

IDAPA 55 – DIVISION OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Division of Career Technical Education

55.01.03 – Rules of Career Technical Schools

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applies to school districts and charter school administrators establishing and administering career technical schools.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The purpose of this rule sets out requirements for establishing career technical schools, how career technical school added cost funding is distributed, and the accountability requirements for career technical schools.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Idaho Digital Learning Academy:

- [Section 33-1002G, Idaho Code](#) – Career Technical School Funding and Eligibility

Vocational Education – Federal Aid:

- [Section 33-2203, Idaho Code](#) – Further Powers of the Board
- [Section 33-2205, Idaho Code](#) – State Board to Appoint Administrator -- Designation of Assistants—Division of Career Technical Education—Duties and Powers
- [Section 33-2211, Idaho Code](#) – Powers of State Board for Career Technical Education

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55.01.03 – RULES OF CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

The State Board of Education is designated as the State Board for Career Technical Education and is responsible to execute the laws of the state of Idaho relative to career technical education, administer state and federal funds, and through the administrator of the State Division of Career Technical Education, coordinate all efforts in career technical education (Section 33-2202 through 33-2212, Idaho Code). (3-31-22)

001. SCOPE.

These rules serve the administration of Career Technical schools in Idaho and define the duties of the State Division of Career Technical Education. (3-31-22)

002. -- 004. (RESERVED)

005. DEFINITIONS.

01. Administrator. A designated school administrator, holding a career technical administrator certificate pursuant to IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," Section 015, and who oversees and monitors the career technical school programs and is responsible for ensuring the school meets all applicable federal, state, and local school district regulations, rules, and policies. (3-31-22)

02. Capstone Course. A culminating course that requires students to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned throughout their program of study. (3-31-22)

03. Career Technical Schools. Schools meeting the requirements of Section 33-1002G, Idaho Code, designed to provide high-end, state-of-the-art technical programs that foster quality technical education through intermediate and capstone courses. Programs and services are directly related to the preparation of high school students for employment in current or emerging occupations that require other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree. These schools are closely linked to postsecondary education, thereby avoiding redundancy and maintaining rigor. They are also closely linked to current business and industry standards to ensure relevance and quality. (3-31-22)

04. Concentrator Student. A junior or senior enrolled in the capstone course. (3-31-22)

05. Credit Hours. The total number of earned credit hours reported to the state longitudinal data system for qualifying intermediate, capstone, and work-based learning courses. (3-31-22)

06. EDUID. Education Unique Identifier. (3-31-22)

07. Enrollment Units. The total number of individual EDUIDs that are reported as enrolled during the previous academic year in a qualifying capstone course, as determined by the division. (3-31-22)

08. Intermediate Course. A course beyond the introductory level that adds to the technical competencies of pathway students, is intended to serve as a prerequisite for a capstone course and is offered in grades 9 through 12. (3-31-22)

09. Participation Total. The total number of technical skills assessments taken by enrolled concentrator students as part of each required capstone course during the previous academic year. (3-31-22)

10. Technical Skills Assessment. An assessment given at the culmination of a pathway program during the capstone course and measures a student's understanding of the technical requirements of the occupational pathway. (3-31-22)

11. Work-based Learning Course. A paid or unpaid, internship, clinical, or apprenticeship that is delivered as part of a Career Technical School program of study. This course must be delivered in conjunction with or after completion of a capstone course. Work-based learning courses must be tied to the program of study, and must be formalized through a written agreement between the school, industry partner, parent, and student. (3-31-22)

006. -- 101. (RESERVED)

102. CAREER TECHNICAL COMPONENT CRITERIA.

01. Program Criteria. Career technical schools are intended to deliver high-end career technical

education programs that go beyond the scope of traditional career technical education. Labs are appropriately designed for the type of program and the number of students enrolled. The program has state-of-the-art equipment, current technology and strong links to business and industry. (3-31-22)

