

2026 HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT

DISTRICT 31



Sen. Spencer Kern
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INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

- ▶ Cameron University
- ▶ Murray State College
- ▶ Western Oklahoma State College

COUNTIES REPRESENTED

- ▶ Comanche
- ▶ Cotton
- ▶ Jefferson
- ▶ Love
- ▶ Stephens

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



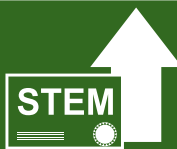
For every \$1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher
education **yields \$17.48 in economic output.**



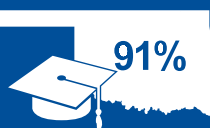
Associate and bachelor's degree holders **earn a median income 25% and
75% higher**, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.



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, 9,593 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 31.

Graduation

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 1,395 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 31.

Oklahoma's Promise

- ▶ In District 31, 370 students from the 2025 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ Currently, 633 high school students in District 31 are enrolled in Oklahoma's Promise.
- ▶ Since inception in 1992, 6,024 high school students from District 31 have received the Oklahoma's Promise scholarship.
- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, nearly 600 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 31 received approximately \$2.6 million in scholarships from Oklahoma's Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment

- ▶ During the 2024-25 academic year, 2,709 students enrolled in 25,554 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 31.