



Oklahoma's Promise

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Access 360 Conference

September 23, 2013



Agenda

- HS Enrollment
- HS Qualification/Eligibility
 - College Requirements

Application Requirements

- Student must currently be attending the 8th, 9th or 10th grade
- Student's family household income must be \$50,000 or less
- Must be an Oklahoma resident
- Application must be submitted with a postmark on or before **June 30 (or the Monday following if it falls during the weekend)**.



Application Challenges

- Collecting income documentation
- Incomplete applications
- Communication

Communication Efforts

- Blackboard (phone, voicemail, text, e-mail)
- Letters & E-mails
- Advertising
- New Logo



Additional Requirements

- Graduate from an Oklahoma high school (or other education program for homeschool students)
- Complete the 17 unit curriculum with at least a **2.50 cumulative GPA in these units**
- Achieve at least a **2.50 cumulative GPA in overall courses for grades 9-12**
- Attend school regularly
- Refrain from substance abuse
- Don't commit criminal or delinquent acts

Benefits

- Pays tuition only (fees are not included) at an Oklahoma **public** college or university; a portion of tuition at an Oklahoma private college or university or qualified career technology courses
- Pays for the **actual hours enrolled**; recommend full-time enrollment
- May be used until the completion of a bachelor's degree or five consecutive years, whichever comes first

Students

- Undocumented immigrant students may enroll in OKPromise; must provide documentation of legal status to the college before they will be eligible to receive awards in college
- DHS Custody
- Adopted students from court-ordered custody
- Legal Guardian
- Abandonment

Good to Know

- *Remind them to expect a confirmation letter or e-mail*
- Never assume a student is enrolled
- Student/parent isn't going to apply or follow through with an incomplete application because of different plans following graduation – encourage completion

Curriculum – 17 units

- 4 English
- 3 Lab Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 History and Citizenship Skills
- 2 Foreign or Non-English Language OR Computer Technology
- 1 Additional Unit of any of the subjects listed above
- 1 Fine Arts or Speech



OK Promise Curriculum Worksheet

Please record the letter grade or numerical value on the lines next to the courses completed. (i.e. A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) Each short line indicates $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit.

Student Name: _____

ENGLISH (4 units)

English I _____	English III _____
English II _____	English IV _____

LAB SCIENCE (3* units - must be a district certified lab science)

Biology _____	Physical Science (lab) _____
Chemistry _____	_____
Physics _____	_____

MATH (3 units)

Algebra I _____	Trig/Calculus _____
Geometry _____	Math Analysis _____
Algebra II _____	AP Statistics _____
Algebra III _____	_____

HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP SKILLS (3 units - 1 unit must be American/U.S. History)

American History _____	World History _____
Oklahoma History _____	Modern History _____
Government/Civics _____	Ancient History _____
Geography _____	World Geography _____
Economics _____	_____

FOREIGN OR NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE (2 units of the SAME language)

Spanish I/Spain II _____	Native Amer. Lang I/II _____
French I/French II _____	Sign Language I/II _____
German I/German II _____	_____

OR

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (2 units - not including keyboarding or typing)

ADDITIONAL COURSE (1* unit of the subjects listed above)

FINE ARTS OR SPEECH

(1 unit of music, art, drama or Speech - competencies WILL count if noted on the transcript.)

ACT Score: _____ 17-unit OHLAP Core GPA (must be 2.5 or above) _____



**CURRICULUM
WORKSHEET**

WHY?????



Curriculum Worksheet – Why?

- Tracking from time of signing up
- Students know where they stand
- Shows both GPAs
- Helps the OKPromise office during evaluation
 - by showing us abbreviated courses
 - by letting us know what courses your school district counts as a "lab science"
 - if the OKPromise GPA is borderline, we can see what courses the counselor used to push it up to or over 2.50



Will a class count?

- Check “What HS Courses Count...” on the OKPromise website: www.okpromise.org.
- Is this considered a college-prep course?
- Will the local college/university accept it toward college admission?

Other Issues

- OKPromise students must meet the regular admission requirements in order to be eligible for the OKPromise award.
- Students on IEPs (language from website)
 - “... to qualify for the scholarship, the core courses completed by the student must have the same academic content and be of the same academic rigor as the regular college preparatory core courses offered by the high school in the same academic subject.”

Undocumented Students

- OKPromise students who enrolled (in OKPromise) after 7/2/07 must be lawfully present in order to be eligible to receive the award in college.
- Eligibility list identifies date of entry
- Lawful status is determined by the institution they are attending.

Second Income Limit

- Initial income limit at time of enrollment = \$50,000
- Family income at the time the student enters college cannot exceed \$100,000
- Applies to students who enter college for the first time in the fall 2012 (**one-time** check)
- Students must file the FAFSA
- Adjusted Gross Income on the Federal tax return
- Students enrolled under special adoption provisions have a higher 2nd income limit.

Minimum College GPA

- 2.0 GPA for courses taken through the sophomore year (one-time check)
- 2.5 GPA for courses taken during the junior year and thereafter
- Applies to students who enter college for the first time in the fall 2012

We Need YOU!

- Encourage all students to file the FAFSA.
- Families who know they won't qualify for Pell still need to file.
- If they claim that they cannot file the FAFSA, they should contact the FA director at the college they plan to attend.
- Please stress the importance ...
File the FAFSA for smooth processing.

Federal SAP Standards

- SAP = Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by the college in which they are enrolled
- Goes into effect fall 2012 and applies to ALL OKPromise college students
- Applies to ALL OKPromise students whether they are receiving federal aid or not
- Contains both GPA rqmts and minimum standards for completing courses in which the student enrolls
- Any OKPromise student on financial aid suspension for failure to meet SAP, will not be eligible to receive the OKPromise award

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