

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1269

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6d, which relates to certificates of distinction; directing the State Board of Education to develop certain certificate; establishing criteria for certificate; directing the Board to specify certain curriculum requirements; providing for recognition for certificate; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 11-103.6d, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.6d. A. ~~District boards of education may~~ The State Board of Education shall develop and issue a certificate of distinction that is to be awarded to students, beginning with students in the ~~2000-2001~~ 2016-2017 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 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale:

1. Earned four units each in English, mathematics, social studies, and science;

1 2. Earned two additional units in the area of technology, the
2 humanities, or the arts;

3 3. Earned two units in a foreign language; ~~and~~

4 4. Achieved a proficient or advanced score on all end-of-
5 instruction tests as required pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this
6 title, as those tests are implemented; and

7 5. Earned an endorsement pursuant to subsection B of this
8 section.

9 B. A student may earn an endorsement by satisfying the
10 curriculum requirements in any of the following categories:

11 1. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM),
12 which may include but shall not be limited to courses directly
13 related to science, including environmental science, technology,
14 including computer science, engineering and advanced mathematics;

15 2. Business and industry, which may include but shall not be
16 limited to courses directly related to database management,
17 information technology, communications, accounting, finance,
18 marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding,
19 logistics, automotive technology, agricultural science and heating,
20 ventilation and air conditioning;

21 3. Public services, which may include but shall not be limited
22 to courses directly related to health sciences and occupations,
23 education and training, law enforcement and culinary arts and
24 hospitality;

1 4. Arts and humanities, which may include but shall not be
2 limited to courses directly related to political science, world
3 languages, cultural studies, English literature, history and fine
4 arts; and

5 5. Multidisciplinary studies, which allow a student to select
6 courses from the curriculum of each endorsement area specified under
7 this subsection and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses
8 from multiple content areas.

9 C. The Board shall specify the curriculum requirements for each
10 endorsement specified in subsection B of this section with the input
11 of business, labor and industry representatives.

12 D. Recognition for a certificate of distinction shall be
13 indicated upon the diploma of those students who qualify for such
14 status and in such other manner as the Board may determine.

15 E. For purposes of this section, applicable vocational-
16 technical classes offered by comprehensive high school vocational-
17 technical programs shall qualify for technology, science, and
18 mathematics units. Students enrolled in the programs may use one
19 unit of their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units
20 for one unit of mathematics required by this section and one unit of
21 their six concentrated vocational-technical curriculum units for one
22 unit of science required by this section. Advanced placement
23 classes in the subject areas listed in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of
24 subsection A of this section may be substituted on a course-by-

1 course basis to satisfy the academic units required for a
2 certificate of distinction.

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

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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