

Fast Forward Participation Form

“Students attending public school in Idaho will be eligible for \$4,125.00 to use towards overload courses, dual credits, college credit-bearing examinations and professional certification examinations.” (Idaho Code 33-4602)

This participation form allows students to participate in the *Fast Forward* program through the Idaho State Department of Education as authorized by *Idaho Code 33, Chapter 46: Advanced Opportunities*. By signing this form, the student and parent/guardian agree to the conditions and provisions of the program.

Students are allocated a total of \$4,125.00 to use in grades 7-12. Funds can be used towards:

- Overload courses - high school credits taken in excess of the 12 credits and outside of the regular school day, offered by the public high school, up to \$225.00 per course. Eligibility varies by student.
- Dual credits - a maximum of \$75.00 per credit
- Examinations - Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College Level Examination Program, Professional Technical
- Workforce training – regionally approved workforce training courses at colleges in student’s area; approved list of courses is available on the Advanced Opportunities website.

Students should meet with their school counselor to develop a 4, 5, or 6 year learning plan that will help them maximize this benefits of this program according to the student’s college and career interests. Intentional selection of coursework is a critical element of these programs. Student who use Fast Forward funds for toward more than 15 college credits, must receive postsecondary advising before accessing more funds.

All courses paid for by *Fast Forward* must be transcribed on the student’s public high school transcript.

The parent/student understands that he/she will be held responsible for tuition and fees incurred as a result of participation in courses or exams taken from a college/university or other provider, and will be responsible for complying with policies and procedures set forth by the provider.

The Idaho State Department of Education will send payment for courses to the public Idaho post-secondary institution or the student’s school district. Eligibility for payment is subject to the deadlines and procedures set forth by local school district in partnership with course/exam providers. All payment requests must be submitted through the Advanced Opportunities portal according to district guidelines. The parent/students is responsible for any fees that are not processed through the portal.

If a student fails to earn credit for a course paid for by *Fast Forward*, the student must subsequently pay for a “like” course on their own before he/she is eligible for further *Fast Forward* funding. If a student performs inadequately on an examination paid for by *Fast Forward*, the local school district will decide whether the student may continue utilizing *Fast Forward* funding, or if she/he must pay for the cost of a “like” examination before using further funds. *Fast Forward* funds may not be used for repeated or remedial course work.

With the approval of the school district, students can track expenditures of their allocation by creating an account in the Advanced Opportunities portal.

This form will be retained by Inspire Connections Academy. Please do NOT send this form to the State Department of Education.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Name: **Inspire Connections Academy/Empower Connections Academy** School District: **Inspire Connections Academy**



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