

# 2026 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

## DISTRICT 27



**Sen. Casey Murdock**  
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### INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Northwestern Oklahoma State University
- ▶ Oklahoma Panhandle State University

### COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Beaver
- ▶ Cimarron
- ▶ Dewey
- ▶ Ellis
- ▶ Harper
- ▶ Major
- ▶ Roger Mills
- ▶ Texas
- ▶ Woods
- ▶ Woodward

### 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



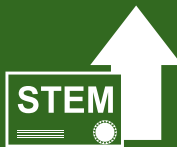
For every \$1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education **yields \$17.48 in economic output.**



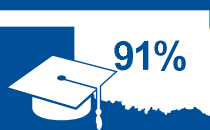
Associate and bachelor's degree holders **earn a median income 25% and 75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



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, 3,703 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 27.

#### Graduation

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 649 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 27.

#### Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 27, 232 students from the 2025 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 375 high school students in District 27 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 3,704 high school students from District 27 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, nearly 300 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 27 received approximately \$1.7 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

#### Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 443 students enrolled in 3,997 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 27.