**Higher Education in Oklahoma**

More than 200,000 students enrolled annually

More than 37,000 degrees and certificates awarded at all levels in the last academic year

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

STEM degrees and certificates conferred at state system institutions increased **43%** over the last decade. More than 7,450 STEM and 6,220 healthcare degrees and certificates were awarded at all levels in the last academic year.

For every $1 of state appropriations invested, the state system of higher education generates **$9.40** in economic return.

Nearly **90%** of Oklahoma residents who earn an undergraduate degree remain and are employed in the state one year after graduation.

Of the top 100 critical occupations in Oklahoma (2018-2028), **66** require an associate degree or higher.

Oklahoma ranks **50th in the nation** in the percent change in state fiscal support for higher education from 2010-2020, with a **37.2% decline** in public higher education appropriations per FTE.

Only **26.2%** of Oklahoma citizens hold a bachelor's degree or higher. The national average is more than 33%, and of our surrounding states—including Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, and Colorado—only Arkansas has fewer citizens with a bachelor's degree or higher.
BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 10,280 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 84.

Graduation
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 1,979 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 84.

Oklahoma’s Promise
• In District 84, 248 students from the 2021 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• Currently, 651 high school students in District 84 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
• Since inception in 1992, 3,071 high school students from District 84 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
• During the 2020-21 academic year, nearly 400 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 84 received approximately $1.1 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment
• During the 2020-21 academic year, 828 students enrolled in 8,228 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 84.

FY 2023 BUDGET NEED

FY 2022 APPROPRIATION..........................$812,819,822

FY 2023 BUDGET NEED:

1. Critical Workforce Development Initiatives..........................$40,014,000
   A. STEM Workforce Development: $33,200,000
      i. Engineering/STEM Workforce Needs (Phase II) $12,900,000
      ii. Nursing Workforce Needs $10,000,000
      iii. Physician Residency Capacity Expansion $10,000,000
      iv. Pre-Collegiate STEM Summer Academies $300,000
   B. Initiatives to Address the Teacher Education Shortage $4,514,000
   C. Adult Degree Completion (Reach Higher) & Workforce Re-entry $2,300,000

2. System Operations .........................................................$34,300,000
   A. Campus Operational Support Needs $30,000,000
   B. Deferred Maintenance for Campus Infrastructure (Section 13 Offset) $3,000,000
   C. State System Shared Services, Innovations, & Online Education Resources $800,000
   D. System Innovation, Collaboration, & Efficiency Incentive Grants $500,000

3. Student Success and College Degree Completion Initiatives ...$10,850,000
   A. Concurrent Enrollment Program $4,000,000
   B. Student Enrollment, Retention, & Graduation Assistance $6,850,000
      i. Need-Based Financial Aid Programs $4,900,000
      ii. Regional University Baccalaureate Scholarship Program $250,000
      iii. Academic Scholars Program $1,700,000

FY 2023 TOTAL BUDGET NEED .............................................$897,983,822

• $ Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations $85,164,000
• % Difference from FY 2022 State Appropriations 10.5%