

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 929

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the 2016  
8 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High School Diploma  
9 Recognition Act; providing for graduation  
10 recognitions for certain students; establishing  
11 eligibility criteria for certain recognitions;  
12 providing for indication of recognitions; providing  
13 definition; providing for promulgation of rules;  
14 providing for codification; providing an effective  
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

25 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6k of Title 70, unless  
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

28 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2016  
29 Workforce Oklahoma Academic High School Diploma Recognition Act".

30 B. Beginning with the 2018-2019 high school graduating class,  
31 students who have met the curricular requirements set forth in  
32 Section 11-103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and who have  
33 demonstrated mastery of the state academic content standards  
34 pursuant to Section 1210.523 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes

1 shall be eligible for the following graduation recognitions on their  
2 standard diploma:

3 1. "Recognition of highest academic distinction" for students  
4 who achieve a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.75 or  
5 higher on a 4.0 scale for all coursework performed, including one of  
6 the following:

7 a. a combination of at least six (6) Advanced Placement  
8 courses and/or concurrent enrollment college courses;

9 or

10 b. at least six (6) science, technology, engineering and  
11 math (STEM) courses as part of a STEM career major  
12 approved by the State Board of Career and Technology  
13 Education;

14 2. "Recognition of academic honors" for students who achieve a  
15 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0  
16 scale for all coursework performed, including one of the following:

17 a. a combination of at least four (4) Advanced Placement  
18 courses and/or concurrent enrollment college courses;

19 or

20 b. at least four (4) STEM courses as part of a STEM  
21 career major approved by the State Board of Career and  
22 Technology Education;

1           3. "Recognition of academic merit" for students who achieve a  
2 cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0  
3 scale for all coursework performed, including one of the following:

4           a. a combination of at least four (4) Advanced Placement  
5 courses and/or concurrent enrollment college courses;  
6 or

7           b. completion of at least one (1) career major approved  
8 by the State Board of Career and Technology Education  
9 and attainment of at least one (1) industry-recognized  
10 certification affiliated with the career major. The  
11 career major and industry-recognized certifications  
12 shall align with the key industries identified by the  
13 Oklahoma Department of Commerce or other approved  
14 career pathway;

15           4. "High school general academic recognition" for students who  
16 achieve a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or  
17 higher on a 4.0 scale for all coursework performed, including the  
18 successful completion of at least one (1) career major approved by  
19 the State Board of Career and Technology Education and aligned with  
20 the key industries identified by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce  
21 or other approved career pathway; and

22           5. "High school academic competency recognition" for students  
23 who achieve a cumulative high school grade point average of 1.0 to  
24 1.99 on a 4.0 scale for all coursework performed, including the

1 successful completion of at least one (1) career major approved by  
2 the State Board of Career and Technology Education and aligned with  
3 the key industries identified by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce  
4 or other approved career pathway.

5 C. A graduation recognition awarded pursuant to this section  
6 shall be indicated upon the diploma of those students who qualify  
7 for such status.

8 D. For the purposes of this section "key industries" shall mean  
9 the aerospace and defense, agriculture and bioscience, energy,  
10 information and finance and transportation and distribution industry  
11 areas, or other industry areas identified by the Oklahoma Department  
12 of Commerce in collaboration with the State Board of Career and  
13 Technology Education.

14 E. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career  
15 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules necessary to  
16 implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

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