

1 "SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.229-6,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1210.229-6 A. The board of education of every school
4 district in this state may develop and implement, ~~at the beginning~~
5 ~~of the 2006-2007 school year,~~ a comprehensive program for character
6 education in any single grade or combination of grades kindergarten,
7 prekindergarten through twelfth. The character education program
8 shall focus on development of character traits in students. The
9 program of character education may include, but shall not be limited
10 to, the voluntary reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
11 of the United States of America.

12 B. The State ~~Board~~ Department of Education shall develop and
13 make available to all school districts through an Internet web site,
14 the following:

15 1. Technical assistance upon request of a school district;

16 2. A list of approved research-based character education
17 programs, curricula, and materials which may be used by school
18 districts;

19 3. A character education honor roll that will recognize school
20 districts that have successfully implemented a comprehensive school-
21 district-wide program of character education and will highlight the
22 positive impacts the program has had on each school or school
23 district; and

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1 4. A character education reading list of books that may
2 include, but is not limited to, books that illustrate models of good
3 character and books that relate to the development of good character
4 traits that may be used by schools in a character education program.

5 C. Subject to the availability of funding, the State Board of
6 Education may award grants to ten school districts for the
7 establishment of pilot projects which ~~will implement a comprehensive~~
8 align character education program in the school district with the
9 state curriculum in reading, mathematics, science or social studies
10 and demonstrate how character education teaches life skills that
11 lead to career readiness. The amount of each grant shall be One
12 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The projects shall be innovative
13 programs that will serve as models for other school districts.
14 Funding may cover the cost of purchasing curriculum, materials, or
15 training teachers. The Board shall determine pilot project criteria
16 and establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The
17 proposals for pilot projects shall be considered on a statewide
18 competitive basis. The Board shall promulgate rules for the
19 operation of the projects.”

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