

FY 2027 Budget Performance Review
605-Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

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Agency Mission

To build a nationally competitive system of higher education leaders that will provide educational programs and services universally recognized for excellence, expand frontiers of knowledge and enhance quality of life. The work of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education is defined by constitutional provision, state statute, or State Regents' policy delineating the coordination responsibility of the State System of Higher Education, including the areas of institutional functions, programs of study, standards of education, and finances.

Division and Program Descriptions

Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.

Critical Workforce Development

Recognizing that higher education is an economic driver for our state and uniquely positioned to align educational attainment with workforce needs, the state system will incentivize and emphasize degree completions that lead to the critical occupations of the state.

State Regents Administration

The State Regents prescribe academic standards of higher education, determine functions and courses of student at state colleges and universities, grant degrees, recommend to the state legislature budget allocations for each college and university, and recommend proposed fees within limits set by the legislature. In addition to oversight of the system, this agency is also responsible for the management and administration of state financial aid, scholarship programs, OCAP and OneNet.

Universities, Colleges and Constituent Agencies

Beginning in FY'13, Institutions of Higher Education are receiving all new funds, over and above their base, from a performance funding formula. The performance funding formula measures each institution on a set of performance measures. The improvement in performance measures are then calculated to determine the percentage of new funds an institution will receive. Performance measures used in the formula are 1) degree completion, 2) first year retention rates, 3) pell grant retention, 4) 24-hour course passage, 5) graduation rates, 6) Complete College America Degree target goals, 7) number of certificates/degrees conferred and 8) maintenance of program certification.

Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentiv

"Inspire to Teach" is a program to support the teacher pipeline and the preparation of public-school teachers for Pre-K through 12th grade. As funding is available, the program provides scholarships to eligible students majoring in teacher education at an accredited teacher preparation program in Oklahoma's public or private universities and colleges. The employee incentive is provided to those teachers entering the workforce for at least five (5) consecutive years following graduation.

Endowed Chairs

Created in 1985, the purpose of the endowed chairs program is to support the establishment of faculty chairs and professorships to improve the quality of instruction and research at colleges and universities in the state system. In 2012, the Governor and Legislature authorized the transfer of \$149.5 million to Higher Education that provided state match to establish chairs, professorships and lectureships at higher education institutions. Over 1,100 accounts have been funded and the matching portion of the program has now been sunset.

Rising Scholars - Academic Scholars

The purpose of this program is to encourage the state's and nation's best students to attend higher education institutions in Oklahoma. Students qualify for the program by receiving an official national designation or must be nominated by an institution. The program provide scholarships per year depending on the type of institution the student's attend. In order to remain eligible for this award, student must maintain 3.25 GPA and be enrolled in 24 hours of course credit per year.

Oklahoma's Promise

The program is designed to provide an incentive for more students to aspire for college, prepare themselves academically in high school, and ultimately earn college degrees. Students from families with incomes of \$60,000 - \$80,000 aligned with the number of dependents, must enroll in the program in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade. To earn the scholarship, students must complete a college preparatory curriculum, achieve at least a 2.50 GPA in the core curriculum and overall, attend school regularly, and refrain from drug abuse or delinquent acts. The award pays tuition at public colleges or an equivalent amount at public career technology centers or private colleges.

Concurrent Enrollment

This program allows juniors and seniors in high school to enroll in college-level courses while still in high school. The senior students are eligible for tuition waivers for coursework up to 18-credit hours when taken the summer of their junior year in high school through the spring term of their senior year. Junior students are eligible for waivers up to a maximum of nine credit hours.

Gear Up

The State Regents have been awarded five successive federal GEAR UP grants. The current grant provides Oklahoma \$34.7 million in federal funds over 7 years. The goal of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of students from low-income communities who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. GEAR UP uses multiple proven strategies including professional development activities for educators to increase academic rigor and create a college-going culture in schools, leadership training to help parents become active partners in their local schools; and dissemination of a broad array of college access and financial aid information throughout the community.

