

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 11-103.2c), which relates to the diploma of honor; adding options for the diploma of honor; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 320, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 11-103.2c), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.2c A. In addition to the standard diploma, district boards of education shall develop and issue a diploma of honor that is to be awarded to students, beginning with students in the 2002-2003 high school graduating class who have met or exceeded the following criteria by the end of their senior year in high school with at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale:

1. Earned four units in English;
2. Earned three units in mathematics;
3. Earned three units in social studies;
4. Earned three units in science; and
5. Earned one-half (1/2) additional unit in the area of

technology.

B. For purposes of this section, to qualify as academic units as required in subsection A of this section, courses shall be core-curriculum courses recommended by the American College Testing Corporation.

C. For purposes of this section, advanced placement classes in the subject areas listed in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of subsection A of this section may be substituted on a course-by-course basis to satisfy the academic units required for a diploma of honor. Applied mathematics and science ~~classes~~ courses that have been approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for college admission shall ~~not~~ qualify as a required ~~unit~~ units.

D. For purposes of this section, "unit" means a Carnegie Unit as defined by the North Central Association's Commission on Schools.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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