

PROFICIENCY BASED PROMOTION

1. Upon the written request of a student, parent, guardian, or educator, a student will be given the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in one or more areas of the core curriculum as defined in 70 O.S. 11-103.6:

Social Studies
Language Arts
Reading
Mathematics
Science
Languages
Fine Arts

A. Proficiency will be demonstrated by assessment or evaluation appropriate to the curriculum area, for example: portfolio, criterion referenced test, thesis, project, product or performance. Proficiency in all laboratory sciences will require students to perform relevant laboratory techniques.

B. The student may also be required to demonstrate research abilities and/or writing proficiency. In the areas of arts and foreign language, an interview and a portfolio of demonstrated performance will be required and evaluated by the district for proficiency.

C. Proficiency for advancing to the next level of study will be demonstrated by a score of 90% or comparable performance on an assessment of demonstration.

D. Qualifying students are those who are legally enrolled in the local school district, Grades K-12.

E. Assessment date(s) will be announced annually.

- F. The district requires registration for proficiency testing at least one month in advance of the assessment date.
 - G. Students may be allowed to take proficiency assessment in multiple areas.
 - H. Students not demonstrating proficiency will be allowed to try again during the next assessment period.
 - I. Exceptions to standard assessment may be approved by the district for those students with disabling conditions.
- 2.** Students demonstrating proficiency in a core curriculum area will be given credit for their learning and will be given the opportunity to advance to the next level of study in the appropriate curriculum area.
- A. The school will confer with parents in making such promotion or acceleration decisions. Such factors as social and mental growth should be considered.
 - B. If a parent or guardian requests promotion or acceleration contrary to the recommendation of school personnel, the parent or guardian shall sign a written statement to that effect. The statement shall be included in the permanent record of the student.
 - C. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will not be noted on the transcript.
 - D. Students must progress through a curriculum area in a sequential manner. Elementary, middle level, or high school students may demonstrate proficiency and advance to the next level in a curriculum area.
 - E. If proficiency is demonstrated in a 9-12 curriculum area, appropriate notation will be placed on the high school transcript. The unit shall count toward meeting the requirement for the high school diploma.

- F. Units earned through proficiency assessment will be transferable with students among school districts within the state of Oklahoma.
- 3.** Proficiency assessment will measure mastery of the priority academic student skills in the same way that curriculum and instruction are focused on the priority academic student skills. In other words, assessment will be aligned with curriculum and instruction.
- 4.** Options for accommodating student needs for advancement after demonstrating proficiency may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. individualized instruction
 - b. correspondence courses
 - c. independent study
 - d. concurrent enrollment
 - e. cross-grading grouping

 - f. cluster grouping
 - g. grade/course advancement
 - h. individualized education programs
- 5.** Each year the school district will disseminate materials explaining the opportunities of proficiency based promotion to students and parents in the district. Priority Academic Student Skills and type of assessment or evaluation for core curriculum area will be made available upon request.

Appropriate notation will be made for elementary, middle level or high school level students satisfactorily completing a 9-12 high school curriculum area. Completion will be noted with a “P” for passing. This unit will count toward meeting the requirements for the high school diploma.