



Oklahoma Public Schools
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Education

Oklahoma Edge

8-Year Strategic Plan

The U.S. Department of Education approved Oklahoma's comprehensive education plan, Oklahoma Edge, in July 2018. The plan to meet student needs and drive progress is built on a four-pillar foundation with measurable goals.

Pillars

- **Achieve academic success.** To ensure a high-quality public education, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) will close the opportunity and achievement gap for each student.
- **Build exceptional educators and schools.** The OSDE will support the recruitment, preparation and retention of highly effective teachers and leaders.
- **Create engaged communities.** The OSDE will build external capacity to provide strong academic support through family and community engagement.
- **Develop internal capacity.** The OSDE will build its internal capacity to serve the field and use data to make informed decisions.

Goals

- Score among the Top 20 highest-performing states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in all subjects for fourth grade and eighth grade.
- Reduce by 50% the need for math and English language arts remediation after high school.
- Rank among the Top 10 states with the highest graduation rate for students in four-, five- and six-year cohorts.
- Ensure that 100% of students in grades 6 through 12 engage in useful and meaningful Individual Career Academic Planning (ICAP).
- Align early childhood education and learning foundations to ensure at least 75% of students are “ready to read” upon kindergarten entry.
- Increase student access to effective teachers, thereby reducing the need for emergency-certified teachers by 95%.

Glossary

Alternative Certification

A pathway to becoming a teacher for those who did not complete a teacher education program. A college-credit course in classroom management and pedagogical principles is required during the initial certification.

Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

Total days of student attendance divided by total days of instruction.

Average Daily Membership (ADM)

An average number of students taken twice a year to arrive at a student population. This is calculated by dividing the sum of enrolled students' total days present and days absent by the number of days taught. The First-Quarter Statistical Report (FQSR) is completed after the first nine weeks, and the Annual Statistical Report (ASR) is completed after the school year.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

A meal service option for low-income areas that allows schools to serve breakfast and lunch to all enrolled students at no cost without collecting household applications.

Economically Disadvantaged Student

Any student eligible for federally funded free and reduced-price meal programs.

Emergency Certification

A teaching certificate issued on an emergency basis for one year to someone who has not yet met the certification qualifications of a state-approved program. Districts may request emergency certification for a specific candidate only after exhausting every option to find an appropriately certified person for the open position.

Enrollment

A count of students enrolled in a school on October 1.

Financial Support of Schools

The primary allocation of state funds appropriated by the Legislature to schools. Also known as the State Aid Funding Formula, this allocation distributes money to districts based on their Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM) and accounts for other funding the district may receive, including property taxes and other state-dedicated revenue such as gross production tax and school land earnings. The goal of the formula is to provide equity across all schools, regardless of socio-economic status or proportion of students with special needs.

Individual Career Academic Planning (ICAP)

A multi-year process to guide students as they explore their own career and academic opportunities. ICAP identifies student interests, skills, secondary/postsecondary coursework, certificates, credentials, degrees and workforce experiences that help chart the progress needed to prepare students for college and career. The ICAP program was required for all ninth-graders beginning in 2019-20.

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

A written document developed collaboratively by parents and school personnel that outlines the special education program for a student with a disability. This document is developed, reviewed and revised at an IEP meeting at least annually and required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Instructional Staff

In NEA's annual ranking of educator compensation, instructional staff refers to all staff members with teacher certification other than district superintendents.

School Calendar Hours Requirement

Districts must provide at least 180 six-hour days or 1,080 hours of instruction per school year. They may suspend school days or hours as long as those hours are made up by the end of the year.

State Aid Funding

See *Financial Support of Schools* on previous page.

Support of Teachers and Students

Provides line-item support for an array of initiatives separate from the State Aid Funding Formula. This allocation supports initiatives including alternative education, professional development, Advanced Placement teacher training and fee assistance, Reading Sufficiency and Sooner Start.

Teacher

Per statute, any person who is employed to serve as district superintendent, principal, supervisor, counselor, librarian, school nurse or classroom teacher or in any other instructional, supervisory or administrative capacity.

Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM)

The ADM adjusted to reflect the weights of individual students. Students are assigned a greater weight if they belong to a student group that requires additional educational services, such as students with disabilities. WADM determines funding allocations to the district.