Adult Degree Completion Program

Reach Higher, Oklahoma's Adult Degree Completion Program, is designed for adults with some college credit, but no degree to return to college and complete a degree in a flexible, accelerated, and affordable way. Associate and Bachelor degrees are offered online and in 8-week formats for working adults. The first course was offered in March 2007 with 36 majors. As of summer 2021, over 10,000 individuals have graduated from the 21 public colleges and universities participating in the program across the state. Several initiatives have been developed to help the adult-student population to achieve micro-credentials and degrees.

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FY'26 Budgeted Department Funding By Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local ¹	Other ²	Total
<u>Governance & Operations</u>							\$0
Regents' Administration		\$6,366,842					\$6,366,842
Data Processing IT support		\$2,212,428					\$2,212,428
ONENET			\$12,305,291	\$15,800,064			\$28,105,355
Scholarship Administration		\$634,524					\$634,524
Internet II, NLR		\$1,026,883					\$1,026,883
<u>Financial Aid Programs</u>							\$0
Academic Scholars		\$9,155,862					\$9,155,862
OK Tuition Aid Grants		\$17,010,329					\$17,010,329
Chiropractic Education Assist.		\$28,318					\$28,318
Future Teachers Scholarships		\$70,793					\$70,793
OK Tuition Equalization Grant		\$2,926,186					\$2,926,186
Concurrent Enrollment		\$20,492,168					\$20,492,168
National Guard Tuition Waiver & Educational Assistance Program		\$12,000,000					\$12,000,000
Reach Higher Program & Adult Scholarship Program		\$1,785,747					\$1,785,747
Regional Baccalaureate Scholar.		\$1,021,517					\$1,021,517
George and Donna Nigh Scholarships		\$49,555					\$49,555
Wm P. Willis Scholars		\$59,997					\$59,997
International Scholars Program		\$90,847					\$90,847
Inspired to Teach		\$41,586,893					\$41,586,893
<u>Other Special Programs</u>							\$0
Economic Development		\$296,834					\$296,834
EPSCoR/Research		\$1,850,423					\$1,850,423
Summer Academy Program		\$426,286					\$426,286
Endowed Chairs Program		\$21,529,849					\$21,529,849
Teacher Connection Program		\$852,282					\$852,282
Teacher Shortage Incentive Program		\$270,405					\$270,405
Campus Compact							\$0
GEAR UP			\$4,917,905				\$4,917,905
Student Preparation		\$788,811					\$788,811
Online Educational Resources		\$300,000					\$300,000
Student Telehealth Program		\$4,000,000					\$4,000,000
System Shared Resources (Library Database, Financial Analytics, Legal)		\$1,757,948					\$1,757,948
Hunger Pantry Project		\$200,000					\$200,000
<u>Capital</u>							
Debt Service Requirements		\$26,555,028					\$26,555,028
Capital/Master Lease Administration		\$1,325,883					\$1,325,883
Section 13 Offset Program		\$19,948,766					\$19,948,766
<u>Institutions, Constit. Agencies, etc.</u>		\$851,044,212					\$851,044,212
<u>Oklahoma's Promise</u>		\$70,740,310					\$70,740,310
Total		\$1,118,405,926	\$17,223,196	\$15,800,064	\$0	\$0	\$1,151,429,186

1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:

2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:

Balances of Appropriated Funds from Prior Fiscal Years

3-digit Class Fund #	Class Fund Name	GA Bill # and Section #	Fiscal Year of Original Appropriation	Original Appropriation Amount (\$)	Total Expended Amount as of 8/31/2025 (\$)	Balance as of 8/31/2025 (\$)
						\$0
<i>Total remaining prior year appropriation balance:</i>						\$0

Report appropriations that have existing balances from all prior fiscal years at the 3-digit class fund number (i.e. 194, 195). Do not report carryover class funds separately.

