



OKLAHOMA TEACHER CONNECTION

Preparing Teachers for Tomorrow's Classrooms

The Oklahoma Teacher Connection (OTC) mission is to recruit, retain, and place teachers in Oklahoma's public schools. OTC accomplishes this goal through a variety of programs and initiatives.





TEACH OKLAHOMA

Teach Oklahoma is an exemplary curriculum targeted to those high school students who possess high academic and leadership standards. Teach Oklahoma curriculum is designed as a “grow-your-own” teacher recruitment program that includes a teaching internship. Even those students who do not become educators evolve into strong advocates for teachers and proponents for education.



LEAD OKLAHOMA

Lead Oklahoma is a leadership curriculum that provides eighth and ninth grade students the knowledge and skills to make education and career/ life plans, facilitating an understanding of the long-term consequences of the choices they make. Lead Oklahoma uses a research-based curriculum with the goals of increasing school retention and the success rate of students.



OTC GRANTS

The OTC Collegiate Grants program consists of activities that range in variety and scope and include sponsorship of conferences that highlight the teaching profession. OTC Collegiate Grants promote mentoring programs that help with teacher retention, recruitment and placement, as well as other activities, including campus visits by postsecondary and secondary students, workshops on special education needs or other shortage areas, and lecture sessions from local and nationally renowned speakers.

READING CONFERENCE

Each year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, in collaboration with higher education institutions, offer a reading conference for pre/in-service teachers, administrators, and higher education faculty focused on substantive reading professional development and curriculum alignment, which effects emergent and conventional reading.

Literacy topics covered include literacy development, technology, culturally and linguistically diverse classrooms, tools, and practices.



EDUCATORS RISING

Educators Rising is a student organization for middle, junior high and high school students who express an interest in teaching or in education-related careers. Educators Rising chapters are nationally recognized.



TEACHER SHORTAGE EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TSEIP)

The Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program is a legislative ruling administered by the State Regents. TSEIP was designed to recruit and retain mathematics and science teachers in Oklahoma. Successful candidates are reimbursed eligible student loan expenses (a set amount, which varies yearly) or an equivalent cash benefit upon fulfillment of prescribed requirements.





Additional K-12 Teacher and Staff Resources and Information

The Oklahoma higher education website provides a wealth of helpful information for K-12 teachers, counselors and administrators at www.okhighered.org/teachers.

Learn more about the Oklahoma Teacher Connection at www.okhighered.org/otc or call 1.800.858.1840.



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