



2026 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

DISTRICT 49



Rep. Josh Cantrell

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INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- Cameron University
- Murray State College
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University

COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- Carter
- Love
- Marshall

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**.



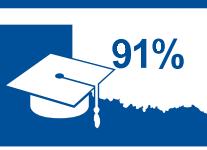
Associate and bachelor's degree holders **earn a median income 25% and 75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



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

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Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 16,006 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 49.

Graduation

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 3,173 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 49.

Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 49, 182 students from the 2025 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 316 high school students in District 49 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 2,631 high school students from District 49 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, nearly 800 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 49 received approximately \$4.2 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 2,513 students enrolled in 23,590 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 49.

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