



Oklahoma Educated Workforce Initiative

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The Oklahoma Educated Workforce Initiative applauds State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister and the State Department of Education for the announcement of their new pilot program to offer a statewide, no cost administration of the ACT for all Oklahoma high school juniors.

Statewide administration of the ACT is an important step in repairing Oklahoma's broken education pipeline. Only 8.6 percent of students who enter kindergarten in Oklahoma go on to successfully graduate college in four years. Oklahoma parents, educators and business leaders all agree that we must act now to improve educational outcomes in Oklahoma and ensure Oklahoma's students are college- or career-ready upon high school graduation. By removing many of the barriers Oklahoma high school students face through a statewide, no cost administration of the ACT, we are ensuring that all students have an equal opportunity to a more educated future. Additionally, statewide administration of the ACT allows for national comparability of our education system to ensure that our students are graduating high school with the best education possible to prepare them for college or career.

The Oklahoma Educated Workforce Initiative is encouraged by this new pilot program and is proud to work alongside State Superintendent Hofmeister to improve the college and career readiness of Oklahoma students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Monies". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Jennifer Monies
Executive Director
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