.8%	11.2%	12.7%	14.1%	15.6%	17.1%	18.5%
Students with Disabilities	11.5%	12.9%	14.3%	15.7%	17.2%	18.6%	20.0%	21.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	18.7%	20.0%	21.3%	22.6%	24.0%	25.3%	26.6%	27.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	60.0%	61.0%	62.0%	63.0%	64.0%	65.0%	66.0%	67.0%
Black / African American	17.6%	18.9%	20.3%	21.6%	22.9%	24.2%	25.6%	26.9%
Hispanic or Latino	22.1%	23.4%	24.6%	25.9%	27.2%	28.4%	29.7%	31.0%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	30.0%	31.2%	32.3%	33.5%	34.6%	35.8%	36.9%	38.1%
Two or More Races	42.6%	43.6%	44.6%	45.6%	46.6%	47.6%	48.6%	49.6%
White	45.7%	46.7%	47.7%	48.7%	49.7%	50.7%	51.7%	52.7%

English Language Arts/Literacy – 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets

ELA/Literacy	2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 Long-term Goal
All Students	51.6%	52.6%	53.6%	54.6%	55.6%	56.6%	57.6%	58.6%
Economically Disadvantaged	36.2%	37.4%	38.6%	39.9%	41.1%	42.3%	43.5%	44.7%
English Learners	8.1%	9.7%	11.3%	13.0%	14.6%	16.2%	17.8%	19.5%
Students with Disabilities	13.6%	15.1%	16.7%	18.2%	19.8%	21.3%	22.9%	24.4%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	27.6%	28.9%	30.3%	31.6%	33.0%	34.3%	35.7%	37.0%
Asian or Pacific Islander	65.0%	66.0%	67.0%	68.0%	69.0%	70.0%	71.0%	72.0%
Black / African American	27.9%	29.2%	30.6%	31.9%	33.3%	34.6%	35.9%	37.3%
Hispanic or Latino	33.8%	35.1%	36.3%	37.6%	38.8%	40.1%	41.3%	42.6%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	39.4%	40.6%	41.7%	42.9%	44.1%	45.3%	46.4%	47.6%
Two or More Races	55.7%	56.7%	57.7%	58.7%	59.7%	60.7%	61.7%	62.7%
White	56.4%	57.4%	58.4%	59.4%	60.4%	61.4%	62.4%	63.4%

b. **Graduation Rates**

4 year Graduation rate – Class of 2022 baseline, Class of 2029 long-term goal, and Class of 2023-Class of 2028 interim targets

***Reporting of 4 Year graduation rates lags 1 year**

4 year Graduation Rate	Class of 2022 Baseline	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
All Students	79.9%	80.8%	81.6%	82.5%	83.3%	84.2%	85.0%	85.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	69.6%	70.6%	71.6%	72.6%	73.6%	74.6%	75.6%	76.6%
English Learners	65.4%	66.5%	67.5%	68.6%	69.7%	70.7%	71.8%	72.9%
Students with Disabilities	56.6%	57.8%	59.0%	60.2%	61.4%	62.6%	63.7%	64.9%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	73.4%	74.4%	75.3%	76.3%	77.2%	78.2%	79.1%	80.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	85.4%	86.3%	87.1%	88.0%	88.8%	89.7%	90.5%	91.4%
Black / African American	69.1%	70.1%	71.1%	72.1%	73.1%	74.2%	75.2%	76.2%
Hispanic or Latino	73.0%	74.0%	74.9%	75.9%	76.8%	77.8%	78.7%	79.7%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	71.6%	72.5%	73.4%	74.2%	75.1%	76.0%	76.9%	77.8%
Two or More Races	76.5%	77.4%	78.3%	79.2%	80.1%	81.0%	81.9%	82.8%
White	81.9%	82.8%	83.6%	84.5%	85.3%	86.2%	87.0%	87.9%

5-Year graduation rate long term goals and interim progress goals
***Reporting of 5 Year graduation rates lags 2 years**

