

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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By: Clinton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2603, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2603), which relates to eligibility requirements; changing term from certified classroom teacher to school employee; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2605, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2605), which relates to participation in the program; changing term from certified classroom teacher to school employee; modifying definition; 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. 2021, Section 2603, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2603), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2603. A. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection B of this section and elsewhere in this section, to be eligible to participate in the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and to qualify for an award which includes payment of an

1 amount equivalent to resident tuition or other tuition pursuant to  
2 Section 2604 of this title for the first semester or other academic  
3 unit of postsecondary enrollment, a student shall:

4 1. Be a resident of this state or be enrolled in a school  
5 district located in this state that serves students who reside in  
6 both this state and an adjacent state pursuant to a contract as  
7 authorized in Section 5-117.1 of this title;

8 2. Be a United States citizen or lawfully present in the United  
9 States. A student who is not a United States citizen or lawfully  
10 present in the United States shall not be eligible to participate in  
11 the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and to qualify for an  
12 award notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3242 of this title.  
13 The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any student who  
14 was enrolled in the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program prior to  
15 the end of the 2006-2007 school year;

16 3. Have a record of satisfactory compliance with agreements  
17 executed pursuant to Section 2605 of this title;

18 4. a. Have graduated within the previous three (3) years  
19 from a high school accredited by the State Board of  
20 Education or the Oklahoma School of Science and  
21 Mathematics with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point  
22 average on a 4.0 scale for all work attempted in  
23 grades nine through twelve,  
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- 1           b.    Have graduated within the previous three (3) years  
2                from a high school not accredited by the State Board  
3                of Education with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point  
4                average on a 4.0 scale for all work attempted in  
5                grades nine through twelve and have achieved a  
6                composite score of 22 or higher on the ACT test, or  
7           c.    Have satisfactorily completed within the previous  
8                three (3) years an educational program that was  
9                provided through a means other than a public or  
10              private school and have achieved a composite score of  
11              22 or higher on the ACT test;

12           5.    Have completed the curricular requirements for admission to  
13   an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.  
14   Students shall also have attained a 2.5 grade point average in the  
15   core curriculum courses.   Students who attended a high school which  
16   did not offer all the core curriculum courses or students who were  
17   educated by other means and were not offered all the core curriculum  
18   courses shall be allowed to satisfy this curriculum requirement by  
19   participating in a program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents  
20   for Higher Education for remediation of high school curricular  
21   deficiencies;

22           6.    Have satisfied admission standards as determined by the  
23   Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for first-time-entering  
24   students for the appropriate type of institution, or, if attending a

1 private institution, have satisfied admission standards as  
2 determined by the private institution. No student participating in  
3 the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program shall be admitted into  
4 an institution of higher education by special admission standards;

5 7. Have secured admission to, and enrolled in, an institution  
6 which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,  
7 a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by a technology  
8 center school that meets the requirements to be eligible for federal  
9 student financial aid, or a private institution of higher learning  
10 located within this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of  
11 this title; and

12 8. a. Have established financial need according to the  
13 provisions of subsection D of Section 2605 of this  
14 title and standards and provisions promulgated by the  
15 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,

16 b. If the student was adopted between birth and twelve  
17 (12) years of age while in the permanent custody of  
18 the Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered  
19 custody of a licensed private nonprofit child-placing  
20 agency, or federally recognized Indian tribe, as  
21 defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of  
22 1978, have established financial need according to the  
23 provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection E of Section  
24 2605 of this title and standards and provisions

1 promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
2 Education,

3 c. If the student was adopted between thirteen (13) and  
4 seventeen (17) years of age while in the permanent  
5 custody of the Department of Human Services, in the  
6 court-ordered custody of a licensed private nonprofit  
7 child-placing agency, or federally recognized Indian  
8 tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare  
9 Act of 1978, have established financial need according  
10 to the provisions of paragraph 2 of subsection E of  
11 Section 2605 of this title and standards and  
12 provisions promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents  
13 for Higher Education,

14 d. If the student was placed in the custody of the  
15 Department of Human Services at any time during the  
16 eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade and enrolls in  
17 the program no later than his or her official date of  
18 high school graduation, have established financial  
19 need according to the provisions of paragraph 3 of  
20 subsection E of Section 2605 of this title and  
21 standards and provisions promulgated by the Oklahoma  
22 State Regents for Higher Education, or

23 e. If the student is the child of a ~~certified classroom~~  
24 ~~teacher~~ school employee and meets the provisions of

1 paragraph 5 of subsection E of Section 2605 of this  
2 title. For the purposes of this paragraph, "~~certified~~  
3 ~~classroom teacher~~ school employee" shall have the same  
4 meaning as provided in subparagraph d of paragraph 5  
5 of subsection E of Section 2605 of this title.

