

2019

SENATE GOP LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Education Investments & Reform

Oklahoma Senate Republicans will honor the \$2.9 billion investment in our students and teachers, and we will restore 5-day school weeks, providing for reasonable exemptions, to enhance student outcomes and repair Oklahoma's national reputation.



Focused Legislation:

SB 441 "Increased Instructional Time"

- SB 441 bill encourages schools to get to 5-day weeks while offering exceptions for districts performing well on 4-day week schedules.
- SB 441 maintains local control by giving local school officials a choice in deciding which schedule type is best for their district.
- Through the Dep't of Education rule process, ALL districts will have a chance to provide input on exemption guidelines for schools to remain on a 4-day schedule.
- SB 441 is authored to encourage schools to give more quality instructional time with students in the classroom.
- The national average of days spent in the classroom per year is *185 days*. The Oklahoma average is *166 days* per year. Schools on 4-day schedules on average spend just *146 days* in the classroom per year. SB 441 will help this average increase.