

Policy Title: Attendance

Impact: Students

Responsibility: Office of Instruction

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Policy Narrative:

North Idaho College challenges students to be learners who assume responsibility for being a part of a community of scholars. Students' presence and participation in the class is an important component of this challenge. Furthermore, North Idaho College offers an education that prepares students for professional employment. Each student is encouraged to develop a professional work ethic that reflects responsibility, initiative, and teamwork.

In light of the above, students are expected to attend all classes. Students who miss class are unable to make up learning experiences that, by their nature, depend on class participation and attendance, such as lectures, discussions, group work, or field trips. Students who are absent from class miss opportunities to contribute to the learning environment and may develop patterns that will not be tolerated in the workplace.

For financial aid purposes, attendance requirements are defined by the U.S. Department of Education. These attendance policies have separate penalties and/or requirements that must be maintained by the Financial Aid Office. A student's lack of attendance could result in loss of financial aid funds. In addition, federal regulations require that students make satisfactory progress toward a degree in order to retain federal financial aid.