




Honors, Advanced 
Placement (AP), and 
Concurrent Credit 

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Honors, AP, and Concurrent Credit

➤ Honors

- Courses follow the district curriculum but proceed at an accelerated pace.

➤ AP

- Courses follow a nationally standardized rigorous curriculum developed by The College Board. Students are expected to read, reason, and write at a college level.

➤ Concurrent Credit

- Courses are taught on a level comparable to a freshman college course. Students are academically challenged and expected to think analytically, speak, and write at a college level.

Credit transfer: AP vs. Concurrent Credit

➤ AP

- To receive college level AP credit a student must take and pass the AP exam (5 point grading scale). Most colleges consider a passing grade to be a 3 or higher.

➤ Concurrent Credit

- Students can earn the number of credits for which they enroll. Grade earned in course will go on both high school AND college transcripts.

How to register:

➤ AP

- Register for exam on College Board with course code given by teacher
- Request funding on Advanced Opportunities or pay for exam to book keeper

➤ Concurrent Credit

- Enroll for course through course provider (BSU, ISU, etc.) Teacher assists.
- Request funding on Advanced Opportunities or pay for course through provider

Fees

➤ Honors

- No enrollment fee attached (individual courses may have fees)

➤ AP

- Students are responsible for the exam fee (\$94 per exam)

➤ Concurrent Credit

- Students must pay the enrollment fee (range from \$75 to \$125 per credit hour, usually three credit hours per course)



Dropping AP or Concurrent Credit

- Must drop before the deadline to not be charged the enrollment/exam fee.
- If course is dropped after the deadline, student will receive a W on transcript and will be responsible for the enrollment fee.
- Must drop through the college AND Advanced Opportunities, if requesting funding for the course/exam.

More info/course list

- For more info and a list of Honors, AP, and Concurrent Credit courses, visit the CHS website:

Centennial website > Counseling > AP & Concurrent Credit





Advanced
Opportunities
and Fast
Forward
Funding

Advanced Opportunities

➤ Advanced Opportunities is a portal used to request Fast Forward funding.

➤ Students **CAN** request funding for:

- Concurrent credit/dual credit courses
- AP exams
- Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) courses
- CTE and CNA exams (welding, food safety, etc.)

➤ Students **CANNOT** request funding for:

- SAT or ACT exams
- PSAT or Practice ACT exams
- College Applications

Steps to Request

1. Sign Fast Forward Participation parent permission form on Parent PowerSchool
2. Google “Advanced Opportunities Idaho” – first link
3. Create Advanced Opportunities account
 - Do **NOT** use parent email address – Use student West Ada email address
 - Use state number not school ID
 - Must use your legal name the way it appears in Power school
 - Use calendar tool to select birthday
 - School district = **Joint School District No. 2 West Ada will not show up**
 - Go to West Ada email and verify account.
4. Request funding for course or exam

To Request Funding:

1. Log in to the portal using Google Chrome
 - Google “Advanced Opportunities Idaho” – first link
2. Select “Request Funding”
3. Choose Course or Exam
4. Fill out request form
 - **Only fill out sections with a drop down menu or a calendar tool!**
 - **If AP exam, choose the school you will take the test at.**
5. Submit funding request



Welcome,

Welcome to the Advanced Opportunities Portal

- View Profile
- Request Funding
- Previous Course Applications
- Previous Exam Applications
- Program Enrollment Status
- View Flags
- Log Out

This account has been approved by the district. Please note that reimbursements will still need to be approved on an individual basis

The Advanced Opportunities portal is the avenue by which students can request funding for Advanced Opportunities. These opportunities include: Dual Credit, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development. These programs are implemented with the intention to assist students in making a smooth transition to their future career aspirations. Your funding request must be approved by the Advanced Opportunities designee at your school.

Fast Forward Program Funding

Students who participate in Advanced Opportunities may encounter costs associated with college tuition, exam fees, etc. The Fast Forward program is available to assist students with these costs. Through the Fast Forward program, students in grades 7-12 who attend an Idaho public school have an allocation of \$4,125.00 to use towards the following activities:

1. **Overload courses:** High school classes that are in excess of a full credit load. Students can use up to \$225.00 towards the cost of each overload course. A full credit load is defined as at least twelve (12) credits per school year for grades 7-12. Full credit load requirements may vary between districts and charters.
2. **Dual credits:** Courses that are transcribed on both the high school and college transcripts. Students can use up to \$75.00 toward the cost of each credit.
3. **Workforce Training:** Courses offered through the Workforce Training Centers at NIC, LCSC, CWI, CSI, ISU and CEI that are aligned to regionally in-demand occupations. Students can use up to \$500 per course, \$1,000 per year towards the cost of these non-credit courses.
4. **Examinations:** Students can use funds to pay for college-credit bearing and professional certification exams. These include AP, IB, CLEP and CTE exams.

Please note that all students utilizing Advanced Opportunities funds must have a [Participation Form](#) on file with their local school district.

Statewide deadlines for requesting funds are as follow, and may vary by school district:

Advanced Opportunities Portal 2019-20 School Year Dates

	Student Funding Request Window	
Summer 2019	May 6	Jun 30
Fall 2019	Aug 26	Sept 27
Spring 2020	Jan 6	Feb 21



Course Funding Request

This form allows student to enter a course funding request. Enter information in the order in which it is prompted. Verify that all information is true and accurate.

School Year:	<input type="text" value="Select Year"/>
District:	<input type="text" value="Select District"/>
School:	<input type="text" value="Select School"/>
Grade:	<input type="text" value="Select Grade"/>
Term:	<input type="text" value="Select Term"/>
Course Type:	<input type="text" value="Select Course Type"/>
Course Provider:	<input type="text" value="Select Course Provider"/>
Course Name:	<input type="text" value="Select a Course"/>
Number of Credits:	<input type="text"/>
Cost per Credit:	<input type="text"/>
Total Course Cost:	<input type="text"/>
County of Residence:	<input type="text" value="Select County"/>
Requested Reimbursement:	<input type="text"/>
Max Reimbursement:	
Remaining State Aid:	

Remaining Balance Owed By Student:

Submit Course and Finish

Submit Another Course



Exam Application

School Year: ▾

District: ▾

School: ▾

Grade: ▾

Term: ▾

Advanced Opportunity: Fast Forward

Exam Type: ▾

Exam Name: ▾

Exam Date:

Exam Cost:

Requested Reimbursement:

Max Reimbursement:

Remaining State Aid:

To Check Requests:



1. Select “Reports” at the top of the page
2. Select for Course or Exam
3. Review all requests for funding

Students should do this after every request so they know they did it correctly and for the correct class or exam.

Dos and Don'ts of Requesting Funding

DO

- Use the calendar tool when inputting dates
- Select **ADA** as county
- Double check that you are requesting funding for the correct course or exam
- Always sign up for biology concurrent credit by requesting funding for course **AND** the lab
- Select **FALL** for the term when requesting funding for AP exams

Dos and Don'ts of Requesting Funding

DON'T

- Manually type in any date
- Change any credit or payment amount
- Select counties other than ADA
- Request funding for a course the student is not taking
- Request funding after the deadline – request will be denied
- Use Internet browsers other than Google Chrome
- Create more than one account





Important Info to Remember

- Mrs. Townsley and Miss Mahoney are in charge of **FUNDING**
- Teachers are in charge of **CREDITS and EXAMS**
- Late tests have a \$40 fee attached – Fast Forward funds cannot be applied to this.
- Failing a course or exam or not showing up to an exam will result in frozen funds.

Parent Permission

If you would like to fill out the Fast Forward Participation form now, we are offering help in the Career Center.

