



SECTION II: INSTRUCTION POLICY 2030

Requirements for Graduation

The Board of Education of the Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (“OVCA”) hereby adopts the following policy regarding the requirements for graduation, including testing:

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete 23 credits pursuant to Oklahoma statute 70 O.S. § 11-103.6, participate in all assigned state testing, and complete the financial literacy required by Oklahoma law to be eligible for graduation from OVCA. At least 25% (6 credits) of the required credits for graduation must be completed while enrolled at OVCA. As with all other credits, these may be earned through OVCA courses, Career Tech Courses or concurrent enrollment.

1. CREDIT REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

Students have two options for diplomas in the state of Oklahoma. 70 O.S. § 11-103.6 requires eighth grade students entering the ninth grade to complete the college preparatory/work ready curriculum unless the student’s parent/guardian approves the student to enroll in the core curriculum. The college preparatory/work ready curriculum and the core curriculum requirements are as required by Oklahoma law. Successful completion of either curriculum will result in a student receiving a standard diploma.

2. TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

In accordance with the requirements of 70 O.S. Section 1210.508, beginning July 1, 2016, students will no longer be required to pass end of instruction tests to graduate high school unless Oklahoma law requires otherwise.

Students entering ninth grade during or after the 2016-2017 school year will be required to participate in the OVCA approved assessments mandated by state law to complete graduation requirements.

Every high school student shall participate in the Math, English and Science state assessments to graduate from OVCA. Students entering ninth grade during or after the 2017-2018 school year must also complete the US History state test prior to graduation.

Additionally, OVCA may require students to meet any other high school graduation testing requirements as may be developed and adopted by the Oklahoma State Board of Education pursuant to 70 O.S. Section 1210.508(A).

To the extent allowed by law and approved by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the Head of School may grant exceptions to the testing requirement for graduation or require participation

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in district level testing to satisfy the testing requirement for graduation for extenuating circumstances on a case by case basis.

3. PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION

Students must complete and demonstrate satisfactory knowledge in 14 areas of instruction related to financial literacy, including such topics as credit card debt, saving money, interest, balancing a checkbook, understanding loans, identity theft, and earning an income to graduate from a public high school in Oklahoma. Students assessed with alternative standards through the Oklahoma Alternative Assessment Program (OAAP) may demonstrate mastery of the PFL standards if they meet the following criteria: 1) receives substantive and substantial instruction in life-skills curriculum, and 2) demonstrates the acquired knowledge of the student by alternative measures as required by the IEP.

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