6 B. 1. A student shall be eligible to participate in the  
7 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program and to qualify for an award  
8 which includes payment of an amount equivalent to resident tuition  
9 or other tuition pursuant to Section 2604 of this title for the  
10 first semester or other academic unit of postsecondary enrollment if  
11 the student meets all of the following criteria:

12 a. is a child of any person killed after January 1, 2000,  
13 in the line of duty in any branch of the United States  
14 Armed Forces or who died after January 1, 2000, as a  
15 result of an injury sustained while in the line of  
16 duty in any branch of the United States Armed Forces  
17 and the person who was killed or died filed an  
18 individual or joint Oklahoma income tax return for the  
19 tax year prior to the year during which the person was  
20 killed or died,

21 b. is a resident of this state or is enrolled in a school  
22 district located in this state that serves students  
23 who reside in both this state and an adjacent state  
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1           pursuant to a contract as authorized in Section 5-  
2           117.1 of this title,

3           c.   enrolls in an institution within The Oklahoma State  
4           System of Higher Education prior to reaching the age  
5           of twenty-one (21),

6           d.   has satisfied admission standards as determined by the  
7           Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for first-  
8           time-entering students for the appropriate type of  
9           institution, or, if attending a private institution,  
10          has satisfied admission standards as determined by the  
11          private institution. No student participating in the  
12          Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program shall be  
13          admitted into an institution of higher education by  
14          special admission standards,

15          e.   has secured admission to, and enrolled in, an  
16          institution which is a member of The Oklahoma State  
17          System of Higher Education, a postsecondary  
18          vocational-technical program offered by a technology  
19          center school that meets the requirements to be  
20          eligible for federal student financial aid, or a  
21          private institution of higher learning located within  
22          this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of  
23          this title, and

1           f.     executes an agreement pursuant to subsection C of  
2                 Section 2605 of this title.

3           2.    A student who is eligible to participate in the program  
4           pursuant to this subsection shall not be required to meet the  
5           eligibility requirements set forth in subsection A of this section.

6           C.    To retain eligibility while pursuing the program of higher  
7           learning in which enrolled, the student shall:

8           1.    Meet the requirements for retention and degree completion as  
9           established by the institution in which the student is enrolled;

10          2.    Maintain good academic standing and satisfactory academic  
11          progress according to standards of the Oklahoma State Regents for  
12          Higher Education;

13          3.    Maintain satisfactory academic progress as required for  
14          eligibility for federal Title IV student financial aid programs.  
15          The provisions of this paragraph shall become effective for the  
16          2012-2013 school year;

17          4.    Comply with the standards related to maintenance of  
18          eligibility as promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
19          Education; and

20          5.    Refrain from conduct that leads to expulsion or suspension  
21          of more than one semester from an institution of higher education.  
22          A student who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall  
23          permanently lose eligibility for program benefits. The provisions  
24          of this paragraph shall become effective January 1, 2008.



1 D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
2 State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate  
3 rules relating to maintenance of eligibility under the Oklahoma  
4 Higher Learning Access Act by a student.

5 E. It is the intent of the Legislature that students in the  
6 ninth grade for the 1992-93 school year who are determined to be  
7 eligible Oklahoma Higher Learning Access students pursuant to the  
8 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Act shall be the first students  
9 eligible for benefits from the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Trust  
10 Fund.

11 F. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are  
12 authorized to study, develop, and propose criteria for determining  
13 award eligibility based upon the completion of seven semesters of  
14 high school coursework by a student.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 2605, as  
16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 485, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp.  
17 2025, Section 2605), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2605. A. Each school year, every fifth- through  
19 eleventh-grade student in the public and private schools of this  
20 state and students who are educated by other means and are in the  
21 equivalent of the fifth through eleventh grade shall be apprised,  
22 together with the parent, custodial parent, or guardian of the  
23 student, of the opportunity for access to higher learning under the  
24 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program. The Oklahoma State Regents

1 for Higher Education and the State Board of Education shall develop,  
2 promote, and coordinate a public awareness program to be utilized in  
3 making students and parents aware of the Oklahoma Higher Learning  
4 Access Program.

