

Supporting Early Graduates with Direct Admissions

Idaho Campus Choice is Idaho's direct admissions initiative that pre-admits eligible students to Idaho's public colleges and universities based on academic records. Below are frequently asked questions specifically addressing early graduates and how they can engage with the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can early graduates participate in Idaho Campus Choice?

Yes. Early graduates are eligible to participate in Idaho Campus Choice if they meet the academic and eligibility requirements during the academic year in which they complete their graduation requirements.

2. How is eligibility determined for early grads?

Eligibility is based on the **grade level, GPA, and credits on file** with the State Department of Education as of the end of the student's **final academic year** before graduation. Early graduates are assessed the same as traditional graduates based on their academic records.

You can review the Idaho Campus Choice statuses and requirements of each level on the State Board of Education's website: [Admission Standards, Policy III.Q.](#)

3. When do early grads receive their Idaho Campus Choice letters?

Early graduates will receive their **Idaho Campus Choice notification in September** of their final high school year, just like traditional seniors. The notification outlines which Idaho colleges or universities they have earned pre-admission.

Students who are not reported by August of the school year they plan to graduate may not receive a direct admissions letter in the mail, but may still participate in utilizing the Idaho Campus Choice status by completing their Apply Idaho application. Students can use their unweighted GPA to evaluate which status they are in.

4. How should schools report early graduates to ensure they are included?

Schools must accurately report a student's expected graduation year and current grade level in statewide data submissions. If a student is graduating early, update SIS records and report accordingly to ensure they are included in the correct graduating cohort. Students

who intend to graduate early and do not participate in the ISAT (11th grade year) may be excluded from direct admissions mailing and post-secondary placement. All schools are encouraged to **promote potential early graduates to grade 11 before the ISAT window** in their sophomore year.

5. What if an early grad is missed or does not receive their Campus Choice letter?

Early grads not reported in the June ISEE upload to the state will not receive a direct admission level until after the October ISEE upload.

Please note that students in this situation will not receive a letter in the mail, and their status will not be available to institutions. Students wanting to use their pre-admission should wait to submit their application in Apply Idaho until November; otherwise, their application will be reviewed under the general admissions criteria for each institution where they apply.

6. Can early grads still apply through Apply Idaho?

Yes! All early graduates should still be encouraged to use the Apply Idaho application to apply to up to 10 Idaho institutions. Idaho Campus Choice removes admission barriers, but students must still submit applications through Apply Idaho to officially enroll. Regardless of pre-admission status, students are encouraged to apply to any Idaho college in which they have an interest in enrolling.

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