

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 186

By: Holt

4
5
6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school grades; amending 70 O.S.
8 2011, Section 1210.545, as last amended by Section 2,
9 Chapter 163, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section
10 1210.545), which relates to Oklahoma School Testing
11 Program reports; providing for certain schools to
12 earn bonus points for volunteer hours; providing an
13 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.545, as
16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 163, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
17 2014, Section 1210.545), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1210.545. A. As part of the accountability system
19 developed as provided for in Section 1210.541 of this title, the
20 State Board of Education shall prepare annual reports of the results
21 of the Oklahoma School Testing Program which describe student
22 achievement in the state and each school site. The Board shall
23 prescribe the design and content of the reports, which shall
24 include, without limitation, descriptions of the performance of all
schools participating in the Oklahoma School Testing Program and all

1 of the major student populations as determined by the Board, and
2 shall also include the median scores of all eligible students who
3 scored at or in the lowest twenty-fifth percentile of the state in
4 the previous school year. The confidentiality of individual student
5 records shall be preserved as required by law.

6 B. The annual report as required pursuant to subsection A of
7 this section shall identify school sites as having one of the
8 following grades, defined according to rules of the State Board of
9 Education:

- 10 1. "A" means schools making excellent progress;
- 11 2. "B" means schools making above average progress;
- 12 3. "C" means schools making satisfactory progress;
- 13 4. "D" means schools making less than satisfactory progress;
- 14 and
- 15 5. "F" means schools failing to make adequate progress.

16 C. Each school that has students who are tested and included in
17 the school grading system as provided for in this section shall
18 receive a school grade, except as follows:

- 19 1. A school shall not receive a school grade if the number of
20 students tested and included in the school grading system is less
21 than the minimum sample size necessary for statistical reliability
22 and prevention of the unlawful release of personally identifiable
23 student data. The State Board of Education is directed to establish

24

1 the lowest minimum sample size necessary to meet the requirements of
2 this paragraph;

3 2. A school that serves any combination of students in
4 kindergarten through grade three which does not receive a school
5 grade because the students are not tested and included in the school
6 grading system shall receive the school grade designation of a
7 feeder pattern school identified by the State Department of
8 Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder
9 pattern exists if at least sixty percent (60%) of the students in
10 the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten through
11 grade three are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school; and

12 3. The academic performance of students who are enrolled full-
13 time in an online program that is offered by a school district or
14 charter school that is not the district of residence or is not
15 located in the district of residence of the student shall be
16 reported separately by the school district or charter school and
17 shall not be included when determining the grade of the school site
18 or charter school.

19 D. The grade of a school shall be based on a combination of:

20 1. Fifty percent (50%) on whole school performance, as measured
21 by allocating one point for each student who scores proficient or
22 advanced on the criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction
23 tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this title and
24 alternative test scores administered to students pursuant to Section

1 1210.523 of this title divided by the number of students taking the
2 tests;

3 2. Twenty-five percent (25%) on whole school growth, as
4 measured by allocating one point for each student who improves
5 proficiency levels or improves substantially within a proficiency
6 level on criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction tests
7 administered under Section 1210.508 of this title divided by the
8 number of students taking the tests; and

9 3. Twenty-five percent (25%) on growth in the bottom quartile
10 of students, as measured by allocating one point for each student in
11 the bottom quartile who improves proficiency levels or improves
12 substantially within a proficiency level on criterion-referenced
13 tests and end-of-instruction tests administered under Section
14 1210.508 of this title divided by the number of students taking the
15 tests.

16 E. In addition to the components outlined in subsection D of
17 this section, the following bonus points shall be considered in
18 determining the grade of a school site:

19 1. For schools comprised of high school grades:

- 20 a. five points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for
21 the high school graduation rate of the school, as
22 defined by rules adopted by the Board,
- 23 b. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for
24 performance or participation of students in College

1 Board Advanced Placement courses, International
2 Baccalaureate courses, concurrent enrollment courses,
3 Advanced International Certificate of Education
4 courses, or the achievement of students on national
5 industry certification, as defined by rules adopted by
6 the Board,

7 c. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for
8 participation or performance in SAT tests administered
9 by the College Board or the American College Test
10 (ACT), as defined by rules adopted by the Board,

11 d. one point for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the
12 high school graduation rate of students who scored at
13 limited knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-
14 grade criterion-referenced tests in reading and
15 mathematics,

16 e. as valid data becomes available, one point for the
17 performance of students on the end-of-instruction
18 tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this
19 title, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and

20 f. one point for the growth or decline in the components
21 listed in subparagraphs a through e of this paragraph
22 from year to year, as defined by rules adopted by the
23 Board;

24 2. For schools comprised of middle school grades:

- a. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the drop-out rate of the school, as defined by rules adopted by the Board,
- b. two points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for the percentage of students who are taking higher level coursework at a satisfactory or higher level, as defined by rules adopted by the Board, and
- c. six points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board; and

3. For schools comprised of elementary school grades 7:

- a. ten points for meeting the criteria for an "A" for attendance, as defined by rules adopted by the Board; and
- b. eight points for volunteer hours performed during the school year by parents and/or community members, as defined by rules adopted by the Board.

