

1 (6) hours and reduce the number of school days as long as the total
2 amount of classroom instruction time is not less than one thousand
3 eighty (1,080) hours per year as required pursuant to Section 1-109
4 of this title.

5 B. A school day for nursery, early childhood education,
6 kindergarten, and alternative education programs shall be as
7 otherwise defined by law or as defined by the State Board of
8 Education. Not more than one (1) school day shall be counted for
9 attendance purposes in any twenty-four-hour period.

10 C. Students absent from school in which they are regularly
11 enrolled may be considered as being in attendance if the reason for
12 such absence is to participate in scheduled school activities under
13 the direction and supervision of a regular member of the faculty or
14 to participate in an online course approved by the district board of
15 education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
16 provide for the implementation of online courses which shall
17 include, but not be limited to, provisions addressing the following:

- 18 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;
- 19 2. A student admission process administered through the
20 district of residence, which provides the ability for the student to
21 enroll in individual courses;
- 22 3. An electronic student transfer system which does not require
23 the student desiring to transfer to another district for enrollment

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1 in an online course to personally appear in the district to which
2 the transfer is sought;

3 4. A process by which students are not denied the opportunity
4 to enroll in educationally appropriate courses by school districts;

5 5. Creation of a system which provides ongoing enrollment
6 access for students throughout the school year;

7 6. A grace period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the first
8 day of an online course for student withdrawal from an online course
9 without academic penalty;

10 ~~7. Establishment of an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for~~
11 ~~each student;~~

12 ~~8. Mastery of competencies for course completion rather than~~
13 ~~Carnegie units;~~

14 ~~9.~~ 8. Student participation in extracurricular activities in
15 the district of residence;

16 ~~10.~~ 9. Parent authorization for release of state test results
17 to online course providers, on a form developed by the State
18 Department of Education;

19 ~~11. Student participation in assessments administered pursuant~~
20 ~~to Section 1210.508 of this title at a school in the district of~~
21 ~~residence;~~

22 ~~12. Provision for ongoing weekly telephonic communication~~
23 ~~between teacher and student, and monthly telephonic communication~~
24 ~~between teacher and parent; and~~

1 ~~13.~~ 10. A review process to identify and certify online course
2 providers and a uniform payment processing system.

3 D. Each district board of education shall adopt policies and
4 procedures that conform to rules for online courses as adopted by
5 the State Board. Such policies shall include criteria for approval
6 of the course, the appropriateness of the course for a particular
7 student, authorization for full-time students to enroll in online
8 courses, and establishing fees or charges. No district shall be
9 liable for payment of any fees or charges for any online course for
10 a student who has not complied with the district's policies and
11 procedures. School districts shall not deny students the
12 opportunity to enroll in educationally appropriate courses and shall
13 provide an admissions process which includes input from the student,
14 the parent or guardian of the student, and school faculty.

15 E. Districts shall require students enrolled in online courses
16 to participate in the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. Students
17 participating in online courses from a remote site will be
18 responsible for providing their own equipment and Internet access,
19 unless the district chooses to provide the equipment. Credit may
20 not be granted for such courses except upon approval of the State
21 Board of Education and the district board of education.

22 F. The school day for kindergarten may consist of six (6) hours
23 devoted to school activities.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

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

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04-06-2011
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