

# EARNING SKILLS FOR SUCCESS



## OKLAHOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, STUDENT TESTING, AND OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE



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# COLLEGE PREPARATORY/WORK READY CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

(Title 70 Oklahoma Statutes § 11-103.6, Achieving Classroom Excellence Act 2005)

*Detailed here is the college-preparatory/work-ready curriculum for high school graduation required of all students, beginning with those entering the 9th grade in the 2006-2007 school year, in order to receive a diploma from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education. However, upon written approval of the parent or legal guardian to opt out of these requirements, students may enroll in the core curriculum for high school graduation also provided in state law. (See requirements, right.)*

## ENGLISH (4 UNITS)

to include Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for college admission requirements;

## MATHEMATICS (3 UNITS)

limited to Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or any mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I and approved for college admission requirements;

*[Beginning with students entering 9th grade in the 2008-2009 school year, 3 units of Mathematics must be taken in Grades 9-12, in addition to any of the courses listed above that were taken prior to Grade 9.]*

## LABORATORY SCIENCE (3 UNITS)

limited to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or any laboratory science course with content and/or rigor equal to or above Biology and approved for college admission requirements;

## HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (3 UNITS)

to include 1 American History, 1/2 United States Government, 1/2 Oklahoma History, and 1 from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission requirements;

## FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (2 UNITS)

to include 2 units of the same foreign or non-English language OR 2 units of computer technology approved for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school or a technology center school, including computer programming, hardware, and business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or typing courses;

## 1 ADDITIONAL UNIT SELECTED FROM THE COURSES LISTED ABOVE

or career and technology education courses approved for college admission requirements;

## FINE ARTS OR SPEECH (1 UNIT OR SET OF COMPETENCIES)

fine arts, such as music, art, or drama, or speech

## 23 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES

are required in order to meet state graduation requirements, including this curriculum, other requirements in state law, electives, and additional units or sets of competencies as determined by the local board of education. **The local school board's graduation requirements may exceed the state graduation requirement of 23 units.**

## TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

Beginning with students entering 9th grade in 2008-2009, every student shall demonstrate mastery of the state academic content standards in the following subject areas in order to graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma. (70 O.S. § 1210.523)

1. Algebra I;
2. English II; and
3. Two of the following five:
  - a. Algebra II,
  - b. Biology I,
  - c. English III,
  - d. Geometry, and
  - e. United States History.

## PASSPORT TO PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY

Beginning with students entering 7th grade in the 2008-2009 school year, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education, students shall fulfill the requirements for a Personal Financial Literacy Passport during Grades 7 through 12.

Personal Financial Literacy education shall include, but is not limited to, the following 14 areas of instruction: Understanding interest, credit card debt, and online commerce; rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; savings and investing, planning for retirement; bankruptcy; banking and financial services; balancing a checkbook; understanding loans and borrowing money, including predatory lending and payday loans; understanding insurance; identity fraud and theft; charitable giving; understanding the financial impact and consequences of gambling; earning an income; and understanding state and federal taxes.

*To meet the graduation requirements, local school district options may include courses taken by concurrent enrollment, Advanced Placement or correspondence, or courses bearing different titles. School districts shall strongly encourage students to complete two units or sets of competencies of foreign languages as part of the core curriculum for high school graduation. Local school district requirements may exceed state graduation requirements.*

# CORE CURRICULUM

(FOR THOSE OPTING OUT OF THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY/WORK READY CURRICULUM)

(Title 70 O.S. § 11-103.6 and State Board of Education Regulations)

## LANGUAGE ARTS

(4 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES)

- 1 Grammar and Composition, and
- 3 which may include, but are not limited to the following courses: American Literature, English Literature, World Literature, Advanced English courses, or other English courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above grammar and composition.

