

Statutory References for Statewide Mandates

1. [Decide the date when your school board elections will be held.](#)
 - a. School board nonpartisan primary elections in Oklahoma are held on the second Tuesday in February every year. School board primary elections are only held if more than two candidates run for a school board member seat. If two candidates run, the primary is canceled and both candidates advance to the general election.
 - b. School board general elections in Oklahoma are held on the first Tuesday in April every year.
2. [Determine graduation requirements for high school students in your district:](#)

Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section, in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education with a standard diploma, students shall complete the following college preparatory/work ready curriculum units or sets of competencies at the secondary level

3. [Determine the cut-off date for children to be allowed to attend your district's kindergartens.](#)

C. No child shall be enrolled in kindergarten unless he or she will have reached the age of five (5) years on or before September 1 of the school year. No child shall be enrolled in the first grade unless he or she will have reached the age of six (6) years on or before September 1 of the school year.

4. [Allow designated smoking areas on school property.](#)

A. The use of a tobacco product or vapor product shall be prohibited in or on an educational facility that offers an early childhood education program or in which children in grades kindergarten through twelve are educated. The use of a tobacco product or vapor product shall also be prohibited in school vehicles, and at any school-sponsored or school-sanctioned event or activity.

5. [Allow school cafeterias to serve non-diet soda beverages.](#)

B. Each district board of education shall ensure that students in middle and junior high schools do not have access to foods of minimal nutritional value except after school, at events which take place in the evening, and on special occasions. The only exception to the minimal nutritional value standard will be diet soda with less than ten (10) calories per bottle or can.

6. [Compose the oath of office for new school board members](#)

Each member of the board of education and the treasurer and assistant treasurer of a school district shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

"I _____ (Name of officer), hereby declare under oath that I will faithfully perform the duties of _____ (Name of position) of _____ (Name of school district) to

the best of my ability and that I will faith fully discharge all of the duties pertaining to said office and obey the Constitution and laws of the United States and Oklahoma."

7. [Offer school bus service to elementary school students who live one mile from their school.](#)

2. To transport students whose homes are more than a reasonable walking distance, as defined by regulations of the State Board of Education, from the school attended by such student. Provided, that no state funds shall be paid for the transportation of a student whose residence is within one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from the school attended by such student.

8. [Decide the number of fire drills that will be held annually.](#)

A. In addition to the four security drills required pursuant to [Section 5-148](#) of this title, all public schools shall conduct a minimum of six safety drills as follows:

1. Two fire drills per school year. Each fire drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester. The fire drills shall include the sounding of a distinctive audible signal designated as the fire alarm signal;

9. [Determine the rules for students applying to transfer into the district.](#)

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, on and after January 1, 2022, the transfer of a student from the district in which the student resides to another school district furnishing instruction in the grade the student is entitled to pursue shall be granted at any time in the year unless the number of transfers exceeds the capacity of a grade level for each school site within a school district.

10. [Allow teachers to inflict corporal punishment on pre-kindergarten students.](#)

D. Except concerning students on individualized education plans (IEP) pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. No. 101-476, the State Board of Education shall not have authority to prescribe student disciplinary policies for school districts or to proscribe corporal punishment in the public schools.

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