

IDAPA 08 - STATE BOARD OF AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

08.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1102

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 33-105, Idaho Code, Section 33-107, Idaho Code, and Section 33-1612, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011
at 4:00 p.m. (MDT)**

**Idaho State Department of Education
Barbara Morgan Conference Room
650 West State Street, 2nd Floor
Boise, Idaho**

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Idaho Code requires the State Board of Education to establish standards for the accreditation of any secondary school and set standards for all elementary schools as it may deem necessary. In August, 2007, the State Board of Education eliminated the Idaho State Accreditation process and adopted the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) standards for accreditation purposes due to the fact that a duplication of efforts existed between the two processes.

NAAS has changed their name to the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) to better reflect their organizational structure as a commission rather than an association due to changes in membership and representation. The standards by which schools are accredited in Idaho have not changed as a result of the name change.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the proposed rule changes are technical correction to accurately reflect the accreditation standards organization's name change.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Luci Willits at (208) 332-6812.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

DATED this 31st Day of August, 2011.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1102

140. ACCREDITATION.

All public secondary schools, serving any grade(s) 9-12, will be accredited. Accreditation is voluntary for elementary schools, grades K-8, and private and parochial schools. (Section 33- 119, Idaho Code) (4-2-08)

01. Continuous School Improvement Plan. Schools will develop continuous school improvement plans focused on the improvement of student performance. (4-2-08)

02. Standards. Schools will meet the accreditation standards of the Northwest ~~Association of Accredited Schools~~ Accreditation Commission. ~~(4-2-08)~~()

03. Reporting. An annual accreditation report will be submitted to the State Board of Education. (4-2-08)