5 year Graduation Rate	Class of 2022 Baseline	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
All Students	82.5%	83.4%	84.2%	85.1%	85.9%	86.8%	87.6%	88.5%
Economically Disadvantaged	73.0%	74.0%	75.0%	76.0%	77.0%	78.0%	79.0%	80.0%
English Learners	69.3%	70.3%	71.4%	72.4%	73.5%	74.6%	75.6%	76.6%
Students with Disabilities	60.0%	61.2%	62.4%	63.5%	64.7%	65.9%	67.1%	68.3%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	76.0%	77.0%	77.9%	78.9%	79.8%	80.8%	81.7%	82.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	87.5%	88.4%	89.2%	90.1%	90.9%	91.8%	92.6%	93.5%
Black / African American	72.8%	73.8%	74.8%	75.8%	76.8%	77.8%	78.8%	79.8%
Hispanic or Latino	76.5%	77.4%	78.4%	79.3%	80.3%	81.2%	82.2%	83.1%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	75.6%	76.6%	77.5%	78.5%	79.4%	80.4%	81.3%	82.3%
Two or More Races	79.0%	79.9%	80.8%	81.7%	82.6%	83.5%	84.4%	85.4%
White	84.4%	85.3%	86.1%	87.0%	87.8%	88.7%	89.5%	90.4%

c. **Percent of Students Making Expected Progress toward English proficiency 2023 baseline, 2030 long-term goal, and 2024-2029 interim targets**

2023 Baseline	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
55.9%	59.2%	62.5%	65.8%	69.1%	71.4%	73.7%	76.0%

Appendix B Idaho's Accountability Framework

State satisfaction and engagement survey administered to parents, students, and teachers

01. **School Category.**
a. Kindergarten through grade eight (K-8): Schools in this category include elementary and middle schools as defined in Subsection 112.05.f.
b. High Schools, not designated as alternative high schools, as defined in Subsection 112.05.f.
c. Alternative High Schools
02. **Academic Measures by School Category.**
a. K-8:
i. Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) Proficiency.
ii. ISAT growth toward proficiency based on a trajectory model approved by the State Board of Education.
iii. ISAT proficiency gap closure.
iv. Idaho statewide reading assessment proficiency.
v. English Learners achieving English language proficiency.
vi. English Learners achieving English language growth toward proficiency.
b. High School:
i. ISAT proficiency.
ii. ISAT proficiency gap closure.
iii. English Learners achieving English language proficiency.
iv. English Learners achieving English language growth toward proficiency.
v. Four (4) year cohort graduation rate, including students who complete graduation requirements prior to the start of the school district or charter schools next fall term.
vi. Five (5) year cohort graduation rate, including students who complete graduation requirements prior to the start of the school district or charter schools next fall term.
c. Alternative High School:
i. ISAT proficiency.
ii. English learners achieving English language proficiency.
iii. English learners achieving English language growth towards proficiency.
iv. Four (4) year cohort graduation rate, including students who complete graduation requirements prior to the start of the school district or charter schools next fall term.
v. Five (5) year cohort graduation rate, including students who complete graduation requirements prior to the start of the school district or charter schools next fall term.
03. **School Quality Measures by School Category.**
a. K-8:
i. Students in grade 8 enrolled in pre-algebra or higher.
ii. Communication with parents on student achievement (effective starting in the 2018-2019 school year).
iii. Chronic absenteeism.
b. High School:
i. College and career readiness determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification, and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.
ii. Students in grade 9 enrolled in algebra I or higher.

iii. Communication with parents on student achievement (effective starting in the 2018-2019 school year).
iv. Chronic absenteeism.
c. Alternative High School:
i. Credit recovery and accumulation.
ii. College and career readiness determined through a combination of students participating in advanced opportunities, earning industry recognized certification, and/or participation in recognized high school apprenticeship programs.
iii. State satisfaction and engagement survey administered to parents, students, and teachers (effective starting in the 2018-2019 school year).
iv. Communication with parents on student achievement (effective starting in the 2018-2019 school year).
v. Chronic absenteeism.

Appendix C GEPA 427 Statement

Information Regarding Equitable Access to and Participation in the Programs included in the Idaho Consolidated State Plan

The Idaho State Department of Education (ISDE) adheres to Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). In carrying out its educational mission, the Idaho State Department of Education will ensure to the fullest extent possible equitable access to, participation in, and appropriate educational opportunities for individuals served. Federally funded activities, programs, and services will be accessible to all teachers, students and program beneficiaries. The ISDE ensures equal access and participation to all persons regardless of their race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, citizenship status, disability, gender or sexual orientation in its education programs, services, and/or activities.