5 B. On a form provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
6 Education, every public school district shall designate at least one  
7 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program contact person, who shall be  
8 a counselor or teacher, at each public school site in this state in  
9 which eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade classes are taught.  
10 When requested by the State Regents, the State Board of Education  
11 shall assist the State Regents to ensure the designation of contact  
12 persons. Private schools shall also designate at least one school  
13 official as a contact person. For students who are educated by  
14 other means, a parent or guardian or other person approved by the  
15 State Regents shall be designated the contact person.

16 C. 1. Students who qualify on the basis of financial need  
17 according to subsection D or E of this section or who meet the  
18 eligibility qualification set forth in subparagraph a of paragraph 1  
19 of subsection B of Section 2603 of this title no later than December  
20 31 of their twelfth-grade year or prior to reaching the age of  
21 seventeen (17) and who qualify on the basis of the standards and  
22 provisions promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
23 Education shall be given the opportunity throughout the eighth-,  
24 ninth-, tenth-, and eleventh-grade years and no later than December

1 31 of the twelfth-grade year, for students enrolled in a public or  
2 private school, or between the ages of thirteen (13) and seventeen  
3 (17), for students who are educated by other means, to enter into  
4 participation in the program by agreeing to, throughout the  
5 remainder of their school years or educational program:

- 6 a. attend school or an educational program regularly and  
7 do homework regularly,
- 8 b. refrain from substance abuse,
- 9 c. refrain from commission of crimes or delinquent acts,
- 10 d. have school work and school records reviewed by  
11 mentors designated pursuant to the program,
- 12 e. provide information requested by the Oklahoma State  
13 Regents for Higher Education or the State Board of  
14 Education, and
- 15 f. participate in program activities.

16 2. Students who meet the eligibility qualification set forth in  
17 subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 2603 of  
18 this title after December 31 of their twelfth-grade year or after  
19 reaching the age of eighteen (18) shall be given the opportunity  
20 prior to reaching the age of twenty-one (21) to enter into  
21 participation in the program and shall execute an agreement with  
22 provisions as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
23 Education.

1        3. The contact person shall maintain the agreements, which  
2 shall be executed on forms provided by the Oklahoma State Regents  
3 for Higher Education and managed according to regulations  
4 promulgated by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, and  
5 the contact person shall monitor compliance of the student with the  
6 terms of the agreement. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
7 Education are authorized to process student agreements and verify  
8 compliance with the agreements. Students failing to comply with the  
9 terms of the agreement shall not be eligible for the awards provided  
10 in Section 2604 of this title.

11        4. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may provide  
12 an exception to the age limits provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of  
13 this subsection pursuant to subsection L of this section.

14        5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 5-132 and 5-132.1  
15 of this title, a student who is age twenty-one (21) or older shall  
16 not be eligible to enter into participation in the program.

17        D. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection E of this  
18 section and except for students who qualify pursuant to subsection B  
19 of Section 2603 of this title, a student shall not be found to be in  
20 financial need for purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access  
21 Program if:

22        1. Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, or tenth-grade students who  
23 are enrolled in a public or private school or students between the  
24 ages of thirteen (13) and fifteen (15) who are educated by other

1 means who apply for participation in the program in the 2017-2018  
2 school year, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
3 ~~parent(s)~~ parents exceeds Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00)  
4 per year;

5 2. Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade  
6 students who are enrolled in a public or private school or students  
7 between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) who are educated  
8 by other means who apply for participation in the program in the  
9 2021-2022 school year, the federal adjusted gross income of the  
10 student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$60,000.00) per year;

12 3. Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade  
13 students who are enrolled in a public or private school or students  
14 between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) who are educated  
15 by other means who apply for participation in the program in the  
16 2022-2023 school year:

17 a. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
18 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have two or fewer dependent  
19 children, exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00)  
20 per year,

21 b. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
22 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have three or four dependent  
23 children, exceeds Seventy Thousand Dollars  
24 (\$70,000.00) per year, or

1 c. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
2 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have five or more dependent  
3 children, exceeds Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00)  
4 per year;

5 4. Beginning with eighth-, ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade  
6 students or twelfth-grade students no later than December 31 of  
7 their twelfth-grade year who are enrolled in a public or private  
8 school or students between the ages of thirteen (13) and seventeen  
9 (17) who are educated by other means who apply for participation in  
10 the program in the 2025-2026 school year:

11 a. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
12 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have two or fewer dependent  
13 children, exceeds Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00)  
14 per year,

15 b. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
16 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have three or four dependent  
17 children, exceeds Seventy Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$70,000.00) per year, or

19 c. the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
20 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, who have five or more dependent  
21 children, exceeds Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00)  
22 per year;

23 5. Beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, prior to  
24 receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award

1 for any year during which the student is enrolled in an institution  
2 which is a member of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,  
3 a postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by a technology  
4 center school that meets the requirements to be eligible for federal  
5 student financial aid, or a private institution of higher learning  
6 located within this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of  
7 this title, the federal adjusted gross income of the student's  
8 ~~parent(s)~~ parents exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)  
9 per year.