- 02. Career Technical School Program.** Each program of a career technical school shall: (3-31-22)
- a.** Deliver a sequence of career technical education courses that culminate in a capstone course. (3-31-22)
 - b.** Meet all of the required technical competency credit standards established by the state board of education. (3-31-22)
 - c.** Develop and maintain business and industry partnerships in addition to the technical advisory committee. (3-31-22)
 - d.** Integrate industry-specific, state-of-the-art equipment and technologies into classroom instruction and applied learning opportunities for students. (3-31-22)
 - e.** Employ instructors who hold career technical certification to teach the occupation and who also hold a related industry-based credential, or equivalent credential, as approved by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-31-22)
 - f.** Be delivered over a term of not less than five (5) semesters, or the equivalent instructional hours. Semester and trimester equivalencies will be approved by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-31-22)
 - g.** Enroll students from at least two (2) high schools. No single high school will comprise more than eighty-five percent (85%) of the total enrolled career technical school students. In the event a student enrolled in the career technical school is not enrolled in a high school, that student will be reported separately, based on the high school attendance zone where the student resides. (3-31-22)
 - h.** Promote the development of leadership. (3-31-22)

103. APPLICATION PROCESS.

New and renewal applications for career technical school funding must be received by the Division of Career Technical Education on or before the fifteenth of April for the following fiscal year. (3-31-22)

104. CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOL ADDED COST UNIT FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY.

Section 33-1002G, Idaho Code, provides school districts an opportunity to establish career technical schools that qualify for funding appropriated for the specific purpose of supporting the added cost of career technical schools. The funds are appropriated to the State Board for Career Technical Education to be expended by the Division of Career Technical Education. Funding is distributed based on the number of students enrolled in a capstone course during the previous academic year, the aggregate total of the students who completed the technical skills assessment for the program the student was enrolled in, and the total credit hours reported by each school for intermediate, capstone, and work-based learning courses. If any approved program within a career technical school does not enroll students from more than one (1) high school during the previous academic year, the program will not be included in the current year funding calculation. If the overall school enrollment exceeds more than eighty-five percent (85%) of students from any single high school during the previous school year, the Division of Career Technical Education may withhold all or part of the career technical school's funding. (3-31-22)

105. CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOL FUNDING CALCULATION.

The distribution of individual career technical school funding will be calculated as a portion of the annual appropriation based on the following criteria: 50 percent (50%) of the annual appropriation will be divided among the total enrollment units, 25 percent (25%) will be divided by the total participation, and 25 percent (25%) will be divided among the total cumulative earned credit hours. Qualifying pathway enrollment will be reported to the State. The Division of Career Technical Education will gather participation data from the independent technical skill assessment providers annually. (3-31-22)

106. (RESERVED)

107. CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOL UNIT FUND DISTRIBUTION.

Once the career technical appropriation is made, the per unit value will be determined by dividing the total units into the appropriation. The value of each unit may vary from year to year, depending on the total appropriation and the total number of units in each of the enrollment categories. (3-31-22)

01. Payment Distribution. Added cost support unit funds shall be distributed by the Division of Career Technical Education in two (2) payments: (3-31-22)

a. Seventy percent (70%) of the total appropriated funds for which career technical schools are eligible shall be distributed no later than September 30th each year. Funding will not be distributed until the previous year enrollment units are reported and the Division of Career Technical Education has verified aggregate participation data. (3-31-22)

b. The remaining funds shall be distributed no later than June 30th. (3-31-22)

108. ACCOUNTABILITY.

01. Assessment Process. The Division of Career Technical Education shall develop an assessment process that includes measures and standards for career technical school programs. (3-31-22)

02. Reporting. No later than October 15 of each year, career technical schools will submit a report to the Division of Career Technical Education, detailing their enrollment at the program level by high school. (3-31-22)

03. Administrator Responsibility. The administrator of each career technical school shall be responsible to provide onsite administration of the career technical school. The administrator will submit all required career technical school reports requested by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-31-22)

04. Accreditation. Each career technical school shall be accredited following Board of Education requirements. This accreditation shall be appropriate for the individual type of career technical school that is developed. (3-31-22)

05. School Improvement Plan. The administration, faculty and staff at each career technical school is responsible to develop and implement a local school improvement plan based on the assessment process developed by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-31-22)

109. -- 999. (RESERVED)