

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

#### Our History

INSPIRE, the Idaho Connections Academy is an accredited, public school serving students in grades K-12 from across the state. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2005-2006 school year as a K-9 school. INSPIRE's first 12th grade class graduated in June 2009.

#### Our Mission

INSPIRE's mission is to help each student maximize his or her potential and meet the highest performance standards through a uniquely individualized learning program.

### OUR PROGRAM

INSPIRE has an enrollment of over 1,000 students in grades K-12 and includes a four-year comprehensive high school program. Here are some important facts about the INSPIRE program:

- INSPIRE is accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), an accrediting division of AdvancED.
- INSPIRE has 38 certified/licensed professional staff. Of those, 42% have earned advanced degrees.

### FUTURE PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

Plan	%
Two-year college	30
Four-year college	30
Employment	26
Vocational Training	3
Military	3
Other	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

**Principal:** Karen Haines

**Assistant Principal (K-8):** Jodie Huber

**Assistant Principal (9-12):** Kenny McAlister

**Director of Special Education:** Eric Lichte

**Manager of Counseling Services:** Barbie Green

### SAMPLING OF UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Students in the Class of 2018 earned over \$800,000 in college scholarship awards and were accepted to the following colleges:

Boise State University, University of Idaho, College of Idaho, Brigham Young University – Idaho, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, Northwest Nazarene University, Hillsdale College, Creighton University, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, Rocky Mountain College, Washington State University, Western Washington University, Pacific Northwest College of Art, University of Montana, University of Nevada: Reno, Life Pacific College, Utah Valley University, Dominican University of California, Muhlenberg College, Portland State University, University of Dallas, University of Denver, Corban University, Colorado Christian University, Robert Morris University, Norwich University, and State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

### COURSE OFFERINGS

INSPIRE’s core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Dual Credit, Honors, and Basic programs.

**AP course offerings include:** Biology, Calculus AB and BC, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Statistics, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and Spanish Language & Culture. We partner with Idaho Digital Learning Academy to offer Psychology, Computer Science, and Computer Science Principles.

**Dual credit course offerings include:** Algebra II. We also partner with Idaho Digital Learning Academy to offer an additional 30 dual credit courses.

**Honors course offerings include:** Algebra I and II, American Government, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Space Science, Earth Science, English 9-12, Geometry, Marine Science, Physical Science, Pre-calculus, U.S. History, and World History.

### GRADING SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92–97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90–91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88–89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82–87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80–81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78–79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72–77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70–71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68–69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62–67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60–61	0.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00

### TESTING STATISTICS

#### SAT school averages for 2017–18:

Math .....	459
Reading & Writing.....	506
Combined .....	965

#### AP results for 2017–18:

Ten AP exams were taken in English Language, Biology, U.S. History, US Government, Computer Science, and Computer Science Principles.

### Transcript Abbreviations

- CO** Course completed
- EN** Scheduled in section
- IP** Active in section
- PC** Student has completed course and teacher is finishing grading
- WF** Failing grade at time of withdrawal from course
- WP** Passing grade at time of withdrawal from course.

**Please view all of our high school courses**

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

INSPIRE operates on a semester system utilizing Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is six classes per semester.

24 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	# Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health	1
Physical Education	1
Technology	1
Humanities	1
Speech & Debate	0.5
Other Electives	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

Additional graduation requirements include:

- Students must pass the Civics exam.
- Students must take one of the following college entrance examinations: SAT or ACT.
- Students must take math in their final year of high school.
- Students must complete a senior project that includes a research paper and oral presentation.

### HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL VISITATION

College representatives are invited to connect with our students through web conferencing technology. Two weeks' notice is greatly appreciated so that we have time to notify students. For more information about setting up a web conference session, please contact:

[bgreen@inspire.connectionsacademy.org](mailto:bgreen@inspire.connectionsacademy.org)



### CLASS RANK POLICY

Class rank is calculated twice each year, at the conclusion of each semester. Class rank is based upon the student's cumulative weighted G.P.A. for all high school courses, including transfer courses.