

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 210. STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHAPTER 10. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SUBCHAPTER 13. STUDENT ASSESSMENT

a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

The purpose of the proposed amendments to 210:10-13-22 is to implement changes necessary to ensure that the A-F school grading system is in compliance with recent changes and additions to the law resulting from HB 1658; HB 1071; and SB 169, which affect how the A-F report cards are calculated.

HB 1658 was approved by the Governor on May 24th, 2013 and becomes effective on August 23, 2013. The bill amended 70 O.S. §§ 1210.545 to change the criteria for calculation of the A-F report cards required by the statute. Specifically, the percentage weights for the "student improvement," "student growth," and "growth of the lowest twenty-five percent (25%) of students" was changed, and the "whole school improvement" category was eliminated; and a provision was added for schools to earn bonus points toward their final overall grade.

HB 1071 was approved by the Governor on April 22, 2013 and went into effect on July 1, 2013. The bill amended 70 O.S. §§ 3-150 and 1210.545 to provide that student assessment data of non-resident students enrolled in full-time online programs offered by school districts outside students' district of residence are to be reported separately from resident students and not included when determining the academic performance index (API) of a school district or charter school used to assign the final letter grade of a school or school district.

SB 169 was approved by the Governor on April 22, 2013 and went into effect on July 1, 2013. The bill added a new law codified at 70 O.S. § 3-145.6, which directs how virtual education providers are to be considered under the A-F grading system established at 70 O.S. § 1210.545.

b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will affect public school students and their parents/legal guardians, public schools, and public school districts.

c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The proposed changes will benefit public school districts, public schools, public school students and their parents/legal guardians by clarifying the bases upon which their schools and school districts are held accountable for public school student achievement.

d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.

e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**
The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.
- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**
The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.
- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**
No.
- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**
The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.
- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**
The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.
- k. **Date Prepared:** July 24, 2013.