

Key Indicators of Accountability

Since 2000, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education have provided detailed information on the state of public higher education in Oklahoma. The latest report included key findings:

- College attendance and graduation rates are up.
- There has been some progress in preparing high school students for higher education, but more needs to be done.
- Because our public colleges are receiving less support, students and families are now responsible for a larger portion of higher education costs.

The report has been updated since it was published in 2004 and is available on our Web site at www.okhighered.org/oeis. Additional information is available through the Web and other sources. The State Regents' System Research staff is always willing to provide assistance to anyone who requests more information about higher education in Oklahoma. Contact Dr. Jim Purcell at 405.225.9100 for more information.

2006 Public Agenda

The State Regents have identified and adopted a strategic direction that is based on three facts:

1. Better-prepared high school students are more likely to be successful in college.
2. A college education enhances the quality of life, giving people a chance for better jobs and more financial security.
3. A college-educated workforce strengthens Oklahoma's economy.

With that in mind, the state system is working on implementation of the following projects:

A Web-based **student information portal** will assist adult learners, counselors, students and parents navigate the steps necessary to prepare for and apply to Oklahoma's colleges and universities.

An **adult degree completion program** will offer a streamlined way for former college students to finish their bachelor degrees.

Cooperative alliances between technology centers and community colleges will expand throughout the state, allowing more students to take college credit courses while still in high school.

Research will become more visible and better funded through implementation of the EDGE initiatives.

Regional **workforce development** efforts will focus on key employer needs, especially in shortage areas such as nursing and allied health.

Research Universities

1. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
2. OSU Center for Health Sciences, Tulsa
3. OSU-Tulsa
4. University of Oklahoma, Norman
5. OU Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City
6. OU-Tulsa

Regional Universities

7. Cameron University, Lawton
8. Cameron University, Duncan
9. East Central University, Ada
10. Langston University, Langston
11. Langston University, Tulsa
12. Northeastern State University, Tahlequah
13. Northeastern State University, Broken Arrow
14. Northeastern State University, Muskogee
15. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
16. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Enid
17. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Woodward
18. Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Goodwell
19. Rogers State University, Claremore
20. Rogers State University, Bartlesville
21. Rogers State University, Pryor
22. Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant
23. Southeastern Oklahoma State University, McCurtain County
24. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford

25. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Sayre
26. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond
27. University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha

Community Colleges

28. Carl Albert State College, Poteau
29. Carl Albert State College, Sallisaw
30. Connors State College, Warner
31. Connors State College, Muskogee
32. Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton
33. Eastern Oklahoma State College, Miami
34. Murray State College, Tishomingo
35. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Ardmore
36. Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa
37. Northern Oklahoma College, Enid
38. Oklahoma City Community College
39. Redlands Community College, El Reno
40. Rose State College, Midwest City
41. Seminole State College, Seminole
42. Tulsa Community College
43. Western Oklahoma State College, Altus

Technical Branches

44. Oklahoma State University – Oklahoma City
45. Oklahoma State University Technical Branch – Okmulgee

Higher Education Programs/Sites

46. Ardmore Higher Education Center
47. Greater Oklahoma City Downtown Consortium
48. Langston University, Oklahoma City
49. Northern Oklahoma College, Stillwater
50. University Center, Ponca City

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A Report on Public Higher Education in Oklahoma



Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education



OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Legislative Agenda for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

The \$1,212 Funding Gap

There are exceptional students on every campus across our state. Many are brilliant scholars; others have special talents in the arts, literature, research or athletics. Some have overcome tremendous obstacles in their lives to obtain a college education. Yet each one of these students is faced with a significant financial disadvantage—namely, Oklahoma college students are not funded as well as their peers in other states.

Oklahoma's college students receive less state support than the national average. This creates a major per-student funding gap in our state compared with the U.S. average of state appropriations and tuition. It would take an additional \$1,212 in funding per student from the state of Oklahoma to attain the national average without significantly raising tuition.*

Student funding below the national average means our campuses face a constant struggle to provide the quality of education that our citizens need to compete in the global marketplace. With limited funding, institutions often cannot offer the salaries necessary to retain or recruit the faculty they need. Lab supplies, library resources, technology upgrades and other needs can be out of reach for institutions faced with cost increases beyond their control and continued high enrollment.

