



What Can Parents Do?

- Become actively involved in your child's education.
- Make sure your child is in school every single day.
- Emphasize the importance of classroom achievement.
- Make school and graduating a priority over other activities.
- Talk to your child about his/her classwork daily.
- Communicate with your child's teachers.
- Use the Parent Portal to keep up-to-date on your child's progress.
- If you can keep your children in the same school over a long period of time, research shows they do better academically.

What Can Students Do?

- Commit to succeed.
- Attend school every single day.
- Take these exams seriously by working hard in class throughout the year.
- Make school and graduation a priority.
- Communicate with your teachers.
- Ask for help, if you need it.
- Take the most challenging courses that you can handle.
- Complete assignments regularly.

Enid Public Schools Non-Discrimination Policy
EPS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex/gender, age, national origin, alienage, handicap or veteran status.

Why is it important to take the college preparatory/work ready curriculum?

Enid Public Schools highly recommends that students take the college preparatory/work ready curriculum because it more fully prepares them for college and the workplace. It is also required by the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP), which helps provide free college tuition to families that qualify.

How do I ensure that my child takes the college preparatory/work ready curriculum?

The parents of every ninth-grade student will receive a letter asking if they would like for their child to take the college preparatory/work ready curriculum or the core curriculum. If the form is not completed and returned to the school, the student is automatically enrolled in college preparatory/work ready curriculum. **Enid Public Schools recommends that students enroll in the college preparatory/work ready curriculum.**

What if my child does not score satisfactory or advanced on an End-of-Instruction test?

If your child scores limited knowledge or unsatisfactory, he or she will be provided with additional assistance and the opportunity to retake the test until a satisfactory or advanced level is obtained. Remediation may be provided in a number of ways, including extended time during the school day, summer academy, tutoring and other services.

If my child takes Algebra or geometry in the eighth grade, will it be counted as one of three required math credits?

No. There must be three math credits that meet the rigor of Algebra I and above taken in grades nine-12. However, Algebra I is required for graduation and will be counted as an elective math credit.

Where can I learn more about ACE?

Please contact your child's principal or counselor for more information about requirements. You can also visit the State Department of Education website for comprehensive information, www.sde.state.ok.us.



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A Parent & Student Guide to Achieving Classroom Excellence



For Additional Information:
Emerson — 580.237.3017
Longfellow — 580.234.7022
Waller — 580.234.5931
EHS — 580.234.2404
Lincoln — 580.242.6170



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Achieving Classroom Excellence

In 2005, Oklahoma passed a law that changes the graduation requirements for many students, including your child and the students in his/her grade and younger. The legislation is called "ACE: Achieving Classroom Excellence." We hope this brochure will assist your family as we work together to the goal of graduation.

Enid Public Schools always has promoted a rigorous curriculum and high academic expectations, but it is important that parents and students are aware of the higher accountability mandated by this legislation. Together, we can ensure that all students meet this challenge. We look forward to partnering with you in Achieving Classroom Excellence!

Testing Requirements

Beginning with students **entering 9th grade in 2008-09 (Class of 2012)**, every student shall demonstrate mastery of the state academic content standards in the following subject areas in order to graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma:

1. Algebra I; **AND** English II; **AND**
2. Two of the following five:
 - a. Algebra II,
 - b. Biology I,
 - c. English III,
 - d. Geometry, and
 - e. United States History.

(A test must be taken in each area.)

2008-09 Testing Dates

Winter EOI Tests:

December 1, 2008 –
January 9, 2009

Spring EOI Tests:

April 20, 2009 –
May 15, 2009

Required Credits for High School Graduation

Enid Public Schools prepares students for their future. Detailed here is the college preparatory/work ready curriculum for high school graduation, beginning with those entering the 9th grade in the 2006-2007 school year (Class of 2010).

English (4 Units)

to include Grammar, Composition, Literature, or any English course approved for college admission requirements;

Mathematics (3 Units)

limited to Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or any mathematics course with content and/or rigor above Algebra I and approved for college admission requirements;

[Beginning with students entering 9th grade in the 2008-2009 school year, 3 units of Mathematics must be taken in Grades 9-12, in addition to any of the courses listed above that were taken prior to Grade 9.]

Laboratory Science (3 Units)

limited to Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or any laboratory science course with content and/or rigor equal to or above Biology and approved for college admission requirements;

History and Citizenship Skills (3 Units)

to include 1 American History, 1/2 United States Government, 1/2 Oklahoma History, and 1 from the subjects of History, Government, Geography, Economics, Civics, or non-Western culture and approved for college admission requirements;

Foreign or Non-English Language OR Computer Technology (2 Units)

to include 2 units of the same foreign or non-English language OR 2 units of computer technology approved for college admission requirements, whether taught at a high school or a technology center school, including computer programming, hardware, and business computer applications, such as word processing, databases, spreadsheets, and graphics, excluding keyboarding or typing courses;

1 Additional Unit selected from the courses listed above

or career and technology education courses approved for college admission requirements;

Fine Arts or Speech (1 Unit or Set of Competencies)

fine arts, such as music, art, drama, or speech;

23 Units or Sets of Competencies

are required in order to meet state graduation requirements, including this curriculum, other requirements in state law, electives, and additional units or sets of competencies as determined by the local board of education.

The Enid Board of Education requires students to earn 25 units to graduate.