



**YOUR CHARGE
FOR THE 2023
LEGISLATIVE
SESSION**



**WHAT IS
ADVOCACY?**

“The act of pleading or arguing in favor of something, such as a cause, idea, or policy.”






**Not all advocacy is lobbying,
all lobbying is advocacy.**



ADVOCACY




Educate Legislators: Provide information on issues.



Research: Produce relevant resources that reflect the real story of your community.



Build community support for your school and education in general



Encourage individuals to write or call legislators in support of your position.



ADVOCACY



HOW TO ADVOCATE

LOCATE YOUR LEGISLATOR

Find My Legislator

This search will indicate the legislator for a specific address according to the districts drawn in 2011.

For current district maps, please consult the [2011 Senate district maps](#) or [2011 House district maps](#).

Specify Address

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State: ▼

Zip:

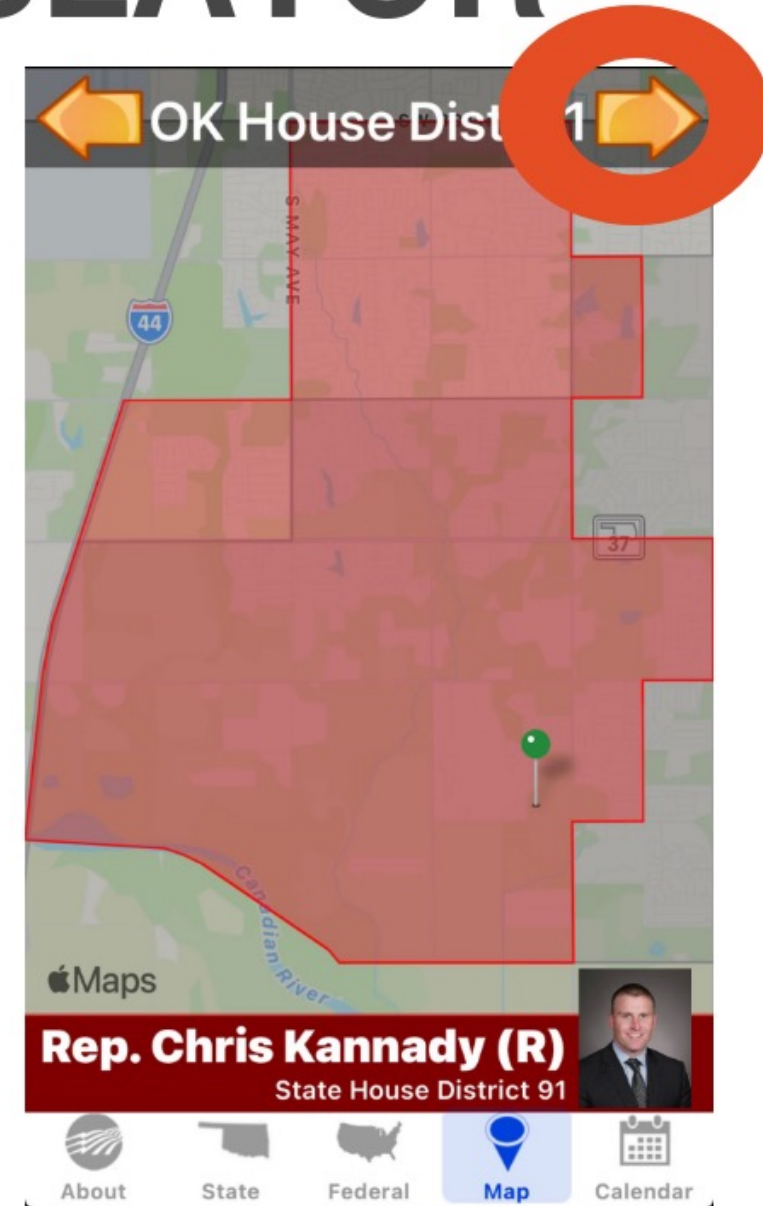