## MATHEMATICS

(3 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES)

- 1 Algebra I or Algebra I taught in a contextual methodology, and
- 2 which may include, but are not limited to the following courses: Algebra II, Geometry or Geometry taught in a contextual methodology, Trigonometry, Math Analysis or Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics and/or Probability, Computer Science I, Computer Science II, Mathematics of Finance<sup>†</sup>, Intermediate Algebra<sup>‡</sup>; contextual mathematics courses which enhance technology preparation whether taught at a (1) comprehensive high school, or (2) technology center school when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by a certified teacher, and approved by the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education; mathematics courses taught at a technology center school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education; or other mathematics courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above Algebra I.

[Beginning with students entering 9th grade in the 2008-2009 school year, 3 units of Mathematics must be taken in Grades 9-12, in addition to any of the courses listed above that were taken prior to Grade 9.]

## SCIENCE

(3 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES)

- 1 Biology I or Biology I taught in a contextual methodology, and
- 2 in the areas of life, physical, or earth science or technology which may include, but are not limited to the following

courses: Chemistry I, Physics, Biology II, Chemistry II, Physical Science, Earth Science, Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Astronomy, Applied Biology/Chemistry, Applied Physics, Principles of Technology, qualified agricultural education courses (including but not limited to Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, and Animal Science); contextual science courses which enhance technology preparation whether taught at a (1) comprehensive high school, or (2) technology center school when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade, taught by a certified teacher, and approved by the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education; science courses taught at a technology center school by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area when taken in the eleventh or twelfth grade upon approval of the State Board of Education and the independent district board of education; or other science courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above Biology I.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

(3 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES)

- 1 United States History,
- 1/2 to 1 United States Government,
- 1/2 Oklahoma History, and
- 1/2 to 1 which may include, but are not limited to the following courses: World History, Geography, Economics, Anthropology, or other social studies courses with content and/or rigor equal to or above United States History, United States Government, and Oklahoma History.

## THE ARTS

(2 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES)

which may include, but are not limited to courses in Visual Arts and General Music.

## 8 ELECTIVES

23 UNITS OR SETS OF COMPETENCIES

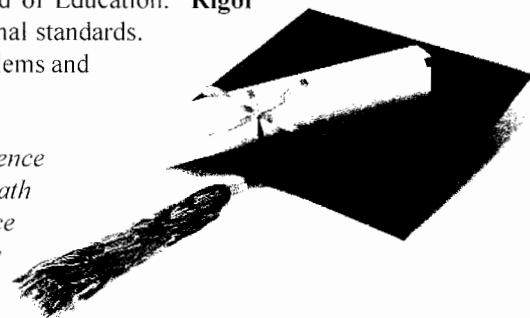
Students who entered the 9th grade prior to the 2006-2007 school year are enrolled in the core curriculum for high school graduation. For more information, contact the State Department of Education: Counseling Office, (405) 521-3549, or Accreditation Office, (405) 521-3333.

<sup>†</sup>To obtain the curriculum outline, contact the Office of Standards and Curriculum, State Department of Education, (405) 521-3361.

Glossary: A **Carnegie Unit** of credit is given for the successful completion of a course that meets 40 minutes a day, five days per week, for at least 36 weeks, or the equivalent of 120 clock hours within the school year. **Sets of competencies** are the skills and competencies specified in the *Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS)*, or other skills and competencies adopted by the State Board of Education. **Rigor** means a level of difficulty that is appropriate for the grade level and that meets state and national standards.

**Contextual methodology** means academic content and skills taught by utilizing real-world problems and projects in such a way that helps students understand the application of knowledge.