School Structure

Traditional Districts → 509

Public School Sites → 1,805

Charter Districts → 37

Virtual Charter Schools → 7

Elementary Schools → 965

Middle Schools/
Junior Highs → 312

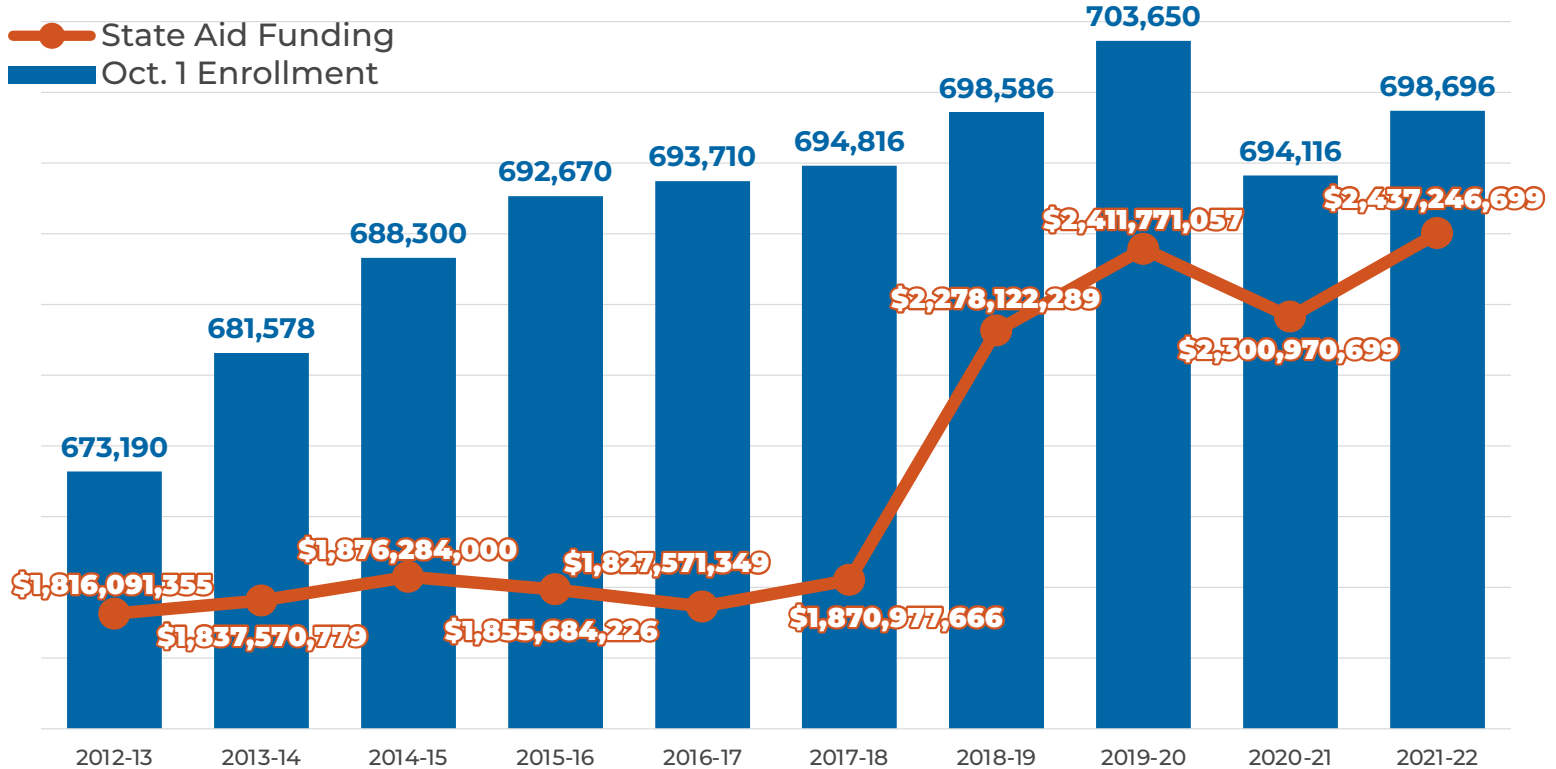
High Schools → 449

Elementary Districts → 94

Districts on a
4-Day School Week → 74

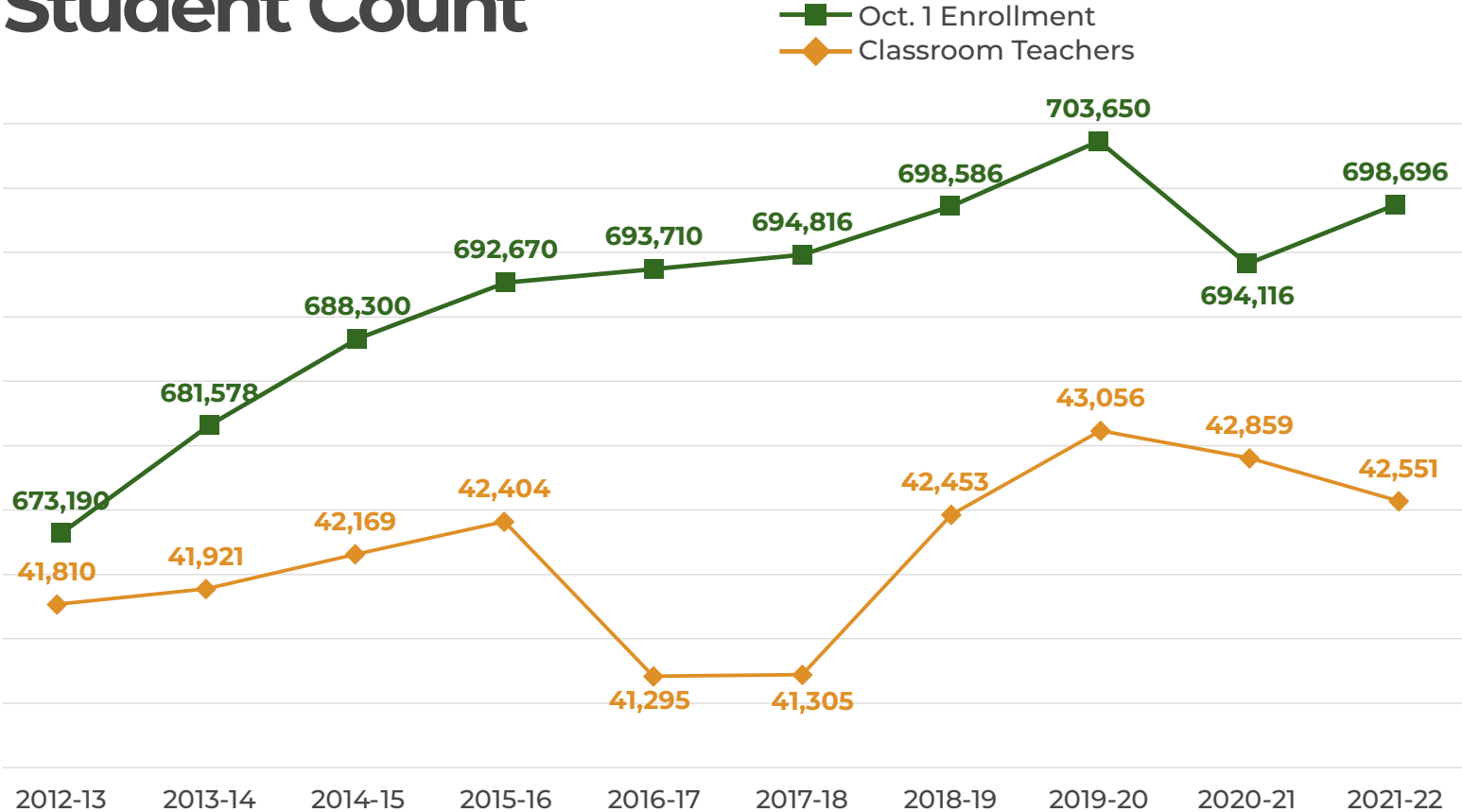
Student Population and State Aid Formula Funding

Oklahoma's per-pupil expenditure for 2020-21 was **\$10,087**. The most recent national average was **\$13,037**.



OSDE Office of State Aid (2021); OSDE Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (2021); OSDE Office of Accreditation (2021); NCES National Public Education Financial Survey FY19 (Nov 2021)

Teacher and Student Count



OSDE Office of Accreditation (2021); OSDE Office of School Personnel (2021)

