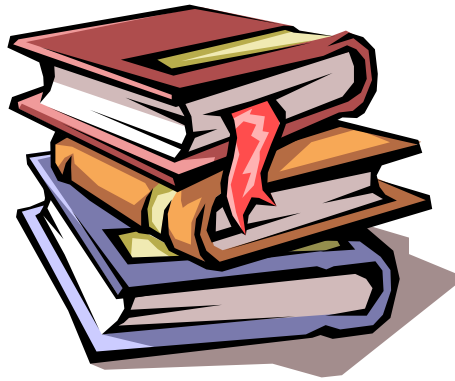


What do parents need to know about...



- Graduation Requirements?
- The State Testing Program?
 - State College Funding?
- State College Entrance Requirements?



ACHIEVING CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE “ACE” LEGISLATION

WHAT IS ACE?

In June, 2006, Oklahoma lawmakers passed ACE legislation, changing what students must do to earn a high school diploma. These changes will affect students in the class of 2012 and all who come after.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

In the past, graduation required only that students passed all required courses. Starting with the graduating class of 2012, the new law requires students to pass the courses and also pass four “end-of-instruction exams” (EOIs).

- EOIs are tests administered at the end of Algebra I, English II, Biology I, U.S. History, Geometry, and English III courses. Passing Algebra I and English II are required for graduation. Two of the remaining five EOIs must also be passed to graduate.
- To “pass” an EOI, a student must score Satisfactory or Advanced. Scores of Unsatisfactory and Limited Knowledge do not pass.
- Oklahoma has had EOIs for some time, but passing them was not previously required for high school graduation.

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ACE?

- All students will be enrolled in a College Preparatory/Work Ready Curriculum unless the parent signs a form to opt them out.
- All students must pass four End-of-Instruction exams to earn a high school diploma.
- Schools will offer remediation to all students (in the class of 2012 and beyond) who do not pass an EOI test necessary for graduation.

WHAT IS THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY/WORK READY CURRICULUM?

- English—4 courses/4 years
- Science—3 lab sciences/3 years
- Mathematics—3 courses/3 years (*Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics*)
- History—3 courses/3 years
- 2 years of a foreign language or 2 years of computer technology classes
- 1 additional course—from any content area listed above
- 1 fine arts course—(*music, art, drama, or speech*) (*English and History classes fulfill this requirement.*)
- 7 electives

- TOTAL = 24 units

WHAT IF A STUDENT FAILS AN EOI?

- Students who fail any of the necessary four EOI tests will have up to three opportunities to retake the test per calendar year.
- Remedial classes and tutoring services are offered to help students who fail any of the tests.

IS FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE?

- According to ACE legislation, if a student does not take either 2 years of foreign language or 2 years of computers, the parent must sign an opt-out letter at the school, which allows the student to graduate with only the minimum graduation requirements.
- Even though some students may graduate from high school without foreign language courses, some colleges may require it for admission.

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

- English—4 courses/4 years
- Science—3 lab sciences/3 years
- Mathematics—3 courses/3 years (*Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, math analysis, calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics*)
- History—3 courses/3 years
- 2 fine arts courses—(*music, art, drama, or speech*) (*English and History classes fulfill this requirement.*)
- 9 electives

- TOTAL = 24 units

WILL THE MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS GET A STUDENT INTO COLLEGE?

- It depends on where you go because each college has its own admission requirements.
- 2-year colleges (community colleges) typically accept students who meet or exceed their required GPA.
- 4-year colleges usually require a student
 - meet or exceed their required ACT/SAT score and GPA,
 - complete Algebra II,
 - earn 15 college core units (years in a course like English, math, science, history, foreign language, or computers)
- The minimum requirements for graduation might not earn you college admission, so you should check with your college to be sure.

WHAT IS OKLAHOMA'S PROMISE?

- This program, formerly known as OHLAP, was created by the Oklahoma Legislature to provide free Oklahoma college tuition to qualifying students.
- Some qualifications include:
 - Oklahoma residency,
 - household income of \$50,000/year or less,
 - required high school courses (same as the aforementioned college-prep/work-ready curriculum),
 - application deadline (by the end of 10th grade),
 - 2.5 GPA,
 - no criminal record or drug/alcohol abuse,
 - and other requirements.
- For more information, go to www.okpromise.org, email at okpromise@osrhe.edu or call 1-800-858-1840.

WHAT ABOUT COLLEGIATE SPORTS?

- Students must meet NCAA requirements.
- Requirements vary by the college division within which the student plans to participate.
- Division I athletes must have 2 more college core units (years in a course like English, math, science, history, or foreign language) than Division II athletes. Computer classes do not count for core credit for NCAA.

WHAT ABOUT AP COURSES?

- AP courses are designed to prepare students for college-level work.
- Students who successfully complete an exam at the end of an AP course have the opportunity to receive college credit.
- Any student who is willing to commit the time and effort necessary to meet the rigorous requirements of an AP course is welcome to enroll.

HOW WILL I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

- TCC offers free tuition to qualified applicants who graduate from high school in Tulsa County and live in Tulsa County. The program is called Tulsa Achieves, and you can go to www.tulsacc.edu for more information.
- Oklahoma's Promise offers free college tuition to qualified applicants who are residents of Oklahoma. Go to www.okpromise.org for more information.
- Oklahoma Gear-Up offers help to plan and prepare for college. Their website is www.okhighered.org/gearup.
- Scholarships are available from many other sources. Your counselor can help you find some that might fit your needs and abilities.

CONTACT THE COUNSELOR AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS

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