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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 163, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1210.545), which relates to the annual reports for the Oklahoma School Testing Program; directing the State Board of Education to not calculate school site grades and designation for certain school year; specifying the grade and designation to be used in certain annual report; directing the Board to study and revise the calculation metrics of the school report cards; requiring submission of a report by certain date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 163, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1210.545), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.545 A. ~~As~~ 1. Except as otherwise provided, as part of the accountability system developed as provided for in Section 1210.541 of this title, the State Board of Education shall prepare annual reports of the results of the Oklahoma School Testing



1 Program which describe student achievement in the state and each  
2 school site.

3 2. In order to allow the State Board of Education to study and  
4 improve the school grading system, the Board shall not calculate  
5 school site grades or determine school performance designations  
6 during the 2015-2016 school year using the accountability system  
7 reports developed pursuant to this section and in place on the  
8 effective date of this act. For school site report cards issued  
9 during the 2015-2016 school year, the school site grade and  
10 designation reported shall be the grade and designation the school  
11 site received during the 2014-2015 school year. The Board shall  
12 study and revise the calculation metrics of all components of the  
13 school report cards to ensure that the evaluation system is clear,  
14 transparent, statistically trustworthy, credible and aligned with  
15 the state assessment system. The Board shall issue a report by  
16 December 31, 2015, and submit a copy of the report to the Governor,  
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
18 Tempore of the Senate. The Board shall prescribe the design and  
19 content of the reports, which shall include, without limitation,  
20 descriptions of the performance of all schools participating in the  
21 Oklahoma School Testing Program and all of the major student  
22 populations as determined by the Board, and shall also include the  
23 median scores of all eligible students who scored at or in the  
24 lowest twenty-fifth percentile of the state in the previous school



1 year. The confidentiality of individual student records shall be  
2 preserved as required by law.

3 B. The annual report as required pursuant to subsection A of  
4 this section shall identify school sites as having one of the  
5 following grades, defined according to rules of the State Board of  
6 Education:

- 7 1. "A" means schools making excellent progress;
- 8 2. "B" means schools making above average progress;
- 9 3. "C" means schools making satisfactory progress;
- 10 4. "D" means schools making less than satisfactory progress;

11 and

- 12 5. "F" means schools failing to make adequate progress.

13 C. Each school that has students who are tested and included in  
14 the school grading system as provided for in this section shall  
15 receive a school grade, except as follows:

16 1. A school shall not receive a school grade if the number of  
17 students tested and included in the school grading system is less  
18 than the minimum sample size necessary for statistical reliability  
19 and prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable  
20 student data. The State Board of Education is directed to establish  
21 the lowest minimum sample size necessary to meet the requirements of  
22 this paragraph;

23 2. A school that serves any combination of students in  
24 kindergarten through grade three which does not receive a school



1 grade because the students are not tested and included in the school  
2 grading system shall receive the school grade designation of a  
3 feeder pattern school identified by the State Department of  
4 Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder  
5 pattern exists if at least sixty percent (60%) of the students in  
6 the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten through  
7 grade three are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school; and

8 3. The academic performance of students who are enrolled full-  
9 time in an online program that is offered by a school district or  
10 charter school that is not the district of residence or is not  
11 located in the district of residence of the student shall be  
12 reported separately by the school district or charter school and  
13 shall not be included when determining the grade of the school site  
14 or charter school.

15 D. The grade of a school shall be based on a combination of:

16 1. Fifty percent (50%) on whole school performance, as measured  
17 by allocating one point for each student who scores proficient or  
18 advanced on the criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction  
19 tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this title and  
20 alternative test scores administered to students pursuant to Section  
21 1210.523 of this title divided by the number of students taking the  
22 tests;

23 2. Twenty-five percent (25%) on whole school growth, as  
24 measured by allocating one point for each student who improves



1 proficiency levels or improves substantially within a proficiency  
2 level on criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction tests  
3 administered under Section 1210.508 of this title divided by the  
4 number of students taking the tests; and

5 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) on growth in the bottom quartile  
6 of students, as measured by allocating one point for each student in  
7 the bottom quartile who improves proficiency levels or improves  
8 substantially within a proficiency level on criterion-referenced  
9 tests and end-of-instruction tests administered under Section  
10 1210.508 of this title divided by the number of students taking the  
11 tests.

12 E. In addition to the components outlined in subsection D of  
13 this section, the following bonus points shall be considered in  
14 determining the grade of a school site:

15 1. For schools comprised of high school grades:

- 16 a. five points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for  
17 the high school graduation rate of the school, as  
18 defined by rules adopted by the Board,
- 19 b. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for  
20 performance or participation of students in College  
21 Board Advanced Placement courses, International  
22 Baccalaureate courses, concurrent enrollment courses,  
23 Advanced International Certificate of Education  
24 courses, or the achievement of students on national



1 industry certification, as defined by rules adopted by  
2 the Board,

3 c. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for  
4 participation or performance in SAT tests administered  
5 by the College Board or the American College Test  
6 (ACT), as defined by rules adopted by the Board,

7 d. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the  
8 high school graduation rate of students who scored at  
9 limited knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-  
10 grade criterion-referenced tests in reading and  
11 mathematics,

12 e. as valid data becomes available, one point for the  
13 performance of students on the end-of-instruction  
14 tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this  
15 title, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and

16 f. one point for the growth or decline in the components  
17 listed in subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph  
18 from year to year, as defined by rules adopted by the  
19 Board;

20 2. For schools comprised of middle school grades:

21 a. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the  
22 drop-out rate of the school, as defined by rules  
23 adopted by the Board,  
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- b. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the percentage of students who are taking higher level coursework at a satisfactory or higher level, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and
- c. six points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board; and

3. For schools comprised of elementary school grades, ten points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board.

