



## **Idaho Virtual Academy Awarded Accreditation from Northwest Association of Accredited Schools**

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Boise, ID – The Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) has awarded the Idaho Virtual Academy (IDVA) provisional, regional accreditation for the 2005-2006 school year.

The Idaho Virtual Academy, a public virtual charter school, was awarded accreditation status in December at the Northwest Association of Accredited School's annual meeting in Reno, Nevada. The Idaho Virtual Academy was notified of the honor in a January 1, 2006 letter from Dr. David G. Steadman, Executive Director of NAAS.

Accompanying the letter was a certificate of recognition from NAAS that read, "The Idaho Virtual Academy is provisionally accredited as a Distance Education School for the school year 2005-2006 by the Commission on Schools of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools...This school is recognized for promoting and maintaining a well-balanced education program and for meeting or exceeding standards considered essential for quality education."

According to the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, when NAAS accredits a school, it is certifying that the school has annually met the prescribed quantitative and qualitative standards of the Association, within the terms of the school's own stated mission and beliefs. It is also certifying that the school has undergone a self-study and validation by an outside team of peers.

By being accredited, the Idaho Virtual Academy is assured that other regionally accredited schools will recognize their students' credits, transcripts and diplomas.

"We are very proud to receive accreditation from NAAS," said Don Lynn, Idaho Virtual Academy Chairman of the Board. "This is another demonstration of our school's commitment to education excellence and student achievement. It is also a great credit to our teachers, administrators, parents, and students whose hard work and dedication have made IDVA a quality public education option for families across the state."

### **About the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools:**

The mission of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools is to advance excellence in education through the process of accreditation.

The Northwest Association of Accredited Schools accredits distance education, elementary, foreign nation, high, K-12, middle, post secondary non degree granting, special purpose, supplementary education, travel education, and trans-regional schools.

The geographic territory of the Association consists of the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, and other geographical areas designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

For more information, visit [www.boisestate.edu/naas](http://www.boisestate.edu/naas) **About the Idaho Virtual Academy:**

The Idaho Virtual Academy is an innovative statewide public virtual charter school. Using a high quality, comprehensive academic program that allows students to learn from home, IDVA students are able to receive an excellent education that provides flexibility and individual attention.

Students who enroll in IDVA receive a computer, monitor, printer, access to the award-winning K12 curriculum and Online School, lessons, assessments, books, materials, planning and progress tools, and much more. Students are assigned to an Idaho-certified public school teacher who provides support, guidance and instruction. In the Idaho Virtual Academy, parents become active participants in their child's education working closely with their child in cooperation with their child's teacher. The school is an example of how parents, students, and teachers can work together in a partnership that is focused on high standards and achievement.

The Idaho Virtual Academy is governed by an independent, non-profit Board of Directors. The school serves over 1,800 students

from across the state in grades K-9.

For more information, visit [www.idahova.org](http://www.idahova.org).