Teacher Compensation*

Regional Average

\$53,677



Oklahoma Average*

\$54,096



\$36,601

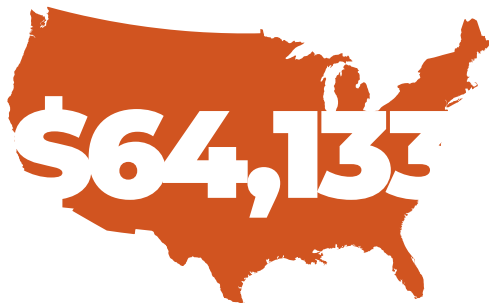
Oklahoma minimum starting salary

\$39,381

Oklahoma minimum starting salary with doctorate

National Average

\$64,135



Compensation Averages by State

\$57,706

CO

\$57,090

TX

\$54,256

NM

\$54,096

OK

\$51,320

KS

\$50,817

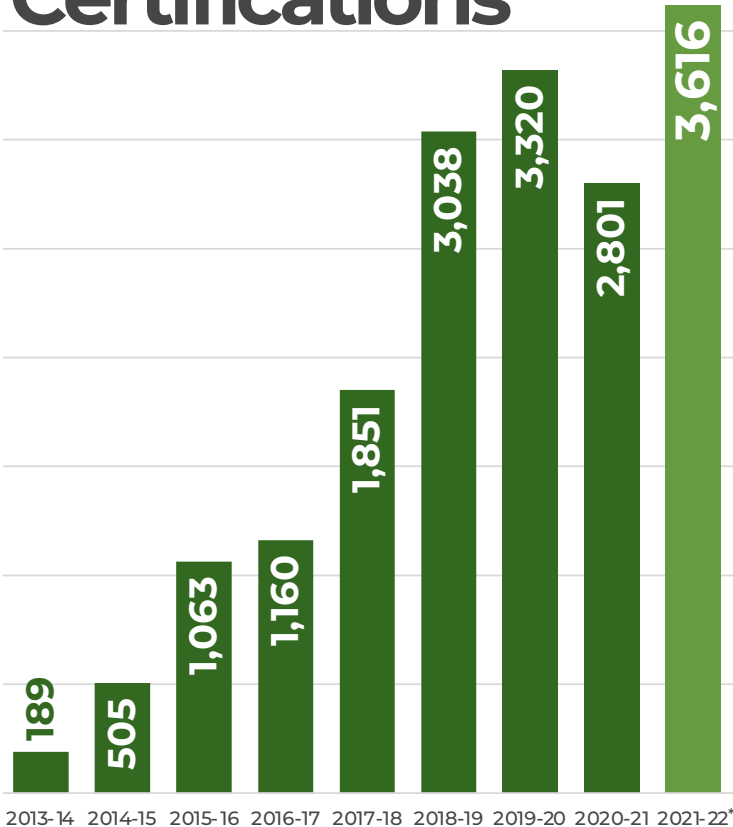
MO

\$50,456

AR

*NEA guidelines require states to include any benefit that is part of an IRS Section 125 plan in compensation calculations. Oklahoma's average includes Flex Benefits Allowance (FBA) and district-paid retirement, if applicable.
NEA Ranking of the States 2020 and Estimates of School Statistics 2021

Emergency Teacher Certifications



*June-Dec 2021
OSDE Office of Teacher Certification (Dec. 2021)

Top Emergency* Certificates by Subject Area

- 794** Elementary education (Grades 1-8)
- 471** Early childhood (Grades PK-3)
- 279** English language arts (Grades 5-12)
- 191** Intermediate mathematics (Grades 5-12)
- 181** Mid-level science (Grades 5-8)
- 181** Physical education (Grades PK-12)
- 157** History/Govt/Economics (Grades 9-12)

Shared and Co-oped District Services

- 375** districts share school services
- 130+** districts share treasurer services
- 14** districts share superintendent services
- 100+** superintendents have additional job duties

* As reported to the U.S. Department of Education, special education teachers are Oklahoma's highest need, but teachers cannot be emergency certified in special education.

OSDE Office of Teacher Certification (July-Dec 2021);
OSDE Office of School Personnel (2020); Oklahoma State School Boards Association (2020)

Largest Districts

by Student Enrollment

- 1 Tulsa **36,446**
- 2 Oklahoma City **34,553**
- 3 Edmond **25,481**
- 4 Moore **24,515**
- 5 Epic One-On-One Charter **23,156**
- 6 Broken Arrow **19,527**
- 7 Putnam City **18,287**
- 8 Norman **15,447**
- 9 Epic Blended Learning **15,178**
- 10 Union **15,008**

OSDE Office of Accreditation (Oct. 2021)

Student-to-Counselor Ratio

374-to-1

in Oklahoma

The American School Counselor Association **recommends a 250-to-1** student-to-counselor ratio.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

