

A topographic map of Idaho and surrounding regions, including parts of Oregon, Nevada, and Montana. The map shows terrain, rivers, and major cities. The text 'Innovation in Idaho' is overlaid in large white font.

# Innovation in Idaho

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Idaho State Board of Education



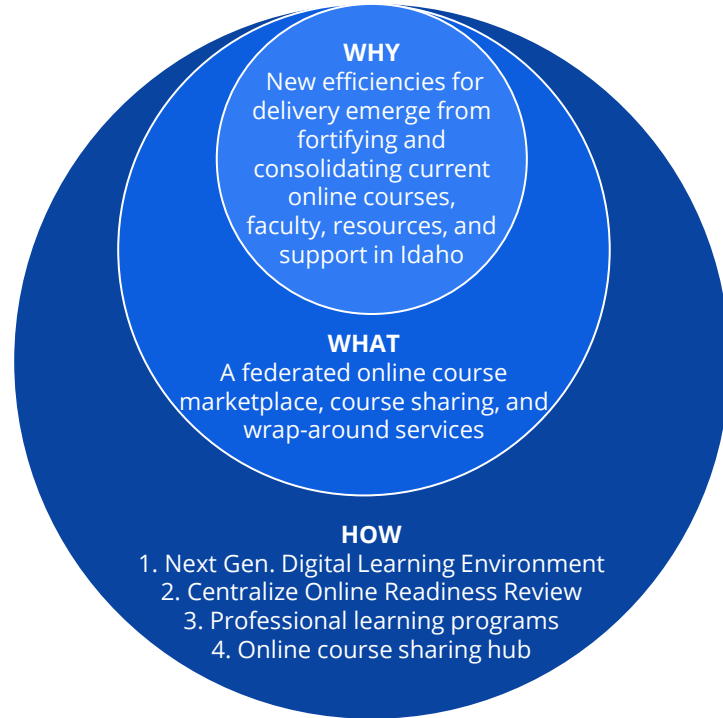
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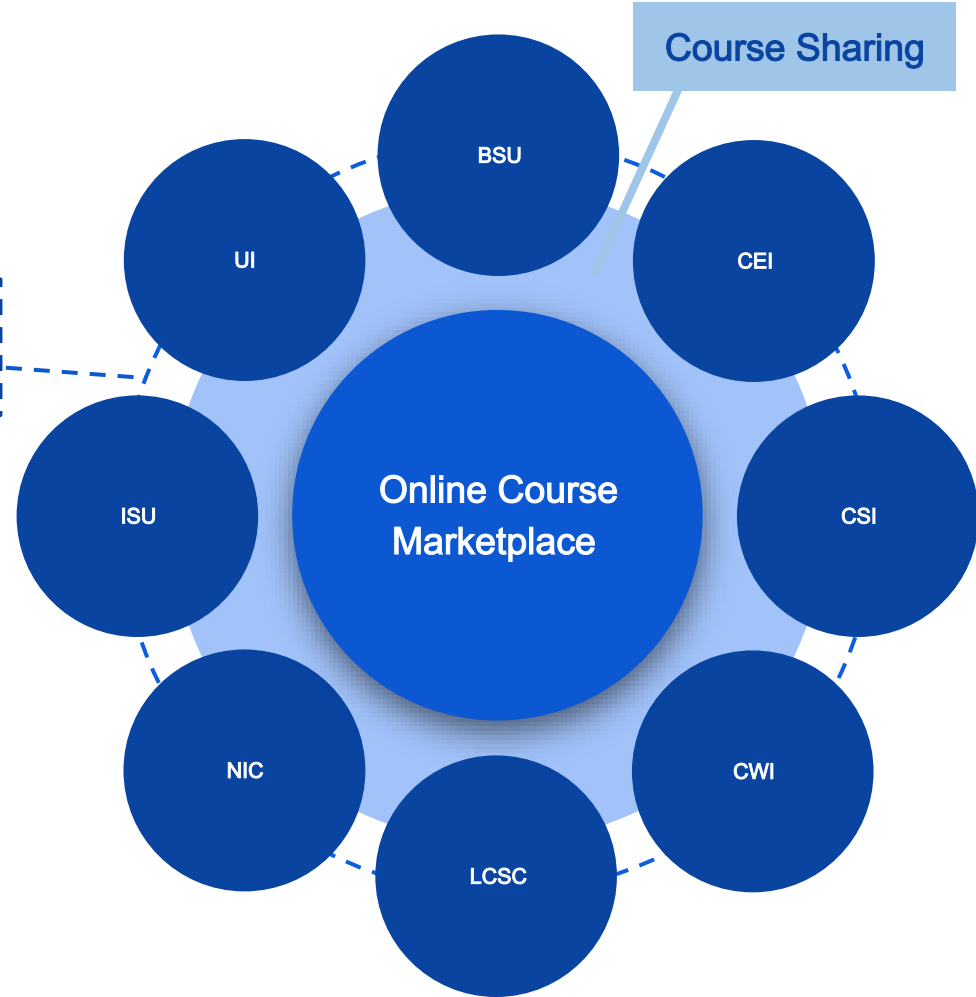
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## Online Idaho


