

Advanced Placement Incentives

During 2012-13, \$3,236,700 will be available for the purpose of expanding the Advanced Placement program in Oklahoma. Funds will be used for professional development, course materials, and school incentives.

Alternative and High Challenge Education

Revenue is distributed through the Oklahoma State Board of Education (OSBE) for students who are at-risk of not completing a high school education. For 2012-13, the OSBE approved \$14,877,366 for Alternative Education Academy programs. Programs include stand-alone schools, multidistrict cooperatives, evening programs, partnerships with career technology centers and community colleges, and alternative classrooms.

Driver Education

Revenue is appropriated by the Legislature and allocated to school districts as a reimbursement for providing a driver education program during the preceding school year. Courses offered during (1) the regular school day, (2) the summer, or (3) on Saturday will be reimbursed at \$82.50 per pupil. Courses offered before or after the regular school day will be reimbursed at \$95 per pupil.

Flexible Benefit Allowance (Certified and Support Personnel)

The purpose of the Flexible Benefit Allowance (FBA) is to furnish school district employees with choices about insurance benefits or cash compensation. Flexible benefit allowance means amounts credited by the school district for each school district employee for the purpose of benefits under the cafeteria plan. For the 2012-13 school year, the FBA for certified personnel taking insurance with the district will be equal to 100 percent (100%) of the HealthChoice (Hi) option; but, for certified employees not taking insurance, the "In Lieu of FBA" amount is \$69.71 a month. The FBA for full-time support employees taking insurance with the district will be equal to 100 percent (100%) of the HealthChoice (Hi) option; but, for full-time support employees not taking insurance, the "In Lieu of FBA" amount is \$189.69 a month. The 2012-13 appropriation for certified staff exceeded \$226 million; the appropriation for support staff exceeded \$117 million.

Foundation and Salary Incentive Aid

Revenue is distributed through the state aid formula as administered by the OSBE. This source of appropriated funding is the primary funding provided to Oklahoma school districts.

Oklahoma Parents as Teachers

For 2012-13, \$1,000,000 was approved by the OSBE for the Parent Training Program (Oklahoma Parents as Teachers [OPAT] – 70 O.S. § 10-105.3). The OPAT program is designed to foster an early partnership between home and school to support parents in preparation for their children's formal years of schooling. The program serves families with children from birth to aged three and is designed to maximize a child's overall development.

Reading Sufficiency Act

The OSBE also approved funds under the Reading Sufficiency Act. Part of this line item includes funds designated for school districts on a reimbursement basis. Under this act, students enrolled in the first, second, and third grades shall be assessed at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year for the acquisition of reading skills. Students not reading at the appropriate grade level will be provided with a program of reading instruction and will be provided reading remediation. Districts may receive up to \$150 for each enrolled kindergarten, first-, second-, and third-grade student of the current school year who is on a program of reading instruction.