

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



SAFETY & TECHNOLOGY

- Extend the School Safety Grant Program to ensure all Oklahoma schools are safe and secure.
- Establish a permanent cell phone-free school policy to ensure an optimal learning environment.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

- Expand district access to the Teacher Empowerment Fund to help retain top-performing teachers.
- Explore incentive-based compensation models to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers.
- Create a compensation system to competitively recruit first-year teachers.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Implement leadership development systems to equip leaders to build world-class cultures.
- Develop Centers of Excellence to prepare future teachers.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

- Implement the Presidential Fitness Test to encourage healthy lifestyles for our students.

LITERACY & LEARNING

- Expand the HEROES Literacy Program to ensure every student has the gift of literacy.

