

## **Idaho State University**

### **High School Equivalency Program (HEP)**

#### **Project Abstract**

Idaho State University (ISU) proposes a commuter-residential High School Equivalency Program (HEP) to be administered from its main campus in Pocatello, Idaho. The ISU HEP project will serve eligible migrant seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their families recruited from seven southeastern Idaho counties where the magnitude of need has been identified as significant. The project will serve 50 eligible participants each year. The goals of ISU HEP are to 1) increase GED attainment among project participants and 2) increase postsecondary placement of project participants in educational programs, upgraded employment, or the military. Primary project activities include recruitment of eligible participants, ongoing assessment and goal setting, instruction and advising, facilitation of GED testing, and referrals to additional services. Project activities will be organized around identified MSFW needs, including access, flexibility, language support, postsecondary transition services, mentorship, computer literacy, cultural activities, and support services. For commuter students, instruction and other project services will be provided at regional outreach sites. Residential students will live in University housing and access services on ISU's main campus. The ISU HEP evaluation plan will provide ongoing, formative assessment of the project's effectiveness. The evaluation plan also includes methods to produce promising evidence of the effects of growth mindset programming on student achievement. ISU HEP's annual Performance Measure targets align with national targets. For Performance Measure 1: 69% of ISU HEP students who exit the program will attain a GED. For Performance Measure 2: 80% of GED completers will enter postsecondary training programs, upgraded employment, or the military.