

SkillStack® for Individuals Best Practices for Students

1. In order for SkillStack® to be the most beneficial to a student, they must first understand its purpose and how to use the platform. When introducing SkillStack® to students, it is imperative to show them the prepared video on the SkillStack® website.

Tasks for students to get the most benefit from the system:

1. Create their student account (*must first either be on a current teacher roster or have been in the system before*).
2. Encourage students to check their account often to follow their progress. Students will not see skills awarded until the teacher has checked them off. This can be a reminder to the teacher that skills need to be passed off.
3. Encourage students to upload professional photos or documents that would be portfolio quality for a resume so that employers can see the talent the student has to offer.
4. Encourage students to test for the PSA's – Postsecondary Skills Assessment to obtain college credit if they intend to go into the corresponding college degree. Let students know that by combining their CTE college credit with other academic dual credit they have earned, they can potentially have a semester of college already complete. (See a college advisor for more details.)
5. If students are having a hard time deciding if they want to go into the career field corresponding to the course being taken, teachers can use the Idaho JobScape website to help students see the need and availability for such workers in Idaho. <https://www2.labor.idaho.gov/JobScape>

The screenshot shows the SkillStack website interface. At the top, the title "SkillStack® Student Accounts" is displayed in orange. Below it, the URL "Skillstack.idaho.gov" is shown. A navigation bar contains the SkillStack logo, "BADGES", "ABOUT", "REGISTER", "LOG IN", and "HELP". Two yellow arrows point to the "REGISTER" and "LOG IN" buttons. A larger yellow arrow points to a registration form box. The form has two columns: the left column is for students taking classes and includes a "Register" button; the right column is for employers and includes an "Employer" button. Below the form, a section titled "Reasons the system might not be able to verify a student:" lists two common issues: incorrect name entry and incorrect identifiers.

SkillStack® Student Accounts

Skillstack.idaho.gov

BADGES ABOUT REGISTER LOG IN HELP

If you are taking classes that offer SkillStack® badges, register your account. If you don't know your student or institution ID, ask your instructor for it.

Register

If you are an employer and would like an account that allows you to find and contact users based on geographic area and badges earned, click the **Employer** button to register.

Employer

Reasons the system might not be able to verify a student:

- ✓ They have entered their name differently than it is stored in the system i.e. they entered Sam but the system has your full name Samwise.
- ✓ They have entered an incorrect identifier. If they are having trouble registering, check your teacher roster to make sure the information they are using matches what is in the system.