For state-level activities as well as all other activities supported by federal assistance through our electronic grant application, ISDE will fully enforce all federal and state laws and regulations designed to ensure equitable access to all program beneficiaries and to overcome barriers to equitable participation. The ISDE will hold LEAs accountable for ensuring equal access and providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations to meet the needs of a diverse group of students, staff, community members and other participants.

Steps taken to ensure equitable access may include, but are not limited to the following; developing and administering a pre-participation survey to all potential participants in order to identify special accommodation needs (i.e., wheelchair access, assistive technology, transportation assistance); holding program related sessions/activities in Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible and compliant facilities; printing materials in multiple languages, when appropriate; offering multi-lingual services for participants and others as needed and appropriate; responsiveness to cultural differences; fostering a positive school climate through restorative practices; conducting outreach efforts and target marketing to those not likely to participate; making program materials available in braille or via audiotapes, when appropriate; providing assistive technology devices to translate/make accessible grant and program materials for participants requiring such accommodations; using technologies to convey content of program materials; using materials that include strategies for addressing the needs of all participants; pre-program gender and cultural awareness training for participants; development and/or acquisition and dissemination of culturally relevant and sensitive curriculum and informational materials; use of transportation services that include handicapped accommodations; transportation vouchers or other forms of assistance, on an as needed basis, to members (including teachers, students, and families) who must use public transportation to attend program activities.

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Submission Date	Please tell us about yourself:	What is your organization?	Organization Name	What is your role?	First Name	Last Name	City	Which of the following item(s) in the proposed addendum would you like to comment?	Comment	Comment
Mar 19, 2025	I am making comments on beh	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Jerome School District	District Administrator	Kim	Lickley	Jerome	ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii) - English Language Proficiency (Alt. Reclassification Criteria) ESEA section 3113(b)(2)) - Exit Procedure ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii) - English Language Proficiency (Intent to Develop an Alternate ACCESS Growth Indicator) Both.	I support this decision and feel	This is essential for monitoring the growth of all students we serve.

SUBJECT

IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment for Certain Idaho Educator Preparation Providers

REFERENCE

April 2024 Board Adopted Praxis Bridge Alternate Assessment.

APPLICABLE STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

IDAPA 08.02.02.015.01.d - Standard Instructional Certificate
IDAPA 08.02.02.017.01 - Content, Pedagogy and Performance Assessment for Certification

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

One of the requirements for obtaining a Standard Instructional Certificate is that a candidate meet or exceed the state qualifying score on a State Board approved content area assessment aligned to the endorsement. (IDAPA 08.02.02.015.01.d). Each candidate currently meets or exceeds the state qualifying score on a State Board of Education (Board)-approved content area assessment. Praxis subject assessments (Praxis) are one of the Board-approved content area assessments.

On February 6, 2025, and June 12, 2025, the Recommendations Committee (Committee) of the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) reviewed and discussed a recommendation proposal for an alternative to the Praxis from the Idaho Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (IACTE).The proposal aims to reduce a barrier to certification for candidates who have demonstrated strong teaching potential despite unsuccessful attempts at passing the Praxis. If adopted, this alternative content assessment, the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment, will become an option for those completing a teacher preparation program with the following IACTE educator preparation providers (EPPs): Boise State University, Brigham Young University - Idaho, College of Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, and University of Idaho.

As proposed, the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment will be an option for the following teacher candidates:

- A candidate who has made at least one (1) attempt at passing the Praxis and has failed within one standard error of measurement (1 SEM), or
- A candidate who has made at least two (2) attempts at passing the Praxis, the second attempt after developing and submitting a study plan to the EPP and has failed by greater than one standard error of measurement (1 SEM).