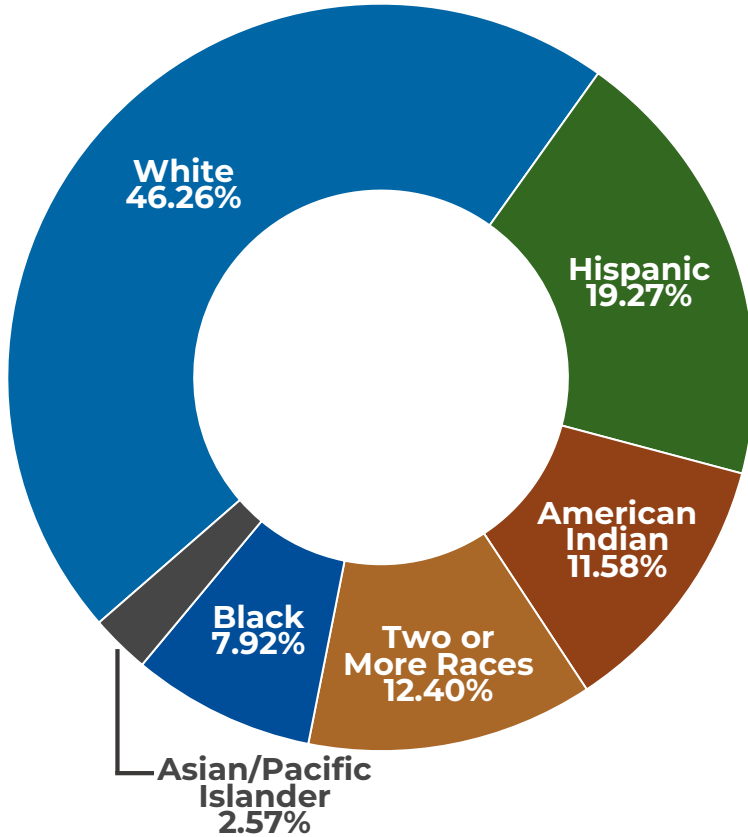
5th in U.S.

Oklahoma children suffer more trauma than almost anywhere else in the country.

Nearly half our students (**48.9%**) have adverse childhood experience scores of **2 or higher**, versus **39.8%** nationwide.

OSDE Office of School Personnel (2021);
National Survey of Children's Health 2019 (2021)

Student Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



OSDE Office of Accreditation; OSDE Data & Information Systems (Oct. 2021)

