

Idaho Campus Choice

What is the type of admissions redesign?

Direct Admissions: High school students are proactively notified by a state postsecondary agency or system of their acceptance to at least one two- or four-year institution based on academic criteria (e.g., GPA) and can select the institution(s) of their choice by completing a simplified application without an application fee.

In which state is it based?

Idaho

What state postsecondary agency or system sponsors the program?

Idaho State Board of Education (ISBE) – managed by staff at the Office of the Idaho State Board of Education (OSBE)

When was the program first started?




2015

Does the student or state agency/system initiate the admissions process?

Idaho State Board of Education initiates the admissions process, proactively admitting seniors to colleges and universities.

What are the central characteristics of the program?

With Idaho Campus Choice, every Idaho high school graduating senior is guaranteed acceptance to specific state-funded colleges in Idaho. In the fall, students proactively receive a letter notifying them of the postsecondary institutions that have accepted them.

Program Scope 	Does the program include all high school districts or only a portion? Is opt-in required?	All public high school students are included in the program.
	Does the program support admission to four-year institutions, two-year institutions, or both?	Both four-year and two-year institutions participate.
	Which institutions are participating in the program?	Boise State University, College of Eastern Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, North Idaho College, and the University of Idaho participate in Idaho Campus Choice.
Eligibility Criteria and Application 	What are the academic eligibility criteria for students?	As of June 2024, Board Policy IIIQ outlined the following direct admissions eligibility criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) Math level ≥ 3 and ELA/Literacy level ≥ 3 OR Unweighted GPA = 3.0: Admission to all Idaho public institutions Unweighted GPA between 2.25 and 2.99: Admission to Idaho's public community colleges, Lewis-Clark State College and Idaho State University Unweighted GPA < 2.25: Admission to Idaho's public community colleges
	Are students still required to apply to postsecondary institutions?	Yes: Through Apply Idaho students can apply online for free to one or more of the 8 Idaho Campus Choice colleges plus the College of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene University.
	Is the application fee waived?	Yes, applying is free through Apply Idaho.
Data and Policy 	What is the data source for the program?	The Idaho System for Educational Excellence (ISEE) is Idaho's K-12 Longitudinal Data System. OSBE uses the ISEE to compare students' high school performance against their criteria to determine to which institutions they are admitted.
	Did the state or system adopt policy related to the program, and if so what does the policy include?	In 2015, Board Policy IIIQ – Direct Admissions was established. According to the policy, a Board-approved benchmark determines a student's admission eligibility and each fall, all in-state high school seniors are notified of their proactive acceptance and encouraged to research the academic and technical programs offered.

Information above is up to date as of December 2025