10 The determination of financial qualification as set forth in  
11 this paragraph shall be based on the income of the student, not the  
12 income of the ~~parent(s)~~ parents, if a student:

- 13 a. is determined to be independent of the student's  
14 parents for federal financial aid purposes,
- 15 b. was in the permanent custody of the Department of  
16 Human Services at the time the student enrolled in the  
17 program, or
- 18 c. was in the court-ordered custody of a federally  
19 recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the federal  
20 Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, at the time the  
21 student enrolled in the program.

22 The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to any student who  
23 has received an Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit  
24 award after the 2017-2018 school year; and

1       6. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall review  
2 the determination of financial qualification as set forth in  
3 paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this subsection if the income from  
4 taxable and nontaxable sources of the student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents  
5 includes income received from nontaxable military benefits or income  
6 received from the federal Social Security Administration due to the  
7 death or disability of the student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents. If the  
8 income from taxable and nontaxable sources of the student's  
9 ~~parent(s)~~ parents, excluding income received from nontaxable  
10 military benefits or income received from the federal Social  
11 Security Administration due to the death or disability of the  
12 student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents, does not exceed the limitations set  
13 forth by paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this subsection, the student  
14 shall be determined to have met the financial qualification set  
15 forth in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this subsection.

16       E. 1. A student who was adopted between birth and twelve (12)  
17 years of age while in the permanent custody of the Department of  
18 Human Services, in the court-ordered custody of a licensed private  
19 nonprofit child-placing agency, or federally recognized Indian  
20 tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978,  
21 shall not be found to be in financial need for purposes of the  
22 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program if at the time the student  
23 begins postsecondary education and prior to receiving any Oklahoma  
24 Higher Learning Access Program benefit award, the federal adjusted



1 gross income of the student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents exceeds One Hundred  
2 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) per year. The provisions of  
3 this paragraph shall not apply to any student who has received an  
4 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award prior to the  
5 2012-2013 school year.

6 2. A student who was adopted between thirteen (13) and  
7 seventeen (17) years of age while in the permanent custody of the  
8 Department of Human Services, in the court-ordered custody of a  
9 licensed private nonprofit child-placing agency, or federally  
10 recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child  
11 Welfare Act of 1978, shall not be found to be in financial need for  
12 purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program if at the  
13 time the student begins postsecondary education and prior to  
14 receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award,  
15 the federal adjusted gross income of the student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents  
16 exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per year. The  
17 provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any student who has  
18 received an Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award  
19 prior to the 2012-2013 school year.

20 3. A student who was placed in the custody of the Department of  
21 Human Services at any time during the eighth, ninth, tenth, or  
22 eleventh grade and enrolls in the program no later than his or her  
23 official date of high school graduation shall not be found to be in  
24 financial need for purposes of the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access

1 Program if the federal adjusted gross income of the student exceeds  
2 Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year.

3 4. Except for students who qualify pursuant to subsection B of  
4 Section 2603 of this title, the determination of financial  
5 qualification as set forth in this subsection shall be based on the  
6 income of the student, not the income of the ~~parent(s)~~ parents, if  
7 the student is determined to be independent of the student's parents  
8 for federal financial aid purposes. A determination of financial  
9 qualification shall not be required for the student who meets the  
10 criteria set forth in this subsection at the time the student  
11 applies for participation in the program. The provisions of this  
12 paragraph shall not apply to any student who has received an  
13 Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award prior to the  
14 2008-2009 school year.

15 5. a. A student who is the child of a ~~certified classroom~~  
16 ~~teacher~~ school employee at the time the student  
17 applies for participation in the Oklahoma Higher  
18 Learning Access Program shall not be found to be in  
19 financial need for the purposes of the Oklahoma Higher  
20 Learning Access Program if, beginning with eighth-,  
21 ninth-, tenth-, or eleventh-grade students or twelfth-  
22 grade students no later than December 31 of their  
23 twelfth-grade year who are enrolled in a public or  
24 private school or students between thirteen (13) and

1           seventeen (17) years of age who are educated by other  
2           means who apply for participation in the program in  
3           the 2025-2026 school year, the household income of the  
4           student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents is equal to or greater  
5           than seven hundred percent (700%) of the federal  
6           poverty level (FPL).

