

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 25. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. Academic Scholars Program

610:25-1-3. General principles for operation of program [AMENDED]

610:25-1-4. Eligibility Requirements and Term of Scholarship Award [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

ACT Test Scores: In recent years, ACT has expanded its options for taking the ACT test beyond the traditional six national Saturday testing dates each year. Other official ACT testing options now include school-level testing administered at a school site during the school day, statewide ACT tests (not used in Oklahoma to date), and international tests. The proposed change would recognize these additional methods for students to obtain ACT scores considered official and valid by ACT. The language specifically excludes "residual" ACT tests administered by an individual college because ACT does not allow residual test scores to be used beyond the campus that administers the test. The language also requires that SAT test scores be considered in a manner comparable to the ACT test scores.

Institutional Nominee Transfers from Two-Year Colleges: The proposed revision would allow Institutional Nominee students attending a two-year college to transfer to a four-year college once they have completed an associate's degree or accumulated at least 48 credit hours. Current policy requires the student to earn at least 48 hours at a two-year college during their first two years of college before transferring. The proposed change addresses those students that enter college with significant college credit already earned through concurrent enrollment or Advanced Placement (AP) credit. Per current policy, the student would still be required to attend at least one full year at the two-year college that initially nominated the student. The proposed change would also be consistent with the existing policy for four-year universities that requires the Institutional Nominee to attend at least one year at the nominating four-year university before transferring to another institution.

**AUTHORITY:**

70 O.S. §2401 *et seq.*; 70 O.S. §3206 (i); Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2016.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

ACCEPTED 10/14/16

Office of Administrative Rules

Oklahoma Secretary of State

Docket # 16-758

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A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2016.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

N/A

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after November 1, 2016.

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**NAME OF AGENCY:**

State Regents for Higher Education

**TYPE OF DOCUMENT:**

Notice of rulemaking intent

**LIAISON VERIFICATION:**

I verify that I have reviewed the attached document and that it substantially conforms to filing and format requirements of the APA and the rules of the Secretary of State. Additional information may be obtained by contacting me at 405-225-9289.



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