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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi

DATE: January 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Tulsa Technology Center to offer Visual Graphic Design class for fine art credit

The State Department of Education is seeking approval on behalf of Tulsa Technology Center to count the Visual Graphic Design course for fine arts credit for purposes of meeting the core curriculum requirements of 70 O.S. § 11-103.6.

Section (G)(3) of that statute states, in relevant part:

“Technology center school districts may offer programs designed in cooperation with institutions of higher education which have an emphasis on a focused field of career study **upon approval of the State Board of Education** and the independent district board of education. Students in the tenth grade may be allowed to attend these programs for up to one-half (1/2) of a school day and credit for the units or sets of competencies required in paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B or D of this section shall be given if the courses are taught by a teacher certified in the secondary subject area; provided, credit for units or sets of competencies pursuant to subsection B of this section shall be approved for college admission requirements.”

This course is taught by a certified teacher who has achieved highly qualified status. Additionally, the course has been approved by College Board AP Credit and the instructor has received AP training.