*Career and Technology Education also offers academic credit options, such as: Computer Science allowed for high school math credit, qualified Agriculture Education courses for high school math and science, and Anatomy and Physiology (science) credit allowed for certain health science courses. For more information, contact your school counselor or your local Career Technology Center.*





# 2008-09 OKLAHOMA SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM

(Title 70 O.S. § 1210.508 and Federal Public Law 107-110)

Grade Level	State Tests Administered in 2008-09	State Testing Window
Grades 3-4	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*: Reading, Mathematics	Multiple-Choice: April 10-24, 2009
Grade 5	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*: Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Writing	Writing: February 25, 2009 Multiple-Choice: April 10-24, 2009
Grade 6	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*: Reading, Mathematics	Multiple-Choice: April 10-24, 2009
Grade 7	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*: Reading, Mathematics, Geography	Multiple-Choice: April 10-24, 2009 <i>Online testing window for Geography is extended through May 1, 2009.</i>
Grade 8	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*: Reading, Mathematics, Science, U.S. History, Writing	Writing: February 25, 2009 Multiple-Choice: April 10-24, 2009 <i>Online testing window for Reading and Math is extended through May 1, 2009.</i>
Secondary Level	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)*/End-of-Instruction (EOI)**: ACE Algebra I, ACE Algebra II, Biology I, English II (includes Writing), ACE English III, ACE Geometry, U.S. History	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>REGULAR SCHOOLS</u> Writing: April 21-22, 2009 Multiple-Choice: April 20-May 15, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BLOCK/WINTER SCHOOLS</u> Writing: December 9, 2008 Multiple-Choice: December 1, 2008-January 9, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRIMESTER SCHOOLS</u> Writing: January 27, 2009 Multiple-Choice: January 19-February 6, 2009</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMER SCHOOLS</u> Multiple-Choice: June 8-July 31, 2009</p>

\*The OCCT are criterion-referenced tests that measure student attainment of skills established in Oklahoma's core curriculum, the *Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS)*.

\*\*An EOI test shall be taken by each student who completes instruction for the specified secondary level competencies in order to graduate from high school.

For 10th, 11th and 12th graders in 2008-09:

Students shall be afforded the opportunity to retake the end-of-instruction tests once prior to graduation. The highest state test performance level (advanced, satisfactory, limited knowledge, or unsatisfactory) achieved on the end-of-instruction tests shall be recorded on the student's high school transcript.

For 9th graders in 2008-09:

Students shall be afforded the opportunity to retake the end-of-instruction tests more than once prior to graduation. State test performance levels indicating proficiency (satisfactory and advanced) on the end-of-instruction tests shall be recorded on the student's high school transcript.

*Local school district testing requirements may exceed state requirements. In addition to the tests listed above, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is periodically administered to a demographically representative sample of Oklahoma students in Grades 4, 8, and 12.*

# OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING ACCESS PROGRAM (OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE)

*(Title 70 O.S. § 2601, Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Act)*

Subject to the availability of funds, OHLAP will help pay the college tuition for students. To enroll in the program, students must be (1) an Oklahoma resident; (2) enrolled in the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade in an Oklahoma high school; (3) the child of parents, custodians or guardians who earn less than \$50,000 per year; and (4) must meet additional requirements as defined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Curricular requirements are as follows:

## ENGLISH (4 UNITS)

Grammar, Composition, Literature

## MATHEMATICS (3 UNITS)

Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics

## SCIENCE (2 UNITS)

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or any certified lab science; general science with or without a lab may not be used.

## HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (3 UNITS)

Including one unit of American History and two units from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics, and/or non-Western Culture.

## FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE (2 UNITS)

Two years of the same foreign or non-English language or two computer technology courses in programming, hardware, and business computer applications such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics. (Keyboarding or typing classes do not qualify. One foreign language and one computer course will not meet this requirement.)

## ADDITIONAL UNITS OF SUBJECTS LISTED ABOVE (2 UNITS)

## FINE ARTS OR SPEECH (1 UNIT OR SET OF COMPETENCIES)

Fine arts, such as music, art, or drama, or speech

## 17 UNITS REQUIRED FOR OHLAP

*The 17 are included among the total of **23 units** or sets of competencies required for graduation according to state law and regulations.*

*Local school district graduation requirements may exceed 23 units.*

For more information, detailed requirements and additional scholarship opportunities, contact the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education at (800) 858-1840, or go to the Oklahoma Promise Web site at <[www.okhighered.org/ohlap](http://www.okhighered.org/ohlap)>.

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