F. Student test data used in determining school grades shall include:

1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the school who have been administered the criterion-referenced tests and end-of-instruction tests administered under Section 1210.508 of this title; and

1 2. For schools comprised of high school grades, the data listed
2 in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and the following data as the
3 State Department of Education determines the data are valid and
4 available:

5 a. the high school graduation rate of the school as
6 calculated by the Department,

7 b. the participation rate of all eligible students
8 enrolled in the school in College Board Advanced
9 Placement courses whether taught at a high school, a
10 technology center school, or a regional site of the
11 Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics,
12 International Baccalaureate courses, concurrent
13 enrollment courses, Advanced International Certificate
14 of Education courses, courses or sequence of courses
15 leading to national industry certification identified
16 pursuant to rules adopted by the Board, courses or
17 sequence of courses granted cooperative college
18 alliance credit taken at a technology center school,
19 and science, technology, engineering and mathematics
20 courses taken at a regional site of the Oklahoma
21 School of Science and Mathematics,

22 c. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled
23 in the school in College Board Advanced Placement
24 courses whether taught at a high school, a technology

1 center school, or a regional site of the Oklahoma
2 School of Science and Mathematics, International
3 Baccalaureate courses, and Advanced International
4 Certificate of Education courses,

5 d. earning of college credit by all eligible students
6 enrolled in the school in concurrent enrollment
7 programs as provided for in Section 628.13 of this
8 title and in cooperative college alliance courses
9 taken at a technology center school,

10 e. earning of a national industry certification
11 identified pursuant to rules adopted by the Board,

12 f. the aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled
13 in the school in reading, mathematics, and other
14 subjects as measured by the SAT test administered by
15 the College Board and the ACT,

16 g. the high school graduation rate of all eligible
17 students enrolled in the school who scored at limited
18 knowledge or unsatisfactory on the eighth-grade
19 criterion-referenced tests in reading and mathematics,

20 h. the performance of students on statewide end-of-
21 instruction tests administered under Section 1210.508
22 of this title, and
23
24

1 i. the growth or decline in the data components listed in
2 subparagraphs a through h of this paragraph from year
3 to year.

4 G. Grades shall be calculated by combining the points earned
5 for whole school performance, whole school growth and growth in the
6 bottom quartile of students, measured pursuant to subsection D of
7 this section, and any bonus points earned pursuant to subsection E
8 of this section. Grades shall be assigned based on the following
9 scale:

10 1. Ninety-seven percent (97%) to one hundred percent (100%) =
11 A+;

12 2. Ninety-three percent (93%) to ninety-six percent (96%) = A;

13 3. Ninety percent (90%) to ninety-two percent (92%) = A-;

14 4. Eighty-seven percent (87%) to eighty-nine percent (89%) =
15 B+;

16 5. Eighty-three percent (83%) to eighty-six percent (86%) = B;

17 6. Eighty percent (80%) to eighty-two percent (82%) = B-;

18 7. Seventy-seven percent (77%) to seventy-nine percent (79%) =
19 C+;

20 8. Seventy-three percent (73%) to seventy-six percent (76%) =
21 C;

22 9. Seventy percent (70%) to seventy-two percent (72%) = C-;

23 10. Sixty-seven percent (67%) to sixty-nine percent (69%) = D+;

24 11. Sixty-three percent (63%) to sixty-six percent (66%) = D;

1 12. Sixty percent (60%) to sixty-two percent (62%) = D-; and

2 13. Fifty-nine percent (59%) and below = F.

3 H. The annual report shall identify the performance of each
4 school as having improved, remained the same, or declined. This
5 school improvement rating shall be based on a comparison of the
6 student and school performance data of the current year to the
7 previous year data. Schools that improve at least one grade level
8 are eligible for school recognition as established by the Board
9 through the accountability system developed pursuant to Section
10 1210.541 of this title.

11 I. The State Department of Education shall annually develop, in
12 collaboration with school districts and the Office of Educational
13 Quality and Accountability, a school site report card to be
14 delivered to parents throughout each school district. The report
15 card shall include the grade for the school, information regarding
16 school improvement, an explanation of school performance as
17 evaluated in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education
18 Act of 2001 (ESEA), P.L. No. 107-110, also known as the No Child
19 Left Behind Act of 2001, and indicators of return on investment.
20 The report card for each school site shall be published annually by
21 the Department on its website, and every school district shall
22 provide the school site report card to the parent or guardian of
23 each student enrolled in the school site.

1 J. The Legislature may factor in the performance of schools in
2 calculating any performance-based funding policy that is provided to
3 public school districts.

4 K. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
5 implement the provisions of this section.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

7 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11

12 55-1-956 EB 1/13/2015 3:19:06 PM

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24