Joint School District No. 2, Meridian 2 Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. has adopted West Ada's (Joint School District No. 2) policy. 3 **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM** 4 Series 600

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Policy Title Idaho Digital Learning Academy Classes Code 602.90

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DEFINITION

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The Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) is a statewide, web-based, educational program set up to provide Idaho students with greater access to a diverse assortment of courses. This virtual high school was created to address the educational needs of all Idaho students: traditional, home schooled, at-risk, gifted, and adult learners. Joint School District No. 2 will use IDLA classes to supplement the curriculum and to provide remedial academic support. District teachers, counselors, and administrators will identify those students who will benefit from IDLA classes and recommend those who will meet the additional demand of on-line classes accordingly. Students may be denied the privilege of having financial support for IDLA courses if their behavioral record does not indicate the self-discipline needed to succeed in on-line classes.

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A. If the student is enrolled in six or more courses or sufficient courses to qualify as full time in the home school, the student is responsible for all tuition and registration fees to be paid to Joint School District No. 2.

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B. Joint School District No. 2 shall pay the tuition and registration fees up front for eligible students. The student and/or his/her family will reimburse the district for all fees if the student fails to complete the course with a passing grade of "D" or higher as soon as the grade is issued. *(See Eligibility Requirements)

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C. In any case in which Joint School District No. 2 pays tuition for IDLA courses, the student and/or his/her family is required to place a deposit that is equal to 75% of the tuition cost to cover "drop fees". Upon successful completion of the course, the deposit will be refunded in full.

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D. If a student has failed his/her last IDLA class taken since January 2005, then no district funding will be provided and the student must pay fees directly to IDLA until he/she has successfully completed an IDLA class.

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E. Home school students will be encouraged to take IDLA classes through Joint School District No. 2.

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F. The Joint School District No. 2 will purchase Idaho Digital Learning Academy textbooks that are approved district texts. Parents will be responsible for other textbook purchases.

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G. If a student has been expelled from Joint School District No. 2, the student and/or his/her family are responsible for all tuition, books and registration fees.

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If the annual IDLA Fund Reserve is depleted, then students will pay their own IDLA fees.

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ELIGIBILITY

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Students who are academically qualified to take a course for high school credit in a Joint School District No. 2 school may use distance learning to take the same course and be granted high school credit when earned through the IDLA.

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- A. Online learning is an alternative to learning in a traditional classroom. It is not for every student. Characteristics that aid in the success of a distance learning student are:
 - a. reading competency
 - b. time management skills
 - c. intrinsic motivation
 - d. self-discipline

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 74 C. All requirements must be met according to the Graduation Policy 603.20

B. No minimum GPA is required to take a course through distance learning.

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- D. Guidance services will be provided by the student's school of record (home school) in the form of:
 - a. Assistance in registration
 - b. Information sharing between institutions
 - c. Transcript processing

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E. All IDLA class enrollments require approval from the counselor/administration.

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F. The IDLA is a fully accredited institution. Therefore, credits earned for taking IDLA classes transfer like credits from any other accredited high school.

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G. All coursework is based on the Idaho State Achievement Standards.

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- *Eligibility Requirements:
- Courses taken through IDLA must correspond to the adopted Meridian School District
 sequence of courses.
- 92 2) The district will pay for core courses taken in sequence that normally are offered, but are not offered during a given year at the student's home school.
- 94 3) The district will not pay for a content course in the same subject taken concurrently. 95 (i.e. two math courses)
- 96 4) The district will not pay for a parent or student choice to take courses for academic acceleration as determined by the Director of Curriculum.

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- 99 Date of Revision:
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