

## **5010 PROFICIENCY BASED PROMOTIONS**

Duncan Public Schools will follow the Proficiency Based Promotion regulations and guidelines established by the Oklahoma State Department of Education OAC 210:35-27. It is the intent of Duncan Public Schools to provide academic preparation, which will enable students to be prepared for the demands of college and/or the world of work.

Students demonstrating proficiency in core curricular areas by scoring at the 90% level will be given the opportunity to receive credit on their transcript and proceed to the next level of study. Failure to demonstrate proficiency will not be noted.

In accordance with state law testing will be offered twice a year during the last week of July/first week of August and the last week of May/first week of June. Qualifying students are those currently enrolled in Duncan Public Schools. New students will have 30 days from enrollment to request proficiency based testing.

The following assessments/supporting documents may be used for testing purposes and/or committee review:

1. The Oklahoma Proficiency Tests (Riverside).
2. A teacher made criterion referenced test for the course.
3. Work samples.
4. Demonstrations of performance.
5. Recommendation by the student's teacher.

### Testing Procedures

A student, parent, guardian, or educator may request testing. A completed application for proficiency based promotion must be submitted to the Director of State and Federal Program at least two (2) weeks in advance of the testing time period. Upon receiving the application request for testing, the Gifted and Talented Coordinator or designee will inform the student's parent or guardian of the testing date and time as well as educational options available to the student. Other factors such as social, emotional, and intellectual needs of the student may also be considered in providing a student the opportunity for course or grade advancement with unanimous approval of a panel consisting of a current course/grade level teacher, principal, counselor, and administrator. A teacher in the subsequent course or grade may be consulted as well.

In grades one through eight, students may demonstrate proficiency in a grade level. In grades nine through twelve, students may demonstrate proficiency in core area subjects: mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, English and foreign languages. Oklahoma State Law prohibits Duncan Public Schools from providing Pre-K proficiency testing for early entrance into Kindergarten and K proficiency testing for early entrance into 1st grade. (OK School Code Section 14.C)

It shall be the responsibility of the department/curricular area/ grade level to select or prepare a teacher made test based on the content of the course, if a Riverside Proficiency test is not available. The test should be kept confidential and re-structured as necessary. The required tests to be offered will be consistent across the district. Unusual requests or circumstances will be reviewed by the panel to make an appropriate determination. The panel will consist of a teacher, principal, Gifted & Talented Coordinator, and administrator.

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