

# September 2018

## Freshman Counselor's Bulletin

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**OKLAHOMA SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM:** Legislative changes by the Oklahoma State Department of Education have changed the tests administered in Oklahoma schools. High school testing will consist of the **FREE PRE-ACT** test for Grade 10 and the ACT test, Science content test, and History content test for grade 11.

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**August 31, 2018:** Junior Chamber Leadership Applications are due to the counselor or the chamber office.

**September 5, 2018:** Reading Proficiency Test @ 9:00 in the auditorium. Students must register in the office by Sept. 4.

**September 6, 2018:** ACT PREP workshop @ Hugo KTC

(Students must be pre-registered, be an Educational Talent Search participant or a HSSS student in order to attend.) \*Registration deadline: ASAP.

TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP:

Talent Search Participants – Call 1-800-52-6170, Ext. 2711

High School Student Services Members – Call 1-800-522-6170, Ext. 4105.

**ASAP:** Applications for Choctaw Nation Educational Talent Search and HSSS are in the office.

**October 9, 2018:** **FREE** Pre-ACT test for sophomores.

**October 10, 2018:** PSAT Test at Broken Bow High School. (The PSAT will be a practice test for **sophomores**. For juniors, it is used as a qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship competition. The fee for this test is \$20.00. Please register with Mrs. Holmes in the office.

**Sept/Oct?, 2018:** The OU ACT Test Prep Course registration date has not been determined by OU, so please listen for intercom announcements. The registration fee for the OU ACT Test Prep Course is \$100. For more information, visit <http://youth.ou.edu>.

**Sept/Oct?, 2018:** ACT Test Prep Course date is TBD @ OU and usually runs from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Listen for intercom announcements or visit <http://youth.ou.edu> for more information.

**United States Military Academy West Point:** Interested sophomores should request the e-brochure “Your Guide to Successful Admission.” This will help prepare you for the application process which begins the *junior* year. Also see [discover.usma.edu/guide](http://discover.usma.edu/guide).

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If you would like to earn FREE college tuition, apply for **Oklahoma's Promise** and complete the requirements. For more information, go to [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org). You may apply online or see Mrs. Neal for an application. Remember that if you apply online, OKPromise will correspond with you using the email address provided; a mailing address is used for correspondence when you mail the application to OKPromise. I will be glad to mail the application for you. Remember: If you mail the application, let me know so I can look for your name on the updated lists from OKPromise. Otherwise, we will have no idea who has applied for the program.

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### READING PROFICIENCY TEST DATES

9:00 High School Auditorium

September 5

November 7

February 6

April 10

\*\*Students who have passed an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading test will need a letter from the *Broken Bow High School* office to take to the Driver's License Exam site. Since the letter has an attendance portion, you will need to pick up the letter 2-3 days prior to taking the test. **Site location hours of operation have changed for some sites, so please review <https://www.ok.gov/dps/> for the latest information.**

\*\*Students who take school-based driver's education will be exempt from taking the written portion of the permit test, but must provide the letter verifying 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading proficiency and good attendance.

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**After-School Tutoring: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. from 3:05 - 4:00 in Mrs. Compton's room**  
**Lunch Tutoring: Daily in the library during the lunch hour.**  
(Tutoring is a FREE service to all high school students.)

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### **FREE ONLINE SERVICES**

- Live Homework Help @ [www.oklibrary.net](http://www.oklibrary.net).  
Click the Tutor.com icon, then enter your library card number. FREE daily with online tutors between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- ACT preparation @ [www.oklibrary.net](http://www.oklibrary.net)  
Click the Learning Express icon, then create an account to access the Learning Express Library site. There are many programs from which to choose, including Career Prep, Job & Career Accelerator, **College Admission Test Prep**, and **School Center**.  
\*\*You will need a Southeastern Public Library Systems card to access these services.
- Khan Academy @ [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org). (Some topics include: **Math (by subject), Math by Grade, Science & Engineering, Computing, Arts & Humanities which contains history & grammar, Economics & Finance, & Test Prep (SAT).**)

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### **ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Regular Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Required</b>
Sept. 8, 2018	Aug. 3, 2018	Aug. 17, 2018
Oct. 27, 2018	Sept. 21, 2018	Oct. 5, 2018
Dec. 8, 2018*	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 16, 2018
Feb. 9, 2019	Jan. 4, 2019	Jan. 18, 2019
Apr. 13, 2019*	Mar. 8, 2019	Mar 22, 2019
June 8, 2019*	May 3, 2019	May 17, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 21, 2019

**ACT Test: \$50.50**

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**ACT w/Writing: \$67.00**

Our high school code is 370-478. You must upload a picture of yourself as part of the registration. You must also show your **PHOTO ID & ADMISSION TICKET** when you show up to test or you will NOT be able to test. See me for an ACT ID letter if you do not have a photo ID.

\*Test Information Release \$20.00 for December, April, and June tests.

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### **Freshman Year Checklist**

- Establish goals; visit with your counselor at least once a year. Each student should meet individually with the counselor to review and update the 4-year plan.
- Take challenging high school courses.
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements.
- Join extracurricular activities.
- Attend summer camp at a college to experience a college-like atmosphere.
- Research college costs.
- Continue/start saving for college.
- Take classes recommended for college preparation.
- Use testing information. Examine your scores and take extra courses or get tutoring assistance for weaker academic areas.
- Explore careers through research and experiences. Job shadow or do internships in careers you are interested in pursuing.
- Use the internet for information on education and career planning.
- **Apply for Oklahoma's Promise program.**
- Learn about scholarships and contests @ [www.okcareerguide.org](http://www.okcareerguide.org) and [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org).

