

Flex & Cohort Course Comparison¹

Criteria	Traditional (Cohort) Model	Flex (Open Enrollment) Model
Refund Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 wk class - 2nd Friday of course 16 wk class - 3rd Friday of course Students remaining in course after the refund deadline will have a grade sent to the registering school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 weeks after the student begins Students remaining in course after the refund deadline will have a grade sent to the registering school
Academic Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student grade must be at least 50% (excluding final) Extension length - 14 days Request form found in Unit 8 of the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gradable coursework must be at least 50% complete Extension length - 14 days Request form found inside the "Start Here" folder in "Course Extension Items"
Prescriptive Pretesting	Not Present	Each module begins with a pre-test. Students who do not demonstrate proficiency in the pretest will receive additional formative assessments throughout the module to check for understanding.
NCAA Approval	Yes – core, non-mastery based courses are NCAA approved. Please see complete list at: https://www.idahodigitalllearning.org/courses/ncaa-approved-courses/	
Student to Student Interaction	Frequent and required in teacher moderated Discussion Board forums	Not present
Teacher Communication	Regular and consistent communication may include: updates, emails, chats, office hours, e-tutoring and phone communication	
E-Tutoring	Synchronous tutoring available at varying times during the day/evening, or by appointment	
Progress Reports	Sent after each completed unit to student, site coordinator and parent	Sent every 2 weeks. Each PR contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> percentage grade of coursework completed, percentage of course remaining to be completed, and, the number of weeks left to complete the course.
Inactivity Drop	Students are expected to be active in their course daily	Students are expected to be active in their course daily. Students who do not complete any coursework in any 14 day time period may be removed from the course
Required Assessment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required final assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a proctored final exam, or a non-proctored final project worth 20% of the overall grade Students not completing final assessment will receive a 10% in the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 2 proctored exams administered during the middle and end of the course Students not completing both proctored exams will receive a 10% in the course
Course Re-enrollment	Re-enrolled students must begin the new course at the beginning.	A school may re-enroll students in the next available flex session. Site Coordinators may request completed coursework be transferred to the new session. A final grade for the original course will be reported.

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