

Written by **Oklahomans** for **Oklahomans!**

FOCUS ON FOUNDATIONS AND MASTERY

- 1)** Clear and Concise Wording
- 2)** Grade to Grade Vertical Progressions for PK-12
- 3)** Grade-Level Appropriate in ELA and Mathematics
- 4)** Increased Rigor, Clarity, Accuracy, and Alignment

Oklahoma Academic Standards for English Language Arts

- Early Literacy - Explicit Phonics
- Cursive Handwriting
- Writing Research
- Reading and Writing Connections in ELA
- College- and Career-Ready Reading Ranges Defined

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Mathematics

- Fluency with Math Facts
- Standard Mathematical Algorithms
- Increased Rigor for Middle School Math
- Emphasis on Real-World Application

"Providing a rigorous set of academic standards will ensure that all Oklahoma children are **college- and/or career-ready**. [...] Furthermore, I was impressed with the evidence of **developmentally appropriate expectations** embedded in the standards at all grade levels."

Joseph M. Pierce, Ed.D.

Head of School and Superintendent of
John Rex Charter Elementary School

"Overall, I found the standards to be **clearly stated, explicit, relevant and appropriate**. I feel that students who are in classes that follow these standards will be **well-prepared for college and be capable of pursuing STEM majors**, if they chose to do so."

Frank Y.H. Wang, Ph.D.

President, Oklahoma School of
Science and Mathematics

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Experts Consulted for **Design of Standards Writing Process**

50

Higher Education Faculty and Representatives Provided Feedback

27

Content Experts who teach entry-level college courses in English and Mathematics

118

Oklahoma **Parents** Provided Feedback

62

Letters of Support

27

Oklahoma **Legislators** Provided Feedback

Writing Teams represented Higher Education and PK-12 Education

Percent of Writing Team Members had **Doctorate** Degrees

36

Percent of Writing Team Members had **Masters** Degrees

59

Percent of Writing Team Members had **Bachelors** Degrees

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1964

Oklahoma PK-12 Teachers Provided **Feedback**

767

Years of Combined **Educational Experience** on the Writing Teams

"We feel strongly that these standards will provide our students with a more rigorous and deep understanding of the concepts and skills needed to be equipped citizens and successful in college and career."

Janet C. Dunlop, Ph.D.

Associate Superintendent, **Broken Arrow Public Schools**

"I personally have had veteran teachers within my district who have worked on subject area committees and even more who have commented on the standards as they were being developed. They have expressed to me that they are so proud to have their voices heard and their expertise in their field acknowledged and utilized!"

Geri D. Gilstrap

Superintendent, **Stilwell Public Schools**