

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1693

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.541, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.541), which relates to student performance levels and cut scores; requiring that each local education agency be provided certain data to identify schools for supports and interventions; requiring State Board of Education to establish system of interventions; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.545), which relates to annual reports for Oklahoma School Testing Program; removing requirement that Board study and recommend revisions concerning certain metrics; removing exception for certain school; permitting Board to adopt alternate systems of accountability for certain schools; requiring school grade to be based on multimeasures approach based upon certain indicators; removing certain criteria in which school grade is based; requiring grade of school sites to include measure of certain measures; removing requirement that report identify certain performance of each school; requiring promulgation of rules; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Student and school performance level accountability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.541, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.541), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.541 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall determine and adopt a series of student performance levels and the corresponding cut scores pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act.

B. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall have the authority to set cut scores using any method which the State Board of Education was authorized to use in setting cut scores prior to July 1, 2013.

C. The performance levels shall be set by a method that indicates students are ready for the next grade, course, or level of education, as applicable. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall establish panels to review and revise the performance level descriptors for each subject and grade level. The Commission shall ensure that the assessments developed and administered by the State Board of Education pursuant to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act in grades three through eight and at the secondary level are vertically aligned by content across grade levels to ensure consistency, continuity, alignment and clarity. The Commission shall adopt performance levels that are labeled and defined as follows:

1. Advanced, which shall indicate that students demonstrate superior performance on challenging subject matter;

2. Proficient, which shall indicate that students demonstrate mastery over appropriate grade-level subject matter and that students are ready for the next grade, course, or level of education, as applicable;

3. Limited knowledge, which shall indicate that students demonstrate partial mastery of the essential knowledge and skills appropriate to their grade level or course; and

4. Unsatisfactory, which shall indicate that students have not performed at least at the limited knowledge level.

D. The State Board of Education shall develop and implement in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), an accountability system as provided for in 20 U.S.C., 6311 and any related federal regulations. The accountability system shall be implemented

beginning with the 2002-2003 school year and shall be based on the data as established pursuant to Section 1210.545 of this title and as modified to meet the mandates of the ESEA. For the 2002-2003 school year and every year thereafter the State Board of Education shall publish and ensure that each local education agency is provided with data annually by site so that the local education agency can make determinations to identify schools for rewards ~~and sanctions~~, and supports and interventions. The State Board of Education shall establish a system of recognition, rewards, ~~sanctions~~ interventions and technical assistance, as required by state law and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

E. A school that is identified as in need of improvement by the State Board of Education pursuant to this section, because of failure to meet either an academic performance target or an attendance or graduation performance target, or both, and is identified as in need of improvement pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized and amended by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), shall utilize the assistance of a school support team or other similar team formed by the State Department of Education to provide support for schools in need of improvement, subject to school support team capacity. The school support team shall review and analyze all facets of operation of the school including the design and operation of the instructional program. The school support team shall assist the school in:

1. Incorporating strategies based on scientifically based research that will strengthen the core academic subjects in the school and address the specific academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement;

2. Incorporating strategies to promote high quality professional development; and

3. Training teachers to analyze classroom and school-level data and use the data to inform instruction.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1210.545), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.545 A. ~~1.~~ Except as otherwise provided, as part of the accountability system developed as provided for in Section 1210.541 of this title, the State Board of Education shall prepare annual reports of the results of the Oklahoma School Testing Program which describe student achievement in the state, and each school site, pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as reauthorized by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and any related federal regulations.

~~2.~~ The Board shall study and may recommend revisions to the Legislature to the calculation metrics of all components of the school report cards to ensure that the evaluation system is clear, transparent, statistically trustworthy, credible, and aligned with the state assessment system. The Board shall seek certification from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education that recommended revisions, if adopted, will improve the clarity, transparency, statistical trustworthiness, credibility, and alignment of the evaluation system. The State Regents shall provide the Board a detailed description of the certification process and results, including a list of any deficiencies the State Regents find with the study or the resulting recommendations. The Board shall issue a report by December 31, 2015, and submit a copy of the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The Board shall prescribe the design and content of the reports, which shall include, without limitation, descriptions of the performance of all schools participating in the Oklahoma School Testing Program and all of the major student populations as determined by the Board, and shall also include the median scores of all eligible students who scored at or in the lowest twenty-fifth percentile of the state in the previous school year. The confidentiality of individual student records shall be preserved as required by law.

B. The annual report as required pursuant to subsection A of this section shall identify school sites as having one of the following grades for each indicator, separately, and by a single overview grade of all indicators, defined according to rules of the State Board of Education:

1. "A" means schools making excellent progress;
2. "B" means schools making above average progress;

3. "C" means schools making satisfactory progress;

4. "D" means schools making less than satisfactory progress;
and

5. "F" means schools failing to make adequate progress.

C. Each school that has students who are tested and included in the school grading system as provided for in this section shall receive a school grade, except as follows:

1. A school shall not receive a school grade if the number of students tested and included in the school grading system is less than the minimum sample size necessary for statistical reliability and prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable student data. The State Board of Education is directed to establish the lowest minimum sample size necessary to meet the requirements of this paragraph; and

~~2. A school that serves any combination of students in kindergarten through grade three which does not receive a school grade because the students are not tested and included in the school grading system shall receive the school grade designation of a feeder pattern school identified by the State Department of Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder pattern exists if at least sixty percent (60%) of the students in the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten through grade three are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school; and~~

~~3. The academic performance of students who are enrolled full-time in an online program that is offered by a school district or charter school that is not the district of residence or is not located in the district of residence of the student shall be reported separately by the school district or charter school and shall not be included when determining the grade of the school site or charter school.~~

D. The State Board of Education may adopt alternate systems of accountability for statewide virtual charter schools, alternative education programs as defined in Section 1210.568 of this title, and schools serving only grades prekindergarten or kindergarten through two.

E. The grade of a school shall be based on a ~~combination of:~~

~~1. Fifty percent (50%) on whole school performance, as measured by allocating one point for each student who scores proficient or advanced on the assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this title and alternative test scores administered to students divided by the number of students taking the assessments;~~

~~2. Twenty-five percent (25%) on whole school growth, as measured by allocating one point for each student who improves proficiency levels or improves substantially within a proficiency level on assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this title divided by the number of students taking the assessments; and~~

~~3. Twenty-five percent (25%) on growth in the bottom quartile of students, as measured by allocating one point for each student in the bottom quartile who improves proficiency levels or improves substantially within a proficiency level on assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this title divided by the number of students taking the assessments~~ multimeasures approach to accountability in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as reauthorized by P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and any federal regulations that include, but are not limited to, the following indicators:

1. Statewide assessments, including the establishment of student performance bands;

2. Graduation rates for high schools;

3. Statewide academic measures for elementary and middle schools;

4. English language proficiency for English learners; and

5. At least one additional statewide measure of school quality or student success, including, but not limited to, school climate, school safety, student engagement, educator engagement, and/or advanced coursework and postsecondary readiness.

~~E. In addition to the components outlined in subsection D of this section, the following bonus points shall be considered in determining the grade of a school site:~~

~~1. For schools comprised of high school grades:~~

- a. ~~five points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the high school graduation rate of the school, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- b. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for performance or participation of students in College Board Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate of Education courses, or the achievement of students on national industry certification, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- c. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for participation or performance in SAT tests administered by the College Board or the American College Test (ACT), as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- d. ~~one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the high school graduation rate of students who scored at limited knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-grade assessments in reading and mathematics administered pursuant to Section 1210.508 of this title,~~
- e. ~~as valid data becomes available, one point for the performance of students on the high school assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this title, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and~~
- f. ~~one point for the growth or decline in the components listed in subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph from year to year, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~

~~2. For schools comprised of middle school grades:~~

- a. ~~two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the drop-out rate of the school, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,~~
- b. ~~two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the percentage of students who are taking higher level coursework at a satisfactory or higher level, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and~~

- e. ~~six points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board; and~~

~~3. For schools comprised of elementary school grades, ten points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board.~~

~~F. Student test data used in determining school grades shall include:~~

~~1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school who have been administered the assessments administered under Section 1210.508 of this title; and~~

~~2. For schools comprised of high school grades, the data listed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and the following data as the State Department of Education determines the data are valid and available:~~

- ~~a. the high school graduation rate of the school as calculated by the Department,~~

- ~~b. the participation rate of all eligible students enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a technology center school, or a regional site of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate of Education courses, courses or sequence of courses leading to national industry certification identified pursuant to rules adopted by the Board, courses or sequence of courses granted cooperative college alliance credit taken at a technology center school, and science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses taken at a regional site of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics,~~

- ~~c. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a technology center school, or a regional site of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, International~~

