OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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2026-2027

OKLAHOMA TEACHER CONNECTION

TEACH OKLAHOMA

Program Agreement

THE OKLAHOMA TEACHER CONNECTION (OTC) WILL:

- Sponsor and fund training sessions and meetings designed to help implement the Teach Oklahoma program.
- Furnish curriculum guides and other support materials.
- Upon completion and receipt of the following, provide funds for the support of school site activities:
  - Undergo training in the Teach Oklahoma curriculum
  - Submit Program Agreement Form with appropriate signatures
  - Submit the Teacher and Administrator (or school/career tech) Contact Information Form
  - Submit the School Federal Identification Number
  - Ensure that all documentation from previous years (i.e., expenditure reports, surveys etc.) has been submitted.
  - Agree to submit documentation needed, regardless of the percentage of curriculum utilized or modified that is property of the Oklahoma Teacher Connection.

Note: The provision and amount of funding is contingent on annual state program appropriations.

THE HIGH SCHOOL / CAREER TECH WILL:

- Offer the Teach Oklahoma course on the school's regular schedule, not as an extra-curricular activity. Or if a modified version is used, the school/career tech will make known this procedure.
- Utilize all grant money (if provided) in accordance with purposes intended. The school agrees to try to utilize all grant funds and have no carry over balance for the next school year. The school/career tech agrees to return an expenditure report, receipts and documents, teacher and student surveys other necessary items required by the due date specified.
- Provide an experienced, certified teacher(s) with exemplary teaching skills and high student rapport to teach the course.
- Enroll students in the program who are identified as students with potential to succeed academically in high school and college. The selection for course enrollment will be partially based on:

Student interest in education careers
Overall school performance
Recommendations from teachers
Grade-point-average (upper 40% of class recommended)
Essay on why the student wants to be in the Teach Oklahoma class (optional)

- Emphasize the recruitment of students into teaching careers, in keeping with the program's aim to help expand the future pool of teachers. The Teach Oklahoma class will highlight and promote the teaching profession and the benefits of becoming a teacher in Oklahoma.
- Follow the Teach Oklahoma curriculum guidelines, the curriculum should be 75% of the material taught, with the understanding that teachers may develop activities of their own in keeping with the spirit of the program. Provide an internship opportunity for the students enrolled in the course.
- Agree to take part in training sessions and meetings sponsored and funded by OTC.
- Provide data to OTC about student enrollment and Teach Oklahoma activities at each site.
- Use program funding in accordance with OTC and OSRHE guidelines. Program funding may be used by the school to pay the cost of supplies and materials (curriculum publications and media), transportation, and to provide substitute teachers so that Teach Oklahoma teachers may field trips related to the goals of the OTC as well as OTC sponsored trainings, and meetings.
- Agrees not to share curriculum with others who do not have an official Teach Oklahoma course, with a Teach Oklahoma site agreement on file with the Oklahoma Teacher Connection.
- Agrees to provide the Oklahoma Teacher Connection with a photo release form for students who are photographed as a part of our programs.
- Keep track of checks as they are received and inform the Oklahoma Teacher Connection as soon as checks arrive to their site building and are deposited.
- **Return all unused funds in a timely manner by May 3, 2027, to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.**

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Administrator Information

NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

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SCHOOL FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____
(This number is needed for the OSRHE business office to process grant checks)

Teacher Information

NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Deadline: Form must be received by August 31, 2026

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