***First Class*** – A Professional Learning Cohort of First-Year Teachers

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) invites first-year teachers to join a community of educators in focusing on effective classroom management during the 2018-2019 school year. Participants will meet together in six sessions spanning the school year as well as through an online learning platform. Cohort groups will include 25 elementary and 25 secondary teachers. Through discussions, interactive presentations, and a book study, teachers will develop and enhance classroom management plans, strategies for engaging students, and multi-tiered systems of support.

In-person ***First Class*** sessions will meet at the Canadian Valley Career Technology Center in Chickasha from 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. on the following dates:

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| Elementary (grades Pre-K – 6) | Secondary (grades 6 – 12) |
| September 20, 2018 | September 19, 2018 |
| October 25, 2018 | October 24, 2018 |
| November 30, 2018 | November 29, 2018 |
| January 16, 2019 | January 16, 2019 |
| February 21, 2019 | February 20, 2019 |
| March 12, 2019 | March 12, 2019 |

***First Class*** teachers will receive a $50 compensation per session attended that districts may use for participants’ travel expenses or for substitute teachers. Applications will be available soon.

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