



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Special Education Directors

FROM: Sherri Coats, Program Director, Special Education Services

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SUBJECT: Project 616: Subject Area Certification Examination Reimbursement

In an effort to increase the ability of districts to appropriately serve students with disabilities who receive services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) the Oklahoma State Department of Education Special Education Services division (OSDE-SES) has implemented Project 616: Subject Area Certification Examination Reimbursement.

To participate in this program, districts will need to ensure that their board policies allow for subject area certification reimbursements. This program is limited to one subject area examination per individual. Options of taking additional examinations, if needed, must have prior approval from OSDE-SES. Approval is based on information provided by the district and available funds for the program. Please note that taking and passing a subject area examination does not, in and of itself, constitute approval for providing direct instruction in any subject area. Districts must comply with current State law regarding certification requirements.

The OSDE-SES will reimburse districts for fees associated with subject area examinations as outlined below:

Teachers who are currently certified in Special Education:

CEOE/OSAT

- a. Early Childhood Education (205)
- b. Elementary Education Subtest 1: Reading/Language Arts (150) and Elementary Education Subtest 2: Social Studies/Mathematics/Science/Health, Fitness, and the Arts (151)

- c. English (207)
- d. Middle-Level English (124)
- e. Advanced Mathematics (First Test) (211) or Advanced Mathematics (Last Test) (111)
- f. Elementary Mathematics Specialist (082)
- g. Middle Level/Intermediate Mathematics (225)
- h. Chemistry (104)
- i. Earth Science (108)
- j. Middle-Level Science (026)
- k. Physical Science (113)
- l. Physics (114)
- m. Middle-Level Social Studies (127)
- n. Psychology/Sociology (132)
- o. U.S. History/Oklahoma History/ Government/Economics (117)
- p. World History/Geography (118)

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- a. Early Childhood (1003)
- b. Elementary Education (1600)
- c. Mid-Level English (4150)
- d. Mid-Level Math (5554)
- e. Mid-Level Science (6055)
- f. Mid-Level Social Studies (6560)
- g. Advanced Math (5550)
- h. American History (6501)
- i. Biology (6003)
- j. Chemistry (6006)
- k. Earth Science (6009)
- l. Economics (6511)
- m. English (4050)
- n. Geography (6513)
- o. Journalism (4101)
- p. Physical Science (6013)
- q. Physics (6015)
- r. Psychology (8013)
- s. Sociology/Anthropology (6519)
- t. U.S. History (6521)
- u. World History (6523)

General Education Teachers or Participants in the Non-Traditional Route to Special Education Certification

CEOE/OSAT

- a. Special Education Comprehensive
- b. Mild-Moderate Disabilities (129)
- c. Severe-Profound/Multiple Disabilities (131)
- d. Blind/Visual Impairment (128)
- e. Deaf/Hard of Hearing (030)

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- a. Blind Visual Impairment (2550)
- b. Deaf and Hard of Hearing (2552)
- c. Mild/Moderate Disabilities (2556)
- d. Severe/Profound Disabilities (2558)

APK - Assessment of Professional Knowledge (Must be completed in addition to the OSAT test)

FOR – Foundations of Reading

A budget application must be submitted and approved through GMS. After an individual passes the subject area examination, the district must submit a reimbursement request online through the GMS with an attached expenditure summary and detailed report and a copy of each individual's subject area examination results. If the individual does not pass the test the district will not receive reimbursement and must once again request pre-approval.

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