

FACTS SHEET

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

210:15-30-1. Supplemental Online Course Procedures

- 1. Write a brief summary of the rule(s) in simple language.**
The rules create the Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program, which authorize schools districts to spend state-aid dollars for students to enroll in supplemental courses provided by 3rd party providers. The rules permit students enrolled in their district to take up to 5 hours of online instruction, while the remaining hour will be provided physically on a school campus.
- 2. Explain proposed changes as briefly as possible.**
Currently, there are no formal rules or procedures for school districts to implement supplemental online courses. The rules delineate roles and responsibilities of local education agencies as to the proper implementation of supplemental online courses. In addition, the rules clearly dictate that all students are eligible to take supplemental online courses.
- 3. What are the circumstances which created the need for the rule(s)?**
The lack of past rules or policy regarding supplemental online courses, coupled with the fact that school is currently in session, makes the passage of this rule by emergency necessary.
- 4. Include a reference to any statute that the rule change interprets, any related statute or any related rule, and include a description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the rule(s).**
70 O.S. § 1-111
2011 Senate Bill 280
Classes of persons affected by this rule are students enrolled in public school districts in Oklahoma, local school district administrators and teachers, on-line course providers and local school boards of education.
- 5. What is the intended effect of the rule(s)?**
The effect is to provide clarification for the implementation of the Oklahoma Supplemental Online Course Program. The effect is to make school districts offer supplemental online courses for their students, thereby promoting school choice to parents and students.
- 6. What is the statute or other legal instrument, which authorizes the Board to promulgate rules for this area of control, and/or the statute or other legal instrument, which authorized the rule change?**
70 O.S. §1-111(C)
70 O.S. § 3-104
- 7. Does the proposed change incorporate a set of rules from a body outside the state, such as a national code? If so, list from what body and provide legal name of the set of rules, as recognized by that state.**

The proposed change does not incorporate a set of rules from a body outside the state. This rule is to comply with state law.

8. Why is this considered an emergency and what might happen if not promulgated as soon as possible?

For a rule to be adopted by emergency, the agency must show that imminent peril exists to the preservation of the public health, safety, or welfare, or that a compelling public interest requires an emergency rule. Oklahoma school districts are already in session. The compelling public interest in passing this rule as an emergency is that without such a rule, the Oklahoma State Department of Education cannot officially offer guidance and technical assistance to schools that are already in session