Include appropriations located in disbursing funds. Report PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

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What changes did the agency make between FY'25 and FY'26?

1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?

No services have been cut.

2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?

Tuition increases of 1.9% were approved system-wide for AY2025-2026, resident undergraduate students.

3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?

N/A

4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?

Merit and/or market equity increases approved and vary by position.

Appropriation Increase Review

Appropriation Increase Purpose	Appropriation Increases (Additional to Agency Base Appropriation)			Expenditures	
	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total Amount Received FY 2024-2025	Total Expenditure of Increase as of 6/30/2025	If funds have not been spent, please explain why.
OCAMP Deferred Maintenance	\$1,003,794,375	\$1,079,996,221	\$2,083,790,596		OCAMP funding spent on on-going capital deferred maintenance projects
Total:	\$1,003,794,375	\$1,079,996,221	\$2,083,790,596	\$0	

List appropriation increases that the agency has received in the prior two years. List amounts received in each year. Include PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

FY'27 Requested Funding By Department and Source

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other ¹	Total	% Change
<u>Governance & Operations</u>							
Regents' Administration		\$6,366,842	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,366,842	0.00%
Data Processing IT support		\$2,212,428	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,212,428	0.00%
ONENET		\$0	\$12,305,291	\$15,800,064	\$0	\$28,105,355	0.00%
Scholarship Administration		\$634,524	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$634,524	0.00%
Internet II, NLR		\$1,026,883	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,026,883	0.00%
<u>Financial Aid Programs</u>							
Rising Scholars -Academic Scholars		\$17,155,862	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,155,862	87.38%
OK Tuition Aid Grants		\$17,010,329	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,010,329	0.00%
Chiropractic Education Assist.		\$28,318	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,318	0.00%
Future Teachers Scholarships		\$70,793	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,793	0.00%
OK Tuition Equalization Grant		\$2,926,186	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,926,186	0.00%
Concurrent Enrollment		\$26,492,168	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,492,168	29.28%
National Guard Tuition Waiver & Educational Assistance Program		\$14,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,000,000	16.67%
Reach Higher Program & Adult Scholarship Program		\$3,785,747	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,785,747	112.00%
Regional Baccalaureate Scholar.		\$1,021,517	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,021,517	0.00%
George and Donna Nigh Scholarships		\$49,555	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,555	0.00%
Wm P. Willis Scholars		\$59,997	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,997	0.00%
International Scholars Program		\$90,847	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,847	0.00%
Inspired to Teach		\$41,586,893	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,586,893	0.00%
<u>Other Special Programs</u>							
Economic Development		\$296,834	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$296,834	0.00%
EPSCoR/Research		\$1,850,423	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,850,423	0.00%
Summer Academy Program		\$426,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$426,286	0.00%
Endowed Chairs Program		\$21,529,849	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,529,849	0.00%
Teacher Connection Program		\$852,282	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$852,282	0.00%
Teacher Shortage Incentive Program		\$270,405	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$270,405	0.00%
Campus Compact		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
GEAR UP		\$0	\$4,917,905	\$0	\$0	\$4,917,905	0.00%
Student Preparation		\$788,811	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$788,811	0.00%
Online Educational Resources		\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	0.00%
Student Telehealth Program		\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	0.00%
System Shared Resources (Library Database, Financial Analytics, Legal)		\$3,757,948	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,757,948	113.77%
Hunger Pantry Project		\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	0.00%
<u>Capital</u>							
Debt Service Requirements		\$26,555,028	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,555,028	0.00%
Master Lease Administration		\$1,325,883			\$0	\$1,325,883	0.00%
Section 13 Offset Program		\$19,948,766	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,948,766	0.00%
<u>Institutions, Constit. Agencies, etc.</u>							
Oklahoma's Promise		\$1,201,044,212	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,201,044,212	41.13%
		\$70,740,310	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,740,310	0.00%
Total		\$1,488,405,926	\$17,223,196	\$15,800,064	\$0	\$1,521,429,186	32.13%

1. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding for each department:

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FY'27 Top Five Incremental Appropriated Funding Increase Requests				
Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1:	Strategic Operational Funding/Critical Workforce Needs	No	Recurring	\$57,000,000
Request 2:	Legislative Initiatives and Programming	No	Recurring	\$21,500,000
Request 3:	<i>Institutional Specific Allocation Requests</i>	No	Recurring	\$291,500,000
Request 4:				
Request 5:				
Top Five Request Subtotal:				\$370,000,000
Total Increase above FY-26 Budget (including all requests)				\$370,000,000
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:				\$0
* Capital requests in the table above should be listed in the next table.				

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?				
Description of requested increase in order of priority		Total Project Cost (\$)	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1	Deferred Maintenance, Safety, and Security	\$ 56,250,000	Yes	Yes
Priority 2				
Priority 3				

Does the agency has any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees? If so, please describe the impact.
No, does not include Higher Education.
* Include the total number of federally funded FTE in the Pathfinder system.

How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '27 as was received in FY '26? (Flat / 0% change)
Limits our ability to continue strategic investments in programs and institutions.

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '27?
Travel reductions; continue FTE reductions through attrition, reduction in purchases, reduction in programs and scholarships.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '27?					
Description of requested increase in order of priority				Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1	No agency fee changes anticipated.				
Increase 2					
Increase 3					

Federal Funds							
CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 26 budget (\$)	FY 25 actuals (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 25 budgeted FTE (#)
84.032	FFELP		\$50,000,000				
93.558	TANF Pass-through		\$2,930,046				
93.575	Child Care Pass-through		\$4,759,045				
84.334	Gear Up		\$4,917,905				
47.07	NSF Computer and Info Science and Engineering		\$1,689,792				
84.425	ARP - Pass-through		\$3,143,062				
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Federal Government Impact

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?

No federal mandates

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?

No

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?

Loss of 26 FTE positions, loss of access grants for adult student population, and services to counselors, students and parents for college readiness

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?

No federal budget cuts are known at this time.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?

No federal earmarks have been requested.

FY 2026 Budgeted FTE

Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
<u>Governance & Operations</u>							
Regents' Administration		23.58	35.22	0	30.8	15	13
Data Processing IT support		8.5	20	0	8.5	10	10
ONENET		8	17	0	14	8	3
Scholarship Administration		2	5	0	5	1	1
Internet II, NLR and Library Databases							
<u>Financial Aid Programs</u>							
Academic Scholars							
OK Tuition Aid Grants							
Chiropractic Education Assist.							
Future Teachers Scholarships							
Oklahoma's Promise							
OK Tuition Equalization Grant							
Concurrent Enrollment							
National Guard Tuition Waiver							
Reach Higher Program				1	0	1	
Regional Baccalaureate Scholar.							
George and Donna Nigh Scholarships							
Tulsa Reconciliation Scholarships							
International Scholars Program							
<u>Other Special Programs</u>							
Economic Development							
EPSCoR/Research							
Summer Academy Program							
TEACH - Scholars of Excellence		0	5	0	5		
Endowed Chairs Program							
Teacher Connection Program		1	3	0	3		1
Teacher Shortage Incentive Program							
Campus Compact							
College Access Grant							
GEAR UP		2	16	0	8	9	1
Student Preparation		0	2	0	1	1	
OCAP (formerly known as OGSLP)		3.92	15.78	0	14.78	2.92	2
Unfilled FTE		2	20	2.19	11.81	6	2
<u>Capital</u>							
Debt Service Requirements							
Master Lease Administration							
Section 13 Offset Program							
Total		51	140	2.19	102.89	52.92	33

