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 Northwestern Oklahoma State University generates $6.50 in economic output.
- Every dollar invested in Oklahoma Panhandle State University generates $7.30 in economic output.

Enrollment
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 3,829 students enrolled at institutions in or adjacent to District 27.

Graduation
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 689 students graduated from institutions in or adjacent to District 27.

Oklahoma’s Promise
- In District 27, 176 students from the 2019 high school graduating class qualified for the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- Currently, 518 high school students in District 27 are enrolled in Oklahoma’s Promise.
- Since inception in 1992, 2,717 high school students from District 27 have received the Oklahoma’s Promise scholarship.
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 542 students at public higher education institutions in or adjacent to District 27 received approximately $1.4 million in scholarships from Oklahoma’s Promise.

Concurrent Enrollment
- During the 2018-19 academic year, 277 students enrolled in 2,031 credit hours through concurrent courses at institutions in or adjacent to District 27.