F. Student test data used in determining school grades shall include:

1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school who have been administered the criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this title; and

2. For schools comprised of high school grades, the data listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and the following data as the State Department of Education determines the data are valid and available:

- a. the high school graduation rate of the school as calculated by the Department,
- b. the participation rate of all eligible students enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced



1 Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a  
2 technology center school, or a regional site of the  
3 Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics,  
4 International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent  
5 enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate  
6 of Education courses, courses or sequence of courses  
7 leading to national industry certification identified  
8 pursuant to rules adopted by the Board, courses or  
9 sequence of courses granted cooperative college  
10 alliance credit taken at a technology center school,  
11 and science, technology, engineering and mathematics  
12 courses taken at a regional site of the Oklahoma  
13 School of Science and Mathematics,

14 c. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled  
15 in the school in College Board Advanced Placement  
16 courses whether taught at a high school, a technology  
17 center school, or a regional site of the Oklahoma  
18 School of Science and Mathematics, International  
19 Baccalaureate courses, and Advanced International  
20 Certificate of Education courses,

21 d. earning of college credit by all eligible students  
22 enrolled in the school in concurrent enrollment  
23 programs as provided for in Section 628.13 of this  
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- 1 title and in cooperative college alliance courses  
2 taken at a technology center school,
- 3 e. earning of a national industry certification  
4 identified pursuant to rules adopted by the Board,
- 5 f. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled  
6 in the school in reading, mathematics, and other  
7 subjects as measured by the SAT test administered by  
8 the College Board and the ACT,
- 9 g. the high school graduation rate of all eligible  
10 students enrolled in the school who scored at limited  
11 knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-grade  
12 criterion-referenced tests in reading and mathematics,
- 13 h. the performance of students on statewide end-of-  
14 instruction tests administered under Section 1210.508  
15 of this title, and
- 16 i. the growth or decline in the data components listed in  
17 subparagraphs a through h of this paragraph from year  
18 to year.

19 G. Grades shall be calculated by combining the points earned  
20 for whole school performance, whole school growth and growth in the  
21 bottom quartile of students, measured pursuant to subsection D of  
22 this section, and any bonus points earned pursuant to subsection E  
23 of this section. Grades shall be assigned based on the following  
24 scale:



1. Ninety-seven percent (97%) to one hundred percent (100%) = A+;
2. Ninety-three percent (93%) to ninety-six percent (96%) = A;
3. Ninety percent (90%) to ninety-two percent (92%) = A-;
4. Eighty-seven percent (87%) to eighty-nine percent (89%) = B+;
5. Eighty-three percent (83%) to eighty-six percent (86%) = B;
6. Eighty percent (80%) to eighty-two percent (82%) = B-;
7. Seventy-seven percent (77%) to seventy-nine percent (79%) = C+;
8. Seventy-three percent (73%) to seventy-six percent (76%) = C;
9. Seventy percent (70%) to seventy-two percent (72%) = C-;
10. Sixty-seven percent (67%) to sixty-nine percent (69%) = D+;
11. Sixty-three percent (63%) to sixty-six percent (66%) = D;
12. Sixty percent (60%) to sixty-two percent (62%) = D-; and
13. Fifty-nine percent (59%) and below = F.

H. The annual report shall identify the performance of each school as having improved, remained the same, or declined. This school improvement rating shall be based on a comparison of the student and school performance data of the current year to the previous year data. Schools that improve at least one grade level are eligible for school recognition as established by the Board



1 through the accountability system developed pursuant to Section  
2 1210.541 of this title.

3 I. The State Department of Education shall annually develop, in  
4 collaboration with school districts and the Office of Educational  
5 Quality and Accountability, a school site report card to be  
6 delivered to parents throughout each school district. The report  
7 card shall include the grade for the school, information regarding  
8 school improvement, an explanation of school performance as  
9 evaluated in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education  
10 Act of 2001 (ESEA), P.L. No. 107-110, also known as the No Child  
11 Left Behind Act of 2001, and indicators of return on investment.  
12 The report card for each school site shall be published annually by  
13 the Department on its website, and every school district shall  
14 provide the school site report card to the parent or guardian of  
15 each student enrolled in the school site.

16 J. The Legislature may factor in the performance of schools in  
17 calculating any performance-based funding policy that is provided to  
18 public school districts.

19 K. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
20 implement the provisions of this section.

21 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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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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