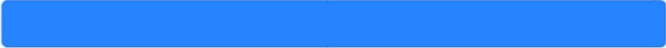




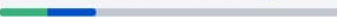

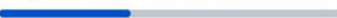

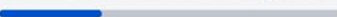





# Online Idaho Design

Student and Faculty Services &  
Next-Gen. Digital Learning Environment



# Online Idaho Roadmap

Epic	JUL – SEP	OCT – DEC
› ⚡ Business and Governance 		
› ⚡ Federated Staffing 		
› ⚡ NGDLE 		
› ⚡ Online Course Sharing 		
› ⚡ Organizational Infrastructure 		
› ⚡ Research and Development 		
› ⚡ Professional Development Programs 		

# Open Education

- Board Policy Development and Implementation
  - Instructional Material Affordability
  - Academic Freedom and Responsibility
  - Students
  - Intellectual Property
- Open Pedagogy, Advocacy, + Leadership (OPAL) Fellowships
  - \$50K from Legislature
  - 13 faculty over 3 semesters
  - Partnership with Rebus Community to develop new OER for general education
  - Weekly drop-in conversations with faculty and staff statewide

# Write What Matters

A modular open educational resource to support first-year writing courses in Idaho

Liza Long, Amy Minervini, and Joel Gladd

Have you ever wished for a handy source that would steer you in the right direction through all of your reading and writing assignments? This text aims to be that kind of guide. It includes lessons, examples, exercises, and definitions for many of the reading and writing-related scenarios that you will encounter in your first-year writing courses but also other subject-specific classes that require writing.



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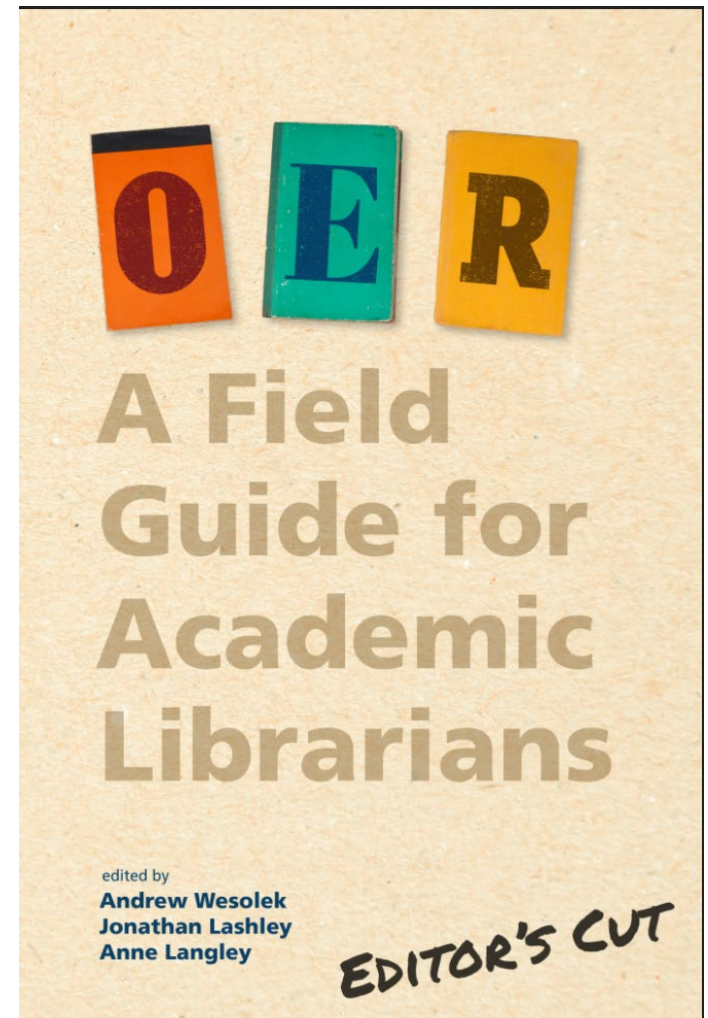
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## WRITE WHAT MATTERS

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- Open Publishing Platform
  - <https://idaho.pressbooks.pub>
  - Promoting OER developed at our institutions
  - Making Pressbooks available to students and faculty statewide
- Broader Open Education Community
  - Statewide membership in Open Education Network
  - Contributing to strategic planning for the 2020 Open Ed Conference
  - Exploring interstate/international partnerships to support OER adoption, creation, and improvement





# College Enrollment

[nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://nextsteps.idaho.gov)



[apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov](https://apply.nextsteps.idaho.gov)

## Direct Admissions Initiative

Through partnerships with state colleges and universities, the Idaho State Board of Education's Direct Admissions gives more Idaho students the opportunity to obtain a postsecondary certificate or degree by proactively admitting public high school seniors each year.