

Education Discussion Forum

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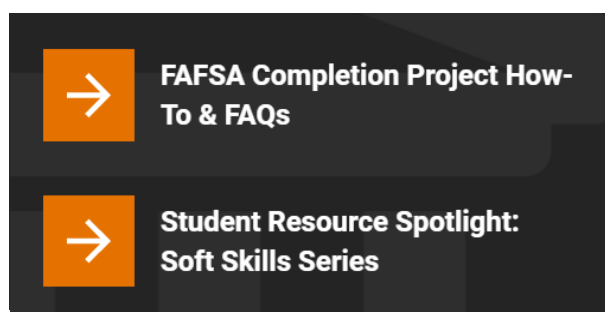


Find and register for upcoming forums via the Next Steps Idaho calendar.

Introducing a *new* For Educators Hub on the Next Steps Idaho Website

The new College and Career Professionals section is informed by the survey that the outreach team sent out in August that many of you responded to. Thanks, again, for your insight and feedback.

There are two featured links at the top of the page. The first will typically highlight an educator resource. The second will highlight a student resource to spark ideas for talking to students about college and career readiness. These links will be updated seasonally.



Educator materials are organized via four tabs: The Latest, Curriculum & Resources, Ambassadors, and Professional Development.

The Latest

Curriculum &
Resources

Ambassadors

Professional
Development

The Latest

The Latest tab replaces the Next Steps Idaho newsflashes (sent between monthly newsletters) which means fewer emails hitting your inbox. Consider bookmarking this page, once it is live, and return to it every week or so to stay informed.

These blurbs will never be more than a few sentences. Only 3-months of updates will ever be visible at a given time to keep you current and spare you the existential dread of interminable scrolling.

The Latest tab is also where you will locate previous editions of the Next Steps Idaho newsletter. Please pay special attention to the Suggest button. The monthly newsletter could benefit greatly from a bit more local and regional input so, please, share those student success stories, or policy changes, or administrative wins that are making an impact in your school. It may help someone else facing similar issues on the other side of the state.

Two callout boxes make up the footer for every tab. The first allows you to subscribe to the monthly newsletter. The second is a 1-question survey updated every few weeks.

Curriculum & Resources

The curriculum and resources tab is home to collections of content and offers a new way for you to interact with and locate helpful



content for your classes and classroom visits.

Only three buckets are up at the moment, though more are planned. Please email info@nextsteps.idaho.gov if there are subjects or student populations that you would like to see more material around.

Starting in August, the first row of resource tiles will spotlight college and career lesson plans that include handouts, Powerpoints, and more. The plans are written by Idaho counselors and educators.

Ambassadors

The Ambassador tab offers an easy visual representation of the education regions in Idaho and, if you scroll, the corresponding counselor Ambassador for each region.

Visit this tab to learn more about the program, your Ambassador, and read relevant professional articles.

Find your region's group!

- Join [Region 1](#)
- Join [Region 2](#)
- Join [Region 3](#)
- Join [Region 4](#)
- Join [Region 5 & 6](#)



Professional Development

The professional Development tab offers quick access to the Next Steps Idaho Calendar.

A top of page, full-width slider displays industry-specific upcoming PD events. Again, plan to check it monthly.

VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS

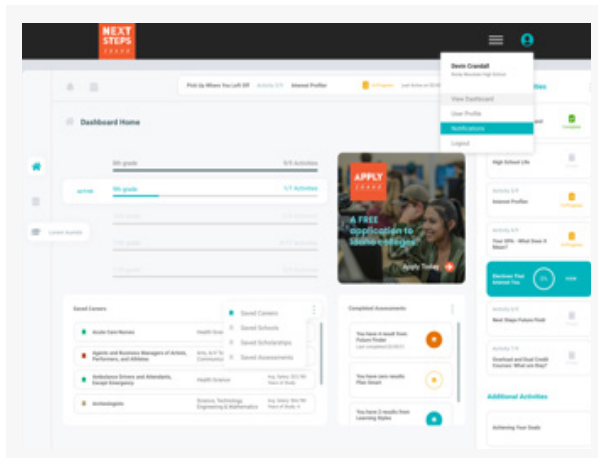
The most popular and/or most recent webinars will be found on this tab. As will the minutes from Ed Forums and any other presentation materials.

College & Career Readiness Summit

Save the date! The Idaho College and Career Readiness Summit will be held September 30-October 1. Registration links will be published soon.

[2021 Flyer](#)

Preconference: Sept 29



Introducing *new* Student Portfolios and Reports (Coming this Fall)

Watch the Ed Forum webinar [recording](#)—*timecode 8:56–16:05*—to see the login process, rostering process, student interface, and robust reporting that will be made available to all Next Steps Idaho users by Fall 2021. More training will be made available in August. If there are gaps in the portfolio functionality presented during this webinar, please reach out and share your suggestion and/or concerns.

Advanced Opportunities 2021-2022 Updates

The SAT and ACT have been added to the Advanced Opportunities allowable expense list, along with these [approved exams](#). Qualifying Idaho public high school students can take advantage only ONCE per exam. For example, if a student wanted to take the SAT twice, AO funds would cover the cost the first time but not the second. Contact the Advanced Opportunities support team for more details.

[AO Support Team](#)

[AO Program](#)

The statewide SAT contract is still in negotiation but is anticipated to occur again this year.

Some BYU-I Independent Study courses have now been approved.

Spring payments should arrive before July 1. Next Steps Idaho to host a new AO advising module; the interface is under development. Updates coming soon.