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FTE History by Fiscal Year							
Division #	Division Name	FY 2026 Budgeted	FY 2026 YTD	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2017
<u>Governance & Operations</u>							
Regents' Administration		65.12	58.8	64.12		65.1	64.1
Data Processing IT support		28.5	28.5	27.5		31.5	31.5
ONENET		32.49	25	23.49		28.5	27.3
Scholarship Administration		10	7	9		9.0	9.0
Internet II, NLR and Library Databases							10
<u>Financial Aid Programs</u>							
Academic Scholars							
OK Tuition Aid Grants							
Chiropractic Education Assist.							
Future Teachers Scholarships							
Oklahoma's Promise							
OK Tuition Equalization Grant							
Concurrent Enrollment							
National Guard Tuition Waiver							
Reach Higher Program		2	1	2		2.0	2.0
Regional Baccalaureate Scholar.							1
George and Donna Nigh Scholarships							
Tulsa Reconciliation Scholarships							
International Scholars Program							
<u>Other Special Programs</u>							
Economic Development							
EPSCoR/Research							
Summer Academy Program							
TEACH - Scholars of Excellence		5	5	5		5.0	5.0
Endowed Chairs Program							5
Teacher Connection Program		4	4	4		3.4	3.0
Teacher Shortage Incentive Program							4
Campus Compact							
College Access Grant				0		0.0	0.0
GEAR UP		21	18	16		15.0	15.0
Student Preparation		2	2	2		3.0	3.0
OCAP (formerly known as OGSLP)		20.89	19.7	18.89		20.9	0
Unfilled FTE			22.0	38		25.0	28.2
<u>Capital</u>							
Debt Service Requirements							
Master Lease Administration							
Section 13 Offset Program							
Total		191.0	191.0	210.0	208.4	213.0	210.4

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Performance Measure Review

	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
STEM Exploration (Summer Academies)	555	974	576	817	
Increase in number of middle and high school students receiving STEM exploration opportunities annually.					
<i>NOTE: The significant decrease from FY24 to FY25 is primarily due to a redesign of the Full STEM Ahead program. Under Chancellor Garrett's direction, the program shifted to prioritize offerings that operated every day after school until 6 p.m. This new structure required substantially more funding per program, which in turn limited the number of programs we could support and reduced overall student participation. Additionally, institutions faced challenges in recruiting for all available spots due to the demanding schedule. That said, all students who did participate in FY25 Full STEM Ahead received significantly more exposure to STEM content and enrichment than in the previous year.</i>					
Concurrent Enrollment	18,851	16,991	15,211	14,542	
Increase in number of students participating in concurrent enrollment at state system institutions annually.					
Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant	18%	29%	29%	28%	
Increase in the percentage of Pell-eligible students who receive the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant annually.					
Oklahoma's Promise	41%	38%	46%	42%	
Increase in the percentage of eligible students who enroll in Oklahoma's Promise scholarship program.					
Micro-credentials	8,642	6,408	2,280	894	
Increase in the number of micro-credentials awarded by state system institutions annually					
Degrees and Certificates	38,070	37,189	36,947	37,123	
Increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded by state system institutions annually.					
STEM and Critical Occupations	35,117	34,200	34,030	34,118	
Increase in number of degrees and certificates aligned with STEM and critical occupations by state system institutions annually.					

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)

	FY'23-25 Avg. Revenues	FY'23-25 Avg. Expenditures	June 2025 Balance
Fund: Fund Number, Fund Name			
210-Administrative Revolving Fund			\$21,287,031

FY 2026 Current Employee Telework Summary

List each agency physical location (not division), then report the number of employees associated with that location in the teleworking categories indicated. Use "No specified location" to account for remote employees not associated with a site. Use actual current employees (headcount), not budgeted or actual FTE.

Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)

Agency Location / Address	City	County	Onsite (5 days onsite, rarely remote)	Hybrid (2-4 days onsite weekly)	Remote (1 day or less weekly onsite)	Total Employees
OSRHE- 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	165			165
Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa	1			1
No Specific Location					3	3
Total Agency Employees						169