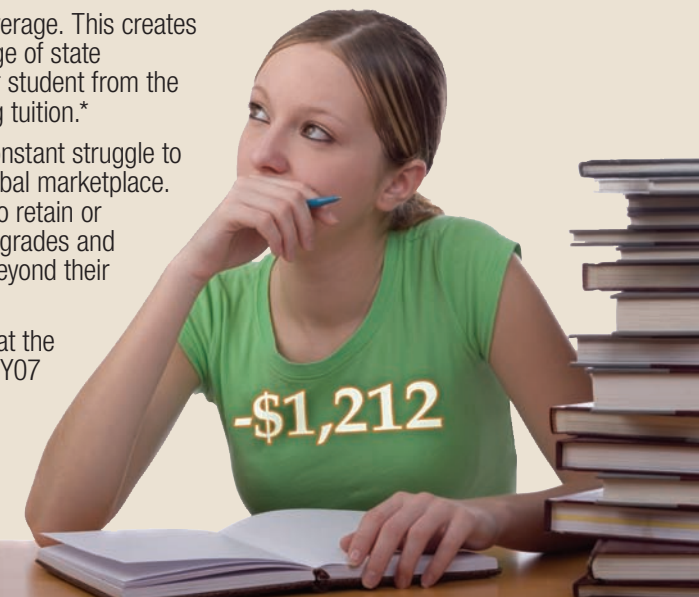
It would take about \$161 million in new appropriations for Oklahoma to be at the national average in per-student funding. \$80 million is being requested in FY07 as an important first step of achieving this funding threshold.

FY07 New Funds Request = \$123.1 million

TOTAL FY07 Funding Request = \$1.01 billion

Percent Increase from FY06 = 13.8%

*This figure is based on State Higher Education Funding Report (2004) and is adjusted for cost-of-living differential and enrollment mix.



Increase per-student funding closer to national parity - \$80 million

- **College and University Mandatory Costs - \$36.4 million**
Such as utilities, employee health insurance, risk management premiums and annualization of partial-year salaries.
- **Student-Based Priorities - \$29.0 million**
Improvements necessary for colleges and universities to increase the quality of education for students and the higher education system, such as additional full-time faculty, additional researchers, adjunct faculty, professional staff in academic support/student services, library services, graduate assistants and student employees.
- **Targeted Needs - \$14.6 million**
 1. Base adjustments for institutions with unfunded enrollment growth
 2. Nursing/allied health program expansions to address workforce needs
 3. Other institutional needs

Graduate Oklahoma! - \$2.8 million

- **Brain Gain/Programs of Excellence Expansion - \$2.0 million**
- **Adult Degree Completion Program Start Up - \$0.5 million**
- **Summer Academies Partial Restoration of FY04 Budget Reductions - \$0.3 million**

Student Financial Aid - \$18.6 million

- **Oklahoma's Promise - Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) - \$10.0 million**
- **Concurrent Enrollment Tuition Waiver - \$2.5 million**
- **Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG) - \$4.8 million**
- **Other Scholarships - \$1.3 million**

Oklahoma's Promise (OHLAP) – Funding Source

Dedicated funding source for Oklahoma's Promise. To meet the increasing success of the Oklahoma's Promise program with an anticipated growth of 36.9 percent this year alone, the State Regents request that the Legislature designate a dedicated funding source for scholarship awards.

2006 Legislative Agenda – fast facts

- **\$123.1m in new funding**
 - \$29m student priorities
 - \$36.4m mandatory costs
 - \$14.6m nursing and other programs
 - \$18.6m Oklahoma's Promise (OHLAP) & other student financial aid
 - \$21.7m capital bond debt service & other system needs
 - \$2.8m Graduate Oklahoma! programs
- **Dedicated funding source for Oklahoma's Promise(OHLAP)**

Other System Needs - \$21.7 million

- **Annualize \$475 Million Capital Bond Debt Service - \$15.1 million**
- **Endowed Chairs - \$3.5 million**
- **Other Needs - \$3.1 million**



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