

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3550

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to teacher salaries; amending Section 1, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 2023, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 480, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 18-114.15), which relates to the minimum salary schedule; authorizing annual automatic minimum salary schedule adjustments based on Consumer Price Index; using the calendar year 2025 as a base year; providing no adjustment for years the Consumer Price Index has a decline; requiring the State Board of Education to make the determination of the amount of increase to the minimum salary schedule each year; requiring the Board submit the amount to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate; directing the Board post the minimum salary schedule and annual adjustments on the Board's Internet website; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 2023, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 480, O.S.L. 2025 (70 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 18-114.15), is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.15. A. ~~Beginning with~~ 1. For the 2025-2026 school year, certified personnel, as defined in Section 26-103 of this title, in the public schools of this state shall receive in

salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

National

Years of Experience	Bachelor's Degree	Board Certification	Master's Degree	Doctor's Degree
0	\$39,601	\$40,759	\$40,991	\$42,381
1	\$40,035	\$41,193	\$41,425	\$42,815
2	\$40,469	\$41,628	\$41,859	\$43,249
3	\$40,904	\$42,062	\$42,294	\$43,684
4	\$41,338	\$42,496	\$42,728	\$44,118
5	\$42,810	\$43,968	\$44,200	\$45,590
6	\$43,273	\$44,432	\$44,663	\$46,054
7	\$43,737	\$44,895	\$45,127	\$46,517
8	\$44,200	\$45,358	\$45,590	\$46,980
9	\$44,663	\$45,822	\$46,054	\$47,444
10	\$46,684	\$47,844	\$48,568	\$50,945
11	\$47,177	\$48,336	\$49,061	\$51,438
12	\$47,670	\$48,829	\$49,554	\$51,931
13	\$48,162	\$49,322	\$50,047	\$52,424
14	\$48,655	\$49,815	\$50,539	\$52,916
15	\$50,167	\$51,327	\$52,052	\$54,430
16	\$50,660	\$51,820	\$52,545	\$54,923
17	\$51,153	\$52,313	\$53,038	\$55,416

1	18	\$51,646	\$52,806	\$53,531	\$55,909
2	19	\$52,139	\$53,299	\$54,024	\$56,402
3	20	\$52,652	\$53,813	\$54,538	\$56,917
4	21	\$53,145	\$54,306	\$55,031	\$57,410
5	22	\$53,639	\$54,799	\$55,524	\$57,903
6	23	\$54,132	\$55,292	\$56,018	\$58,397
7	24	\$54,625	\$55,785	\$56,511	\$58,890
8	25	\$56,049	\$57,232	\$57,971	\$60,395
9	26	\$56,542	\$57,725	\$58,464	\$60,888
10	27	\$57,035	\$58,218	\$58,957	\$61,381
11	28	\$57,528	\$58,711	\$59,450	\$61,874
12	29	\$58,021	\$59,204	\$59,943	\$62,367
13	30	\$58,541	\$59,724	\$60,463	\$62,887
14	31	\$59,001	\$60,184	\$60,923	\$63,347
15	32	\$59,494	\$60,677	\$61,416	\$63,840
16	33	\$59,987	\$61,170	\$61,909	\$64,333
17	34	\$60,480	\$61,663	\$62,402	\$64,826
18	35	\$60,973	\$62,156	\$62,895	\$65,319

19 Master's Degree +

20 Years of National Board

21 Experience Certification

22 0 \$42,149

23 1 \$42,583

24 2 \$43,018

1	3	\$43,452
2	4	\$43,886
3	5	\$45,358
4	6	\$45,822
5	7	\$46,285
6	8	\$46,749
7	9	\$47,212
8	10	\$49,728
9	11	\$50,221
10	12	\$50,713
11	13	\$51,206
12	14	\$51,699
13	15	\$53,212
14	16	\$53,705
15	17	\$54,198
16	18	\$54,691
17	19	\$55,184
18	20	\$55,698
19	21	\$56,192
20	22	\$56,685
21	23	\$57,178
22	24	\$57,671
23	25	\$59,153
24	26	\$59,646

27	\$60,139
28	\$60,632
29	\$61,125
30	\$61,645
31	\$62,105
32	\$62,598
33	\$63,091
34	\$63,584
35	\$64,077

2. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and each school year thereafter, the minimum salary schedule shall be adjusted automatically each school year by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the most recent calendar year ending before the beginning of such school year exceeds the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 2025. No adjustment to the minimum salary schedule shall be made for any school year in which there is a decline in the Consumer Price Index. The State Board of Education shall determine the amount of the increase, if any, on April 1 of each year to be added to the minimum salary schedule for the upcoming school year and shall submit the amount of the increase determined by the Board to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Board shall post on the Board's Internet

1 website the most current minimum salary schedule and the annual
2 adjustment amounts.

