

TITLE 218. OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
CHAPTER 10. EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 5. Educator Preparation Program Accreditation

218:10-5-1. Educator preparation program accreditation and review process [AMENDED]

218:10-5-3. Specific state requirements for program accreditation [AMENDED]

218:10-5-4. Standards for Oklahoma educator preparation programs [AMENDED]

Subchapter 7. Educator Assessment Regulations

218:10-7-4. CALT and CERI Micro-Credentials [NEW]

Subchapter 9. Education Leadership Oklahoma

218:10-9-1. Education Leadership Oklahoma regulations [AMENDED]

Subchapter 10. TeachForwardOK Program [NEW]

218:10-10-1. TeachForwardOK Program [NEW]

SUMMARY:

The material revisions to 218:10-5-1: Clarify that OEQA accreditation site reviews may be conducted either virtual or on-site and therefore changes any references to “site visit,” “site visits,” “site visitor,” “site visitors,” or “visiting” to “site review,” “site reviews,” “site reviewer,” “site reviewers,” or “reviewing” respectively; Clarify the composition of the state site accreditation review team, for initial and continuing accreditation, including the roles of the reviewers and observers; and Clarify the composition of the members of CEQA Appeals Board for appeals related to programs and state accreditation.

The material revision to 218:10-5-3 changes the composition of the participants in program review to indicate that participation of parents of P-12 students and business community leaders actively involved in assisting P-12 schools is optional, rather than required due limited availability of this category of participants.

The material revisions to 218:10-5-4: Clarify that all educator preparation programs shall meet the most current CAEP standards in effect, which may be revised or amended from time to time, by replacing language that identified prior CAEP standards; and Clarify the information to be provided in the annual report submitted by educator preparation programs.

218:10-7-4 is a new and addresses CALT and CERI Micro-Credentials as required by new law codified at 70 O.S. § 7002.

The material revisions to 218:10-9-1: Clarify the amount of the Education Leadership Scholarship and that it be used for National Board assessment fees as provided in the amended 70 O.S. § 6-204.2.

218:10-10-1 is a new and addresses the pilot TeachForwardOK Program as required by new law codified at 70 O.S. § 6-186.1.

AUTHORITY:

Commission of Educational Quality and Accountability, 70 O.S. § 3-116.2; Creation of Office of Accountability, 70 O.S. § 3-117; Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, 70 O.S. § 6-180 *et seq.*, specifically including 70 O.S. § 6-186.1; Education Leadership Oklahoma Act, 70 O.S. § 3-204 *et seq.*; and 70 O.S. § 7002.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written and oral comments will be accepted from December 15, 2025, until 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2026, at the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, at The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 5th Floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attn: Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., or by email to Michelle.Seybolt@oeqa.ok.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held to provide an opportunity for persons to orally present their views on January 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, located at The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 28th Floor, Conference Room 4, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102. Each person wishing to speak must sign in at the door by 1:30 p.m.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing to the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, at The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 5th Floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attn: Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., or by email to Michelle.Seybolt@oeqa.ok.gov before the close of the public comment period, at 4:30 p.m., on January 15, 2026.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained from the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, at The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 5th Floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attn: Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., or by email to Michelle.Seybolt@oeqa.ok.gov. The proposed rules may also be viewed on the agency's website at <https://oklahoma.gov/oeqa/about-oeqa/statutes.html>.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

A copy of the rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, at The Strata Tower at Oklahoma Commons, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, 5th Floor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attn: Michelle Seybolt, Ed.D., or by email to Michelle.Seybolt@oeqa.ok.gov. The rule impact statement may also be viewed on the agency's website at <https://oklahoma.gov/oeqa/about-oeqa/statutes.html>. The rule impact statement will be available as described above beginning December 15, 2025.

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