HIGHER EDUCATION IN OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities remain one of the most significant positive impacts on the state’s economy, communities and citizens.
  - More than 210,000 students enrolled annually.
  - Nearly 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded in the last academic year.
- U.S. News and World Report ranks Oklahoma tuition and fees as 12th-lowest in the nation and student debt at graduation as 13th-lowest in the nation.
- STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased 53% over the last eight years.
- State appropriations to public higher education were cut $274 million (26%) from FY08 through FY18.
- The average faculty salary at Oklahoma’s public colleges and universities is more than 15% below peers in other states.
- To fully fund the concurrent enrollment program for high school juniors will require an additional investment of $7 million.
- For every $1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates $9.40 in economic return.

BY THE NUMBERS

Economic Impact
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences generates $29.70 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma State University - Tulsa generates $4.20 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Tulsa Community College generates $7.80 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in University of Oklahoma - Tulsa generates $4.00 in economic output.

Enrollment
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 29,388 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 79.

Graduation
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 2,814 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 79.*

Oklahoma’s Promise
- In District 79, 413 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 1,553 high school students in District 79 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 5,049 high school students from District 79 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 2,123 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 79 received approximately $2.1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 2,589 students enrolled in 21,179 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 79.

*Figure does not include students at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa and University of Oklahoma-Tulsa.