Pre-Kindergarten

Number of quality standards benchmarks met by Oklahoma's public Pre-K program

9 of 10

Percentage of 4-year-olds enrolled in public Pre-K programs

**Oklahoma
70%**

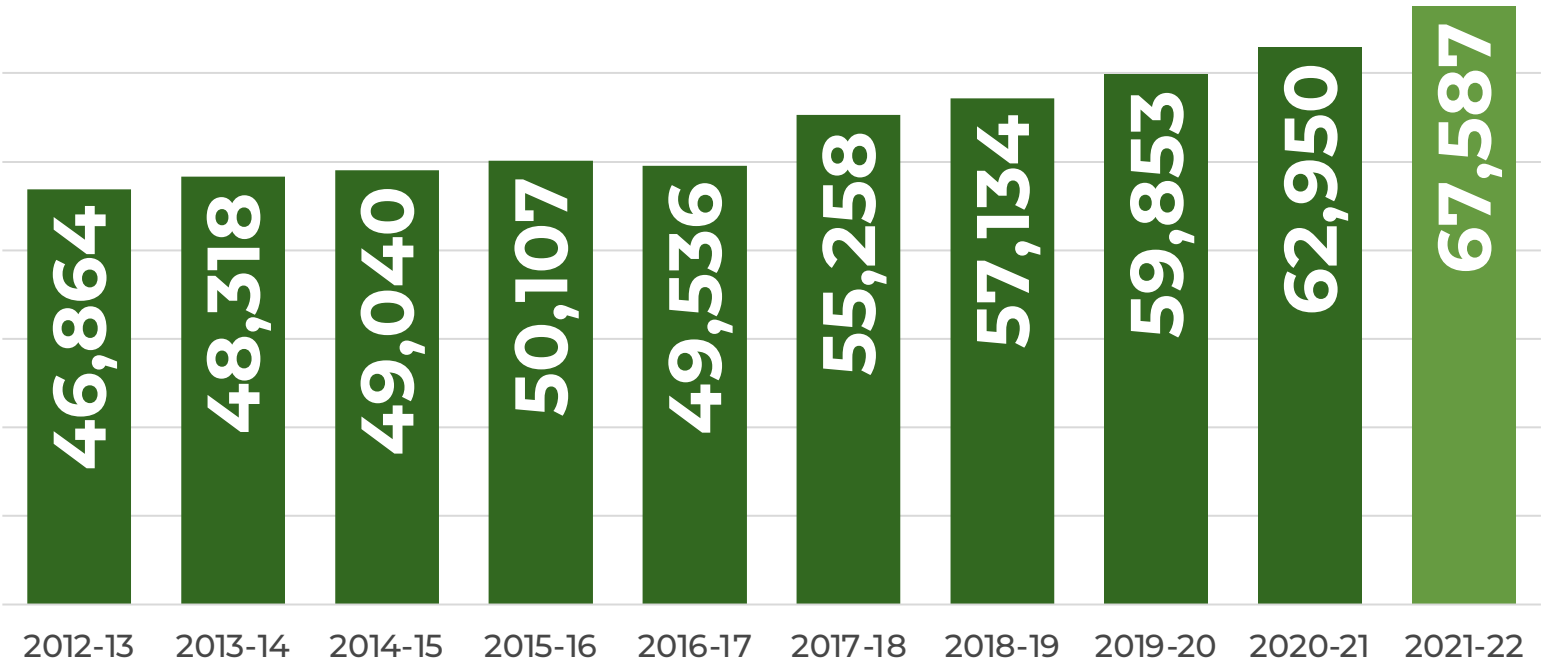
**Nation
34%**

Percentage of Oklahoma districts with a public Pre-K program

99%

NIEER State of Preschool Report 2020 (2021); OSDE Office of Curriculum & Instruction (2021)

