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<b>Policy Title:</b>  <b>Virtual Learning</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b>  <b>February 8, 2006</b>

Snake River School District is committed to offering educational opportunities that meet students' changing needs and provide flexible learning environments. Virtual learning options are available to students enrolled in Snake River High School. Approved course work is provided by the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) and BYU-Independent Study.

Virtual learning is an alternative to learning in a traditional classroom. Student characteristics that aid in the success of a distance learning student are:

- reading competency,
- time management skills,
- intrinsic motivation, and
- self-discipline.

The district will develop eligibility requirements and enrollment guidelines for virtual learning opportunities. District teachers, administrators, and counselors will strive to identify those students who will benefit from on-line classes and counsel with them as needed.

Enrollment and funding for virtual learning at Snake River High School is a privilege, not a right. Students may be denied the privilege of enrollment if their academic and behavioral record does not indicate the academic effort and self-discipline needed to succeed in on-line classes.

Reference: Idaho Code 33:5202(6)

Policy 6116, "Repeating High School Course"

Policy 6127, "Graduation Requirements"

Procedure 6357, "Virtual Learning Guidelines"

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**Eligibility Requirements:**

- 1) Students in grades 9 - 12 may use virtual learning to take a course, receive a grade to be averaged into the student's GPA, and be granted Snake River High School credit when earned through an approved provider.
- 2) The parent, student, and principal or designee must agree that courses selected are academically and developmentally appropriate for the student and that all prerequisites have been completed before registration is approved.
- 3) Virtual learning courses may be selected by students who:
  - a. Need to make up credits in order to graduate on schedule;
  - b. Are eligible for hospital or homebound programs;
  - c. Have scheduling conflicts;
  - d. May want or need a learning environment different from that of a traditional classroom setting;
  - e. Want to accelerate their academic program by taking additional courses to facilitate early graduation;
  - f. Are excused from being physically present on campus for an extended period of time.
  - g. Want to get a better grade in a course that they've already taken.
- 4) Students are required to enroll through the High School Counseling Department and submit all required forms and fees prior to starting the course.
- 5) Students are responsible to pay any one-time enrollment fees (i.e. \$30 to IDLA for student account set-up).
- 6) Students may enroll in only one virtual learning course per trimester at district expense. Exceptions may be made for homebound students or students with extraordinary circumstances.
- 7) Course fees **will** be allocated to authorized students on a first come, first serve basis. An annual allotment of district funds will be made for virtual course fees and when depleted, students will be responsible for their own course fees if they decide to enroll.
- 8) A limited number of scholarships will be available to students who need credit recovery but are unable to pay the \$50. An application form is available from the school counseling office.

**Enrollment Options:**

**Option # 1:** Students who are enrolled in less than five classes per trimester can elect to enroll in a virtual class. The course fee is waived when students take the virtual class at school during a designated class period. Non-completion of any course may prevent the student from taking other virtual courses at district expense until the student has demonstrated successful completion of a subsequent virtual course.

**Option #2:** Students who are enrolled in less than five classes per trimester and plan to complete the course in an off-campus setting will pay a reimbursable course fee of \$50 to the district when they register for the course. The \$50 will be reimbursed to the student when the course is completed with at least a grade of "C" and credit is earned. Students are responsible to pay any one-time enrollment fee (i.e. \$30 to IDLA for student account set-up). The \$50 fee may be waived if the student has previously completed a virtual course with a grade of "C" or higher. Non-completion of any course may prevent the student from taking other virtual courses at district expense until the student has demonstrated successful completion of a subsequent virtual course.

**Option #3:** Students who are enrolled in five classes per trimester may also enroll in virtual learning and are responsible for all course fees. Students may claim a reimbursement of \$50 per course when credit is documented to the school. If a student has successfully completed a virtual course in the past, the student may apply to complete the course at district expense.

**Option #4:** Students may enroll in virtual courses for college credit. Fees for college credit will be paid by the student. Students may apply for a \$100 reimbursement if the completed course is also used for high school credit.

