

# 2026 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 4



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### INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Connors State College
- ▶ Northeastern State University

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Cherokee
- ▶ Wagoner

### HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA



**Over 200,000** students  
enrolled annually



**Over 41,000** degrees and  
certificates awarded at all  
levels in the last academic  
year, and an increase of **more  
than 15%** over the last decade



For every \$1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher  
education **yields \$17.48 in economic output.**



Associate and bachelor's degree holders **earn a median income 25% and  
75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



Data from the National Center for Education Statistics show the **cost of  
attendance** at Oklahoma universities is **among the lowest in the nation.**



Over the last decade, STEM degrees **increased nearly 29%** at all levels.



Our students learn here, earn here — **91%** of Oklahomans who graduate  
from a state system college or university remain and work in the state one  
year after graduation.



Of Oklahoma's 100 critical occupations, the **top 22** highest-paying jobs  
require an associate degree or higher, and **eight of the top 10** fastest-  
growing jobs require a college degree.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

### Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 10,946 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

### Graduation

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 2,128 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 4.

### Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 4, 216 students from the 2025 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 314 high school students in District 4 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 2,735 high school students from District 4 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, over 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 4 received approximately \$4.6 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

### Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 783 students enrolled in 8,609 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 4.