3 B. 1. When determining the minimum salary schedule, "fringe
4 benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding
5 the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1
6 of this title and the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to Section
7 26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit allowance funds
8 disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board of
9 Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of this
10 title.

11 2. If a school district intends to provide retirement benefits
12 to a teacher such that the teacher's salary would be less than the
13 amounts set forth in the minimum salary schedule specified in
14 subsection A of this section, the district shall be required to
15 provide written notification to the teacher prior to his or her
16 employment or, if already employed by the district, no later than
17 thirty (30) days prior to the date the district elects to provide
18 retirement benefits such that the teacher's salary would be less
19 than the minimum salary schedule.

20 C. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from
21 a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The Board
22 shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts
23 that are accredited by the State Board of Education or appropriate
24 state accrediting agency for the districts. The Board shall accept

1 teaching experience from out-of-country schools that are accredited
2 or otherwise endorsed by the appropriate national or regional
3 accrediting or endorsement authority. Out-of-country certification
4 documentation in a language other than English shall be analyzed by
5 an educational credential evaluation service in accordance with
6 industry standards and guidelines and approved by the State
7 Department of Education. The person seeking to have credit granted
8 for out-of-country teaching experience shall be responsible for all
9 costs of the analysis by a credential evaluation service. The Board
10 shall accept teaching experience from primary and secondary schools
11 that are operated by the United States Department of Defense or are
12 affiliated with the United States Department of State.

13 D. For the purpose of state salary increments and retirement,
14 no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of
15 active duty in the military service, as defined in Section 17-113 of
16 this title, or out-of-state or out-of-country teaching experience as
17 a certified teacher or its equivalent. Nothing in this section
18 shall prohibit boards of education from crediting more years of
19 experience on district salary schedules than those allowed for state
20 purposes.

21 E. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes
22 of certification and salary increments, all the years of experience
23 of a:

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1 1. Certified teacher who teaches in the educational program of
2 the Department of Corrections, beginning with fiscal year 1981;

3 2. Vocational rehabilitation counselor under the Department of
4 Human Services if the counselor was employed as a certified teacher
5 by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational
6 Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and
7 Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma
8 Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968;

9 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed
10 while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor
11 was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a
12 teacher in this state;

13 4. Certified teacher which were completed while employed by the
14 Child Study Center located at University Hospital, if the teacher
15 was certified as a teacher in this state; and

16 5. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist which were
17 completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological
18 assistant, or psychologist with any agency of this state if the
19 experience primarily involved work with persons of school- or
20 preschool-age and if the person was, at the time the experience was
21 acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school
22 psychologist or psychometrist.

1 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers
2 who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school
3 in this state and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

4 G. Persons employed as classroom instructional employees of
5 technology center school districts supervised by the State Board of
6 Career and Technology Education shall receive a salary increase
7 amount equal to the amount indicated in subsection A of this section
8 for the step level indicated for the person, provided they remain
9 employed by the same technology center school district, unless the
10 hours or the duties of the classroom instructional employees are
11 reduced proportionately.

12 H. Persons employed as correctional teachers or vocational
13 instructors by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Section
14 510.6a of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes or persons employed as
15 teachers by the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall receive a salary
16 increase amount equal to the amount indicated in subsection A of
17 this section for the step level indicated for the person, provided
18 they remain employed by the same Department of Corrections or Office
19 of Juvenile Affairs facility, unless the hours or the duties of the
20 correctional teachers, vocational instructors, or teachers are
21 reduced proportionately.

22 I. Persons employed as teachers by the State Department of
23 Rehabilitation Services shall receive a salary increase amount equal
24 to the amount indicated in subsection A of this section for the step

1 level indicated for the person, provided they remain employed by the
2 State Department of Rehabilitation Services, unless the hours or the
3 duties of the teachers are reduced proportionately.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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