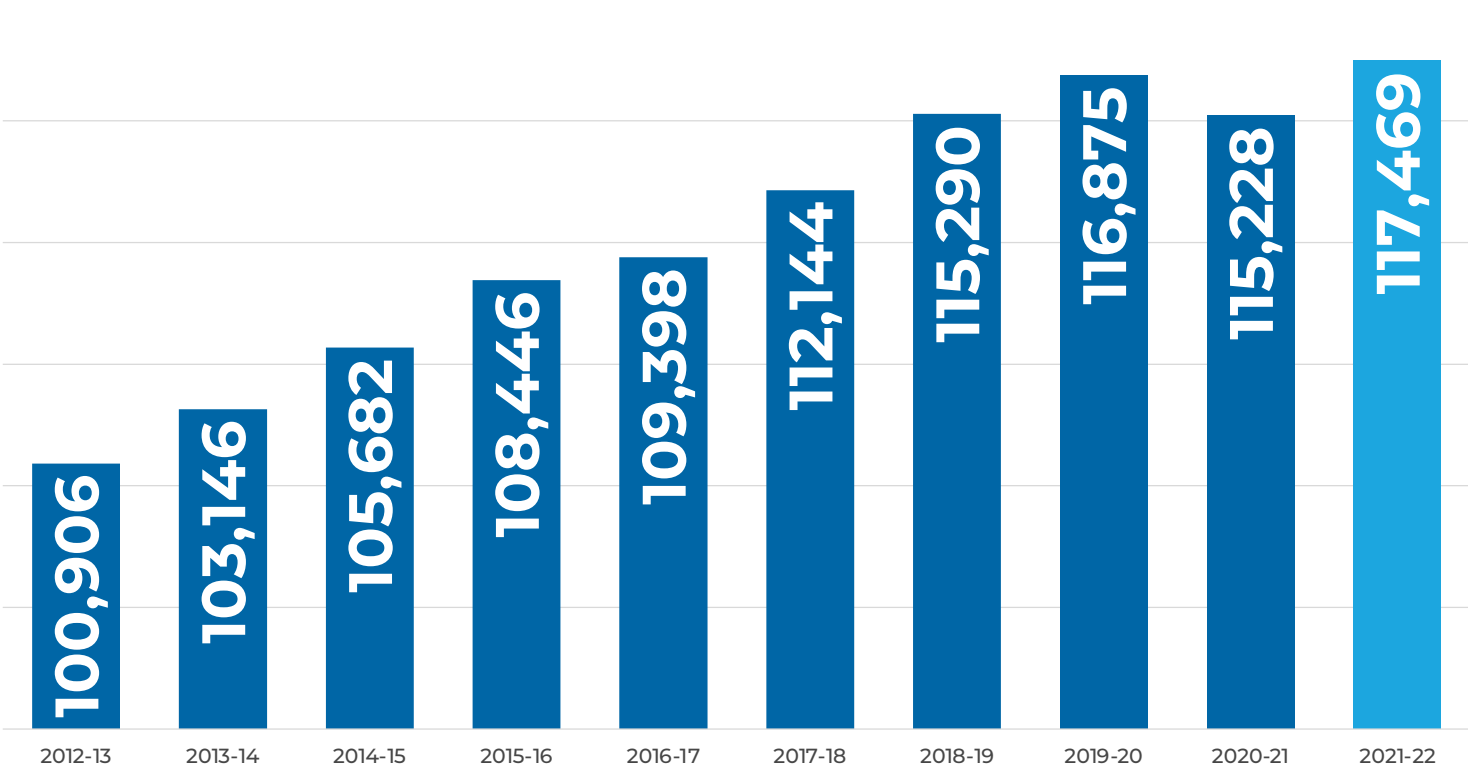
Students Who Are English Learners



OSDE Office of Assessments (Oct. 2021)

Due to changes in the WIDA ACCESS assessment, fewer students were able to exit English Learner (EL) programs at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Special Education Students

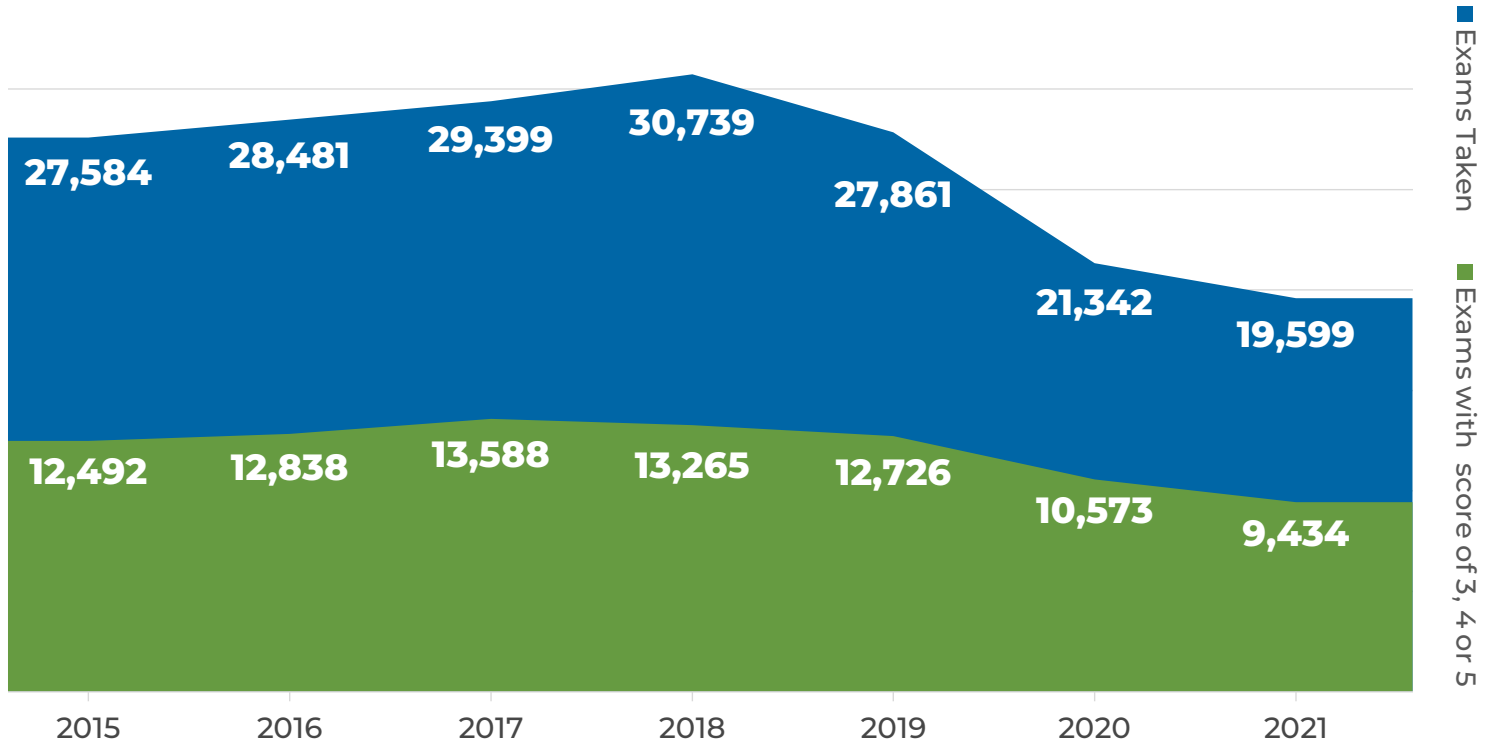


Special Education Child Count (2021)