The components of the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment include:

- Evidence demonstrating the candidate's understanding of their content competency and professional judgement
    - Includes a narrative explaining how the evidence represents the candidate's content competency and professional judgement

- Praxis content area assessment score reports and study plan for improvement, if applicable
- Evidence of GPA of 3.0 or above in coursework aligned to the content of the Praxis content area assessment
- Demonstration of competency aligned to Domain 1 – Planning and Preparation, of the Danielson Framework for Teaching, Second Edition
- At least two (2) program faculty recommendations
- Evidence of adequate program progress as determined by EPP criteria

For the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment to be accepted by the EPP in lieu of a passing Praxis score, each component of the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment must meet expectations (Attachment 1).

While the Board approved an alternate content assessment, the Praxis Bridge, at its April 2025 meeting, the Praxis Bridge is available for a small number of assessments, and the creation of the Praxis Bridge for most assessments will take a matter of years. Additionally, the Praxis Bridge is available only to test takers who fail the assessment within one standard error of measurement (1 SEM). The IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment can provide a means for candidates to demonstrate content knowledge outside of the Praxis assessment.

On June 13, 2025, the PSC voted to recommend the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment for certain Idaho educator preparation providers to the Idaho State Board of Education for consideration.

IMPACT

The IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment lowers a barrier to teaching by providing a highly capable teacher candidate with an alternative means to demonstrate mastery of content when they are unable to attain a passing Praxis score.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – IACTE Recommendation Proposal

STAFF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board staff recommends approval.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the use of the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment by Boise State University, Brigham Young University - Idaho, College of Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, and University of Idaho, as an alternate content assessment.

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ Carried Yes _____ No _____

IACTE
Idaho Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

TO: Professional Standards Commission Recommendations Committee
FROM: Idaho Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
RE: Teacher Preparation, Alternative Content Assessment REVISED
Proposal DATE: May 22, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) members respectfully submit this proposal to the Recommendations Committee of the Professional Standards Commission (PSC), requesting that the PSC recommend to the Idaho State Board of Education the IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment.

BACKGROUND

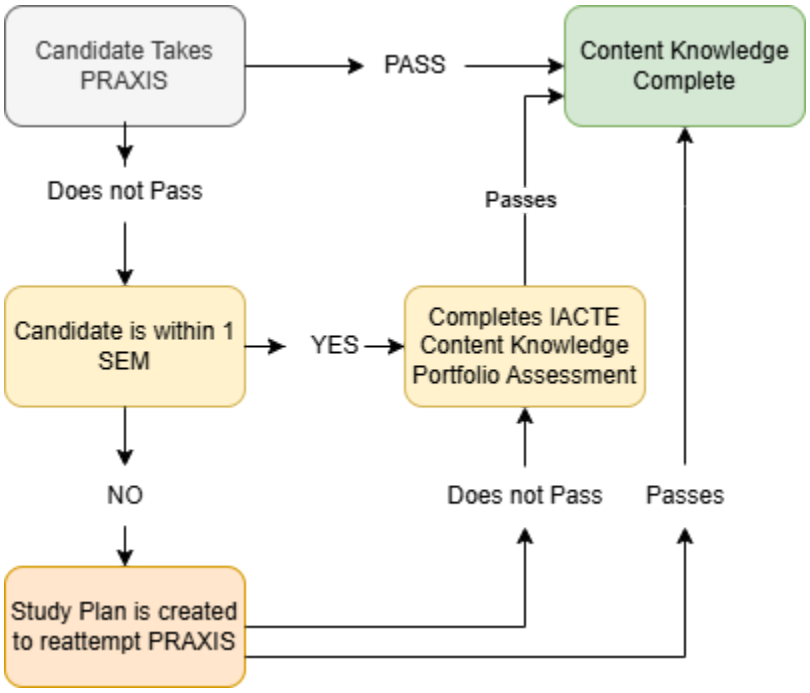
IACTE is making this proposal to the PSC as Idaho rules dictate that the "State Board of Education approved content, pedagogy and performance area assessments shall be used to ensure qualified teachers are employed in Idaho's classrooms. The Professional Standards Commission shall recommend assessments and qualifying scores to the State Board of Education for approval" (IDAPA 08.08.02, 017.01).

Candidates in Idaho's educator preparation programs (EPPs) are required to meet several requirements to be eligible for an Idaho Educator Credential, one of which is to "meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the state board approved content area and pedagogy assessments" (IDAPA 08.08.02, 015.01.d.).

