

2026 NRI Chapter 35

PROPOSED RULES

Subchapter 3. Standards for Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, and Career and Technology Schools

Part 5. STANDARD III: ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

210:35-3-46. Administrative and supervisory services [AMENDED]

Part 11. STANDARD VI: STUDENT SERVICES

210:35-3-106. Guidance and counseling services [AMENDED]

Part 21. STANDARD XI: ACCREDITATION STATUS

210:35-3-201. Statement of the standard [AMENDED]

Subchapter 11. Additional Standards for Career and Technology Education Programs in Comprehensive Secondary Schools and Career and Technology Schools

Part 5. STANDARD III: ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

210:35-11-21. Administrative and supervisory services [AMENDED]

Subchapter 13. Standards for Accreditation of Career and Technology Schools

Part 5. STANDARD III: ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND PROGRAM OPERATIONS

210:35-13-26. School day and year [AMENDED]

Subchapter 29. Alternative Education Academies, Programs, and Schools

210:35-29-8. Requirements for alternative education programs [AMENDED]

SUMMARY

Amended school days and hours to reflect current legislative requirements. Amended Guidance and counseling services as to fix grammatical error and provide clarity. Amended accreditation rule to align with current practice and statutory requirements. Amended Alternative Education rule to align with statutory provisions for virtual charter schools.

AUTHORITY

Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma State Board of Education; Ok. Const. art. XIII § 5, Title 70 O.S. § 1-105, Title 70 O.S. § 3-104, Title 70 O.S. § 3-104.4, Title 70 O.S. § 1-109, Title 70 O.S. § 3-145.8

COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments on the proposed rule(s) will be accepted from December 15, 2025, until January 16, 2026. Written comments in electronic form will be accepted during the open public comment period via email at kory.kile@sde.ok.gov. During the open public comment period, written comments may also be hand delivered to the agency during regular business hours or via regular mail to the individual at the address shown below under "Contact Person." Oral comments may be submitted for the record at the public hearing at the time, date, and place shown below.

COMMENT PERIOD: START DATE – Dec. 15, 2025

COMMENT PERIOD: END DATE – Jan. 16, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Oliver Hodge Education Building, State Board Room, Room 1-20, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Persons wishing to speak must sign in at the door of the State Board Room prior to the start of the hearing. Time limitations may be imposed on oral presentations to ensure that all persons who desire to make oral comments will have an opportunity to do so.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES

NA

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES

Copies of the proposed rule(s) may be obtained for review by the public from the Office of Legal Services, State Department of Education, Hodge Education Building, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Electronic copies of proposed rules are also available for review thirty (30) days prior to the hearing on the State Department of Education Legal Services website at:

<https://oklahoma.gov/education/about/administration/office-of-legal-services/administrative-rules.html>

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to Title 75 O.S. § 303(D), a Rule Impact Statement ("RIS") will be prepared and available for review at the Office of Legal Services, State Department of Education, Hodge Education Building, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma within fifteen (15) days of publication of this Notice of Rulemaking Intent by December 30, 2025. A copy of the RIS will also be available on the State Department of Education Legal Services website at: <https://oklahoma.gov/education/about/administration/office-of-legal-services/administrative-rules.html>

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