

New and Improved

from CIS!

Exciting new features in your new eCIS--look for these great enhancements!

Paying for School

This new component explains the entire financial aid process--how to estimate costs, what goes into determining the family's share, how financial aid is rewarded, and more.

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Overview

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- How do I pay for school?
 - Financial aid
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 - Section 529 savings plans
 - Section 529 prepaid tuition
 - Community service
 - Military service
 - Before active duty begins
 - While in the service
 - After leaving the service
 - Tax credits and deductions
 - Work

Savings information for parents

Ok, parents, it's your turn. Even if your kids are in high school, it isn't too late to start saving. In a perfect world, you would save one-third of the expected cost of attendance (COA) for each of your children. Realistically, you save what you can. The [savings calculator](#) can help you decide how much to save.

Bonds, CDs, savings accounts and stocks are all good ways to save, but when it comes to saving for college there are more options. Each one differs in its tax advantages, impact on financial aid, parental control, flexibility, and contribution limits, so it is important to know as much as you can. You can learn more about investing and saving for your child's education at <http://www.finaid.org/savings/>.

Many states offer Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) or College Savings Plans as tax-exempt investment alternatives. Plans may be referred to by different names -- state 529 plans, section 529 plans -- but there are only two types: [college savings plans](#) and [prepaid tuition plans](#). Nearly every state has at least one of these two options and many offer both.

Calculate your recommended savings now

calculator

Find it under "Information: Education" on the eCIS front page



More Spanish

Your latest eCIS includes Spanish versions of:

- Articles
- Job Search
- Keeping Your Job
- Paying for School
- the Career Cluster Inventory

More Spanish content coming soon!

Resume Builder

New features will help you build the best resume using your CIS Portfolio:

- Additional resume styles and content areas
- Choose what information to include (and in what order)
- Create and save multiple resume specifications
- Save resume files to your CIS Portfolio

Career Cluster Inventory

What would it be like to plan your family vacation? Act in a school play? Install a new lock on your front door? Rate your preference on 80 activities, and see what career cluster your responses lead to!



More 

More New and Improved:

* CIS Tools

Check out these new administrator functions at your CIS Administration site (idahocis.org/administration):

- Improved Site Usage reports
- Portfolio Summary
- Group reports

Lots of new and updated tutorials coming soon!

* New Articles

Articles are written in a friendly format and are especially for Idahoans. You'll see:

- Job Fair? Prepare!
- Idaho's fastest-growing and fastest-declining occupations
- Transferring colleges: not as easy as it sounds
- TRiO can help you get to and get through college
- What is "good" information?
... and many more.

* Reality Check

Now a fully integrated component of eCIS and CIS Junior, the new Reality Check:

- Saves responses to your CIS Portfolio
- Links directly to occupation descriptions
- Lets you enter your own specific costs



*New VIDEO:
"Dave Gets
A Reality Check"*

* New Emerging Occupations

Emerging occupations may have been around for some time, but data about their wages, outlook, and hiring practices is still being researched. Shorter occupation descriptions are available for:

- Allergists and Immunologists
- Bioengineers
- Craft brewers
- Dermatologists
- Energy Auditors/Building Energy Analysts
- Environmental Engineering Technicians
- Exercise Physiologists
- Foreign Service Officers
- Genetic Counselors
- MRI Technologists
- Radiologists
- Renewable Energy Engineers
- School Psychologists
- Secret Service Agents

* Real World Interviews

Real people, real interviews! 153 occupations now link to Real World Interviews, including these (new this year):

- Acupuncturist
- Bioengineer
- Computer Security Specialist
- Craft Brewer
- Energy Auditor
- Financial Counselor
- Foreign Service Officer
- Genetic Counselor
- Hotel Desk Clerk
- School Psychologist
- Sociologist
- Web Developer

Look for the new Real World Interview icon in the occupations index

* 2 New Full Occupations

New descriptions about two occupations your students and clients have been asking for:

- Web Developers
- Automotive Electronics Installers

* Career Cluster Program Descriptions

The Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education has developed individual Programs of Study for 50 pathways within the 16 Career Clusters. Use the link in **CIS Tools** to find out more about Clusters and their Pathways.

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