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Oklahoma CareerTech Accreditation Updates

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What Changed Through Senate Bill 1735

Before SB 1735

- Technology centers operated under the authority of the State Board of Education for **some** statutory requirements related to classification, inspection, and accreditation.
- SDE conducted an annual compliance checklist review with technology centers.

SB 1735 Change

- The change places **ALL** of the technology center accreditation authority within the CareerTech system.



What This Means for Technology Centers

No Longer Required

- The SDE Annual Accreditation Compliance Checklist is no longer completed by Oklahoma Technology Centers following the transfer of accreditation responsibilities under SB 1735.

Still Required

- Technology centers must continue to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and requirements, including:
 - Teacher certification and licensure requirements
 - Required safety drills and emergency preparedness (*Tracking Template Provided*)
 - Health and safety regulations
 - Financial and operational reporting requirements
 - All other applicable statutes and regulatory requirements



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Introducing the Annual Accreditation Compliance Checklist

ODCTE will launch an Annual Accreditation Compliance Checklist designed to:

- Review key accreditation requirements each year
- Identify potential concerns early
- Provide resources and support before issues become corrective actions

Submissions will be made in ctYOU (ODCTE Accreditation Portal)



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How the Annual Checklist Will Work

Focused Review Each Year

- The checklist will rotate focus areas annually based on:
 - Common findings from accreditation visits
 - Regulatory updates
 - Technology center needs
 - Areas requiring additional clarification



Implementation Timeline

Fall 2026

- Introduce annual checklist process
- Provide guidance and expectations

2026–2027 Academic Year

- Due January 2027
- Feedback by Spring 2027

Future Years

- Rotate checklist focus areas
- Adjust based on system needs and accreditation trends



Key Takeaways

- The checklist is still being refined and will be **published in the coming weeks.**
- **No new requirements.** The checklist focuses on items technology centers should already have to demonstrate compliance.
- Simple documentation. Most requested information should already be maintained as part of normal operations.
- Proactive support. Annual reviews allow ODCTE to **identify concerns early** and provide assistance.
- Fewer corrective actions. **The goal is to reduce findings** during the five-year accreditation visit.



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Questions?