Advanced Placement (AP)

\$11.3 Million

potential savings in defrayed tuition and fees for Oklahoma families as a result of AP exams taken in 2020



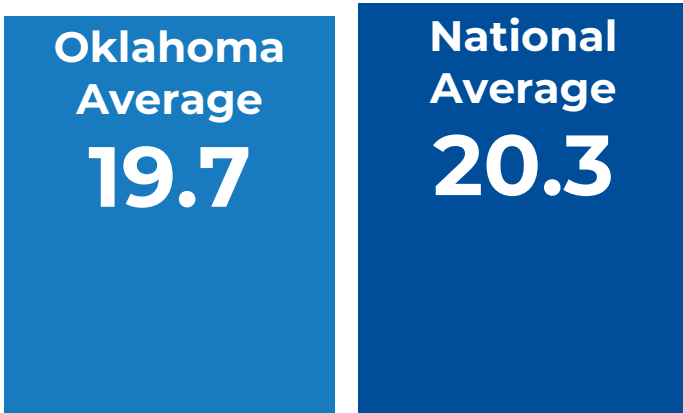
College Board (2021)

College Entrance Exams

In 2016, Oklahoma began providing the SAT or ACT for high school juniors at no cost to families or districts. By taking either the SAT or ACT, students are able to satisfy federal requirements for high school testing.

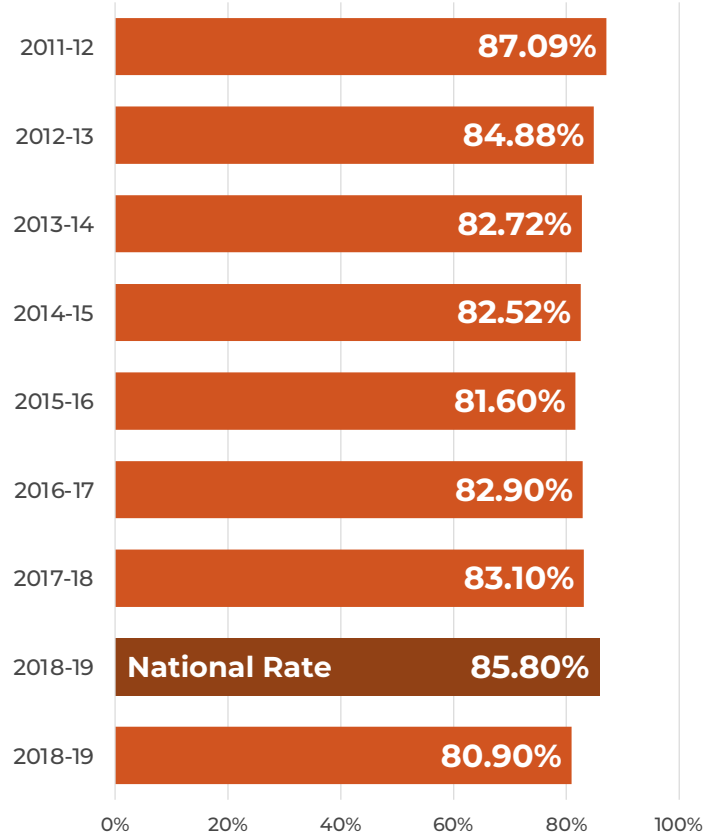
In Oklahoma, 58% of students graduating in 2021, took the ACT, compared to 35% nationally.

2020 Average ACT Composite Scores



ACT: Average ACT Scores by State Graduating Class (2021)

Oklahoma High School Graduation Rates



OSDE Office of Accountability (Apr. 2021); NCES 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (2021)

School Safety & Security

Districts prepared to send immediate alerts to first responders and school staff in the event of severe weather, fire, intruder or other emergency:

84%

Economically Disadvantaged Students

390,820
of **698,696**

Students in Oklahoma are economically disadvantaged – or **56%** of the total student population

OSDE Office of School Safety and Security (2021);
OSDE Office of State Aid (Oct. 2021)

Household Demographics

Of Oklahoma's **698,696** students, a number come from households with diverse backgrounds:

23,182 Homeless

6,534 Military Parent/Guardian

2,505 Foster Care

199 Migrant

Children of Incarcerated Parents

Estimated percentage of children with parents who are or have been incarcerated:

11.5% Oklahoma
7.4% Nation

Homeless Children and Youth State Census Report, 2020-21 (2021);
OSDE Data & Information Systems (2021);
National Survey of Children's Health (2021)

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