

PROFICIENCY BASED PROMOTION

1. Upon the request of a student, parent, guardian, or educator, a student will be given the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in one or more areas of the core curriculum.
 - A. Proficiency will be demonstrated by assessment or evaluation appropriate to the curriculum area, for example: portfolio, criterion-referenced test, thesis, project, product or performance. Proficiency in all laboratory sciences will require students to perform relevant laboratory techniques.
 - B. Students shall have the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in the core areas twice each year: once before the beginning of the school term and at the end of the school term as identified in 70 O.S. §11-103.6:
 1. Social Studies
 2. Language Arts
 3. The Arts
 4. Languages
 5. Mathematics
 6. Science
 - C. Students may obtain credit by examination in lieu of Carnegie Units for courses, but subject to compliance with the Oklahoma School Testing Program.
 1. Courses not tested under the Oklahoma School Testing Program.

The school district will make available assessment tools to determine proficiency for credit by examination for courses without corresponding Oklahoma School Testing Program assessments. The assessment tools will be aligned to the school district's curriculum and will accurately measure the student's demonstration of sets of competencies in standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

2. Courses tested under the Oklahoma School Testing Program.

If a student seeks to "test out" of a course under the Oklahoma School Testing Program, a student must obtain a score of at least "Proficient" on the Oklahoma School Testing Program assessment corresponding to the course.

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- D. Qualifying students are those who are legally enrolled in the local school district.
 - E. The district will not require registration for the proficiency assessment more than one month in advance of the assessment date.
 - F. Students will be allowed to take proficiency assessments in multiple subject areas.
 - G. Students not demonstrating proficiency will be allowed to try again during the next assessment period. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will NOT be noted on the student transcript.
 - H. Exceptions to standard assessment may be approved for those students with disabling conditions.
2. Students demonstrating proficiency in a core curriculum area will be given credit for their learning and will be given the opportunity to advance to the next level of study in the appropriate curriculum area.
- A. The school will confer with parents in making such promotion/acceleration decisions. Such factors as social, emotional, and intellectual needs of the student will be used in the consideration of the promotion/acceleration decision.
 - B. If the parent or guardian requests promotion/acceleration contrary to the recommendation of school personnel, the parent or guardian shall sign a written statement to that effect. The statement shall be included in the permanent record of the student.
 - C. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will not be noted on the transcript.
 - D. Students must progress through a curriculum area in a sequential manner. Elementary, middle level, or high school students may demonstrate proficiency and advance to the next level in a curriculum area.
 - E. If proficiency is demonstrated in a 9-12 curriculum area, appropriate notation will be placed on the high school transcript. The unit shall count toward meeting the requirement for the high school diploma.
 - F. Units earned through proficiency assessment will be transferable with students among school districts within the state of Oklahoma.

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3. Proficiency assessment will measure mastery of the priority academic student skills in the same way that curriculum and instruction are focused on the priority academic student skills. In other words, assessment will be aligned with curriculum and instruction.
4. Options for accommodating student needs for advancement after demonstrating proficiency may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. Individualized instruction;
 - B. Correspondence courses;
 - C. Independent study;
 - D. Concurrent enrollment;
 - E. Cross-grade grouping;
 - F. Cluster grouping;
 - G. Grade/course advancement;
 - H. Individualized education programs.
5. Each year the school district will disseminate materials explaining the opportunities of proficiency based promotion to students and parents in the district. Priority Academic Student Skills and type of assessment or evaluation for each core curriculum area will be made available upon request.

Appropriate notation will be made for elementary, middle level or high school level students satisfactorily completing a 9-12 high school curriculum area. Completion will be noted with a "P" for passing. This unit will count toward meeting the requirements for the high school diploma.

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy EIA, Promotion and Retention