

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 supplemental online courses which
17 shall include, but not be limited to, provisions addressing the
18 following:

19 1. Criteria for student admissions eligibility;

20 2. A student admission process administered through the
21 district of residence, which provides the ability for the student to
22 enroll in individual courses;

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

1 For the purposes of this section, "educationally appropriate" means
2 any instruction that is not substantially a repeat of a course or
3 portion of a course that the student has successfully completed,
4 regardless of the grade of the student, and regardless of whether a
5 course is similar to or identical to the instruction that is
6 currently offered in the school district;

7 4. Creation of a system which provides ongoing enrollment
8 access for students throughout the school year;

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

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

14 7. Student participation in extracurricular activities in
15 accordance with school district eligibility rules and policies and
16 any rules and policies of a private organization or association
17 which provides the coordination, supervision, and regulation of the
18 interscholastic activities and contests of schools;

19 8. Parent authorization for release of state test results to
20 online course providers, on a form developed by the State Department
21 of Education; and

22 9. A review process to identify and certify online course
23 providers and a uniform payment processing system.

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/09/2013
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