7           b.   Prior to receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access  
8           Program benefit award for any year during which the  
9           student is enrolled in an institution that is a member  
10          of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, a  
11          postsecondary vocational-technical program offered by  
12          a technology center school that meets the eligibility  
13          requirements for federal student financial aid, or a  
14          private institution of higher learning located within  
15          this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of  
16          this title, the household income of the ~~parent(s)~~  
17          parents of a student who qualifies pursuant to this  
18          paragraph shall not be equal to or greater than seven  
19          hundred percent (700%) of the federal poverty level  
20          (FPL).

21          c.   The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
22          verify the full-time employment status of the  
23          student's ~~parent(s)~~ parents prior to a student who  
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1           qualifies pursuant to this paragraph receiving any  
2           Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program benefit award.

- 3           d. For the purposes of this paragraph, "~~certified~~  
4           ~~classroom teacher~~ school employee" means a ~~certified,~~  
5           ~~full-time classroom teacher who has been employed as a~~  
6           ~~teacher in a public school district classroom~~ person  
7           defined as a teacher in paragraph 1 of Section 1-116  
8           of this title who has taught in this state for a  
9           minimum of ten (10) years prior to his or her child  
10          applying for participation in the program or a person  
11          defined as a support employee in paragraph 9 of  
12          Section 1-116 of this title who has been employed by a  
13          school district in this state for a minimum of ten  
14          (10) years prior to his or her child applying for  
15          participation in the program. The ~~teacher is~~ school  
16          employee shall not be required to have been employed  
17          by the same public school district for ten (10)  
18          consecutive years. ~~Certified classroom teacher does~~  
19          ~~not mean a certified teacher~~ School employee shall not  
20          include any person who is employed as a school  
21          district superintendent, principal, or any other  
22          position within the administration of a public school  
23          district when his or her child applies for  
24          participation in the program or prior to his or her

1 child receiving any Oklahoma Higher Learning Access  
2 Program benefit award.

3 F. The financial qualification of a student as set forth in  
4 subsections D and E of this section shall be certified by the  
5 contact person or by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
6 on the agreement form provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for  
7 Higher Education. The form shall be retained in the permanent  
8 record of the student and a copy forwarded to the Oklahoma State  
9 Regents for Higher Education.

10 G. Agreements shall be witnessed by the parent, custodial  
11 parent, or guardian of the student, who shall further agree to:

12 1. Assist the student in achieving compliance with the  
13 agreements;

14 2. Confer, when requested to do so, with the school contact  
15 person, other school personnel, and program mentors;

16 3. Provide information requested by the Oklahoma State Regents  
17 for Higher Education or the State Board of Education; and

18 4. Assist the student in completing forms and reports required  
19 for program participation, making applications to institutions and  
20 schools of higher learning, and filing applications for student  
21 grants and scholarships.

22 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
23 promulgate rules for the determination of student compliance with  
24 agreements made pursuant to this section.

1 I. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
2 designate personnel to coordinate tracking of program records for  
3 the years when students participating in the program are still in  
4 the schools or are being educated by other means, provide staff  
5 development for contact persons in the schools, and provide liaison  
6 with the State Board of Education and local organizations and  
7 individuals participating in the program.

8 J. The school district where an Oklahoma Higher Learning Access  
9 Program student is enrolled when the student begins participation in  
10 the program and any subsequent school district where the student  
11 enrolls shall forward information regarding participation by the  
12 student in the program to a school to which the student transfers  
13 upon the request of the school for the records of the student.

14 K. Students participating in the Oklahoma Higher Learning  
15 Access Program shall provide their Social Security number or their  
16 student identification number used by their school to the Oklahoma  
17 State Regents for Higher Education. The State Regents shall keep  
18 the numbers confidential and use them only for administrative  
19 purposes.

20 L. The State Regents may provide an exception to the age limits  
21 provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection C of this section  
22 to a student due to hardship circumstances and allow an application  
23 to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program for twelfth-grade  
24 students enrolled in a public or private school and students who are

1 educated by other means and are in the equivalent of twelfth grade.  
2 Provided, however, the exception due to hardship circumstances shall  
3 not apply to:

4 1. A student enrolled in a public or private school after the  
5 student's official date of high school graduation;

6 2. A student educated by other means who is age nineteen (19)  
7 or older; or

8 3. Any student who is age twenty-one (21) or older.

9 The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall promulgate  
10 rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

12 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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