A "content assessment" for teacher candidates refers to an evaluation method used to assess knowledge and understanding of the subject matter they intend to teach. Currently, Idaho's EPPs use the Praxis content area assessments to satisfy state requirements.

An alternative content assessment pathway would enhance flexibility for IACTE EPP members, **reduce barriers** to certification, and ultimately enable the graduation and **successful entry** into the classroom of **qualified teachers**. IACTE has been motivated by a genuine effort to consider potential alternative assessment to Praxis in the event that a candidate has shown they would make a well-started teacher; however, they cannot pass the Praxis content area assessments due to a learning disability, test anxiety, length of time away from content, affordability/cost, or other unforeseen circumstances. IACTE members agree that, while a small subset of teacher candidates may be eligible for this alternative assessment, this new pathway would enable highly prepared candidates who are very near program completion to enter the teaching workforce, which is in critical need of quality educators.

Figure 1. Decision Flowchart



RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, IACTE proposes an alternative content assessment for candidates who have demonstrated strong teaching potential, despite previous unsuccessful attempts at passing the Praxis content area assessments. This alternative content assessment will be an option for those receiving an institutional recommendation from the following IACTE educator preparation providers: Boise State University, Brigham Young University - Idaho, College of Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, University of Idaho.

Alternative Content Assessment Recommendation:

IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment

Criteria

The criteria outlines what the EPP will consider before allowing a candidate to use the ***IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment.***

1. The teacher candidate has made at least one (1) attempt at passing the Praxis content area assessments and the score is within one (1) Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) of the Idaho-approved cut score. No second attempt is necessary. The teacher candidate moves forward to complete the portfolio components.

OR

2. The teacher candidate has made at least one (1) attempt at passing the Praxis content area assessments and the score is below the requisite passing score and outside of SEM. Teacher candidate develops and submits a study plan for improvement and makes a second attempt of Praxis content area assessments. If the teacher candidate does not pass on the second attempt, the candidate moves forward in the process to complete the portfolio components as listed below to demonstrate competency in the specific endorsement area aligned to the required state competencies.

In both cases, the teacher candidate must meet the minimum criteria of demonstrated success in other areas of the program as proven by early field placement experiences, disposition assessment(s), and/or interviews.

Portfolio Components

The components section outlines what the teacher candidate must submit to the EPP to meet the requirements of the ***IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment.***

- Narrative - written document that consists of a description and justification for the inclusion of the evidence provided to demonstrate candidate's understanding of their professional judgement and content competency.
    - Description - writing that explains what the evidence is or what it consists of as used in the portfolio.
    - Justification - writing that defends the use of the identified evidence and communicates how the evidence represents the candidate's content competency.
- Praxis content area assessments score reports and study plan for improvement (if applicable)
- Evidence of GPA of 3.0 or above in coursework aligned with the content of the Praxis content area assessments
- Demonstration of competency aligned with Domain 1 (Danielson Framework)
- Program faculty recommendations - at least two recommendations
- Evidence of adequate progress in the program (to be determined by EPP criteria).

Assessment Checklist

Success Criteria: Candidate must meet expectations in all components to qualify.

IACTE Content Knowledge Portfolio Assessment Checklist

Component	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Narrative: Description	Clearly and accurately explains each piece of evidence with relevant context.	Description is missing, unclear, or does not explain the evidence.
Narrative: Justification	Provides a clear rationale connecting the evidence to content competency and professional judgment.	Justification is missing or does not support how evidence demonstrates competency.
Praxis Score Report and Study Plan (if applicable)	Includes current Praxis score report and a relevant study plan (if applicable).	Missing score report or required study plan.
GPA Evidence	Composite GPA of 3.0 or above in content coursework.	GPA requirement is not met or documentation is missing.
Demonstration of Competency (Danielson Domain 1)	Provides evidence that aligns with and supports competencies in Domain 1.	Evidence is missing or not aligned with Domain 1.
Faculty Recommendations	Two or more program faculty recommendations	Recommendations are missing or insufficient.
Evidence of Progress in Program	Demonstrates adequate program progress per EPP criteria.	Does not demonstrate sufficient progress or documentation is missing.