

# High School 101

What Every Student Should Know  
to Succeed in  
High School

## Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship

- May apply during 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Family income is \$50,000.00 or less.
- Be an Oklahoma resident.
- Read, understand and follow the requirements of the program as listed on the brochure.
- Apply online at [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org)

## Benefits of Oklahoma Promise Scholarship

- Helps pay TUICTION at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university.
- Helps pay a portion of TUICTION at an accredited private college/university
- Helps pay TUICTION at Oklahoma public technology centers

## Accumulating Credits

- To Graduate, students must earn 23 credits.
- Students take 6 classes a day.
- Each class earns  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit per semester, or 1 full credit per year
- 6 classes X 1 credit each = 6 credits per year
- 4 years X 6 credits each = 24 credits

## What is gpa?

- GPA = Grade Point Average

How is gpa figured?

A = 4 points    B = 3 points    C = 1 points  
D = 1 point    F = 0 points

## What is class rank?

The student who completes high school with the highest g.p.a. is ranked first.

Computations graduate downward to the student who ranks last (has the lowest g.p.a.)

## Why is class rank important?

- Colleges use class rank for admissions purposes

Example:

OU – Either have a 24 A.C.T. score OR rank in the top 25% of your class.

## Two sets of Graduation Requirements

- College Preparatory, Work Ready Curriculum
- Core Curriculum for High School Graduation

## College Preparatory

- English I, II, III, IV
- Algebra I
- Math
- Math
- Biology I
- Science
- Science
- ½ Oklahoma History
- ½ Government
- U.S. History
- One additional Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language or Computer Science classes
- 1 Additional Requirement from the above list
- 1 Fine Art or Speech

## Core/ Non College-Bound

- English I, II, III, IV
- Algebra
- 2 additional Math
- Biology I
- 2 additional Science
- ½ Oklahoma History
- U.S. History
- ½ Government
- One additional Social Studies
- 2 Fine Arts

# ASTE C Graduation Plan

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology I
- ½ Oklahoma History/ ½ Geography
- Spanish I
- Fine Art

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English II
- Geometry
- Chemistry
- World History OR A.P. European History
- Spanish II
- Additional core

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English III
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Math
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Science
- U.S. History
- Elective
- Elective

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- English IV
- Government
- Elective
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## Options for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

- Metro-Tech
- Concurrent Enrollment

## Metro-Tech

- Students attend Metro-Tech approximately ½ school day.
- Transportation is provided
- Student attends either morning or afternoon sessions
- Student receives 3 credits for attending Metro-Tech
- Students usually start attending Metro-Tech their junior year and continue through their senior year.

## Metro-Tech

- Programs available:
  - Automotive Technology
  - Auto Collision Technology
  - Cosmetology
  - Welding
  - Accounting
  - Computer Aided Drafting
  - Computer Repair and Networking
  - Aircraft Maintenance
  - Diesel Mechanics

## Concerns?

- Student must plan his/her schedule carefully in order to complete graduation requirements and still attend Metro-Tech.
- Metro-Tech prepares students for the work force upon completion of the program.
- Some courses can accrue college credit.

## Concurrent Enrollment

- Students attend college classes while still in high school
- Students must have good grades and/or college entrance exam scores to attend
- Students must have approval of high school counselor
- Students must apply to and be accepted by the college of their choice
- Students can receive high school credit for some classes.

## Concurrent Enrollment

- Students may NOT substitute college classes for CORE coursework, i.e...English, math, science or Social studies
- Students receive 1 full high school credit for each three-hour college course

## Testing

- End of Instruction
- College Entrance Exams
- PSat
- PLAN
- ACT
- ELL

## End of Instruction Testing

- Is state mandated
- Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade this year, 2008-09, must pass the tests in English II, Algebra I, and 2 of 7 additional tests.
- They cannot graduate until these tests have been passed
- Students have more than 1 opportunity to pass each test.

## End-of-Instruction Tests

- Subjects Tested
  - English II
  - English III
  - Algebra I
  - Geometry
  - Algebra II
  - U.S. History
  - Biology

## PLAN TEST

- Is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade version of the ACT
- Has 4 sections; English, Math, Science Reasoning, Reading/Social Studies
- Has a scale of 1 to 32
- All sophomores take the PLAN test, free of charge
- PLAN test provides college and career planning
- PLAN test is a predictor test for the ACT

## PSAT

- Is given in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, however, sophomores may take it.
- There is a cost to the student
- Is given on a national test date every October.
- Is like a Pre-SAT
- Students who score high on the PSAT may qualify for National Merit competition

## ACT American College Test

- Is the most widely accepted college entrance exam in the Southwest U.S.
- Has 4 sections: English, Math, Science Reasoning, and Reading/Social Studies.
- Has a scale of 1 to 36
- There are 5 national tests dates each year: October, December, February, April and June

## ACT (continued)

- Students may register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or they can pick up a registration packet in the high school office.
- Cost is 30.00 if registered by the regular registration deadline, which is approximately one month prior to the test date
- Students can take the ACT as many times as they would like.
- The national average composite score is approximately 21.

Questions?

