

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

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 23. Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program
610:25-23-4. Program requirements [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

Adding Statistics and Probability Course Option to Math Curriculum Requirements: The core curriculum requirements for Oklahoma's Promise are directly aligned with the core curriculum requirements for college admission as approved by the State Regents. In June 2016, the State Regents approved a modification to the college admission curriculum requirements for mathematics by adding statistics and probability to the list of acceptable courses. The proposed revision makes this same change to the Oklahoma's Promise curriculum requirements for mathematics.

ACT Test Scores: In addition to meeting the other Oklahoma's Promise program requirements, homeschool students and students graduating from non-accredited high schools are also required by state law to score a 22 or higher on the ACT test. 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.

AUTHORITY:

70 O.S. §2601 *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:

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.

ACCEPTED 10/4/16

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Oklahoma Secretary of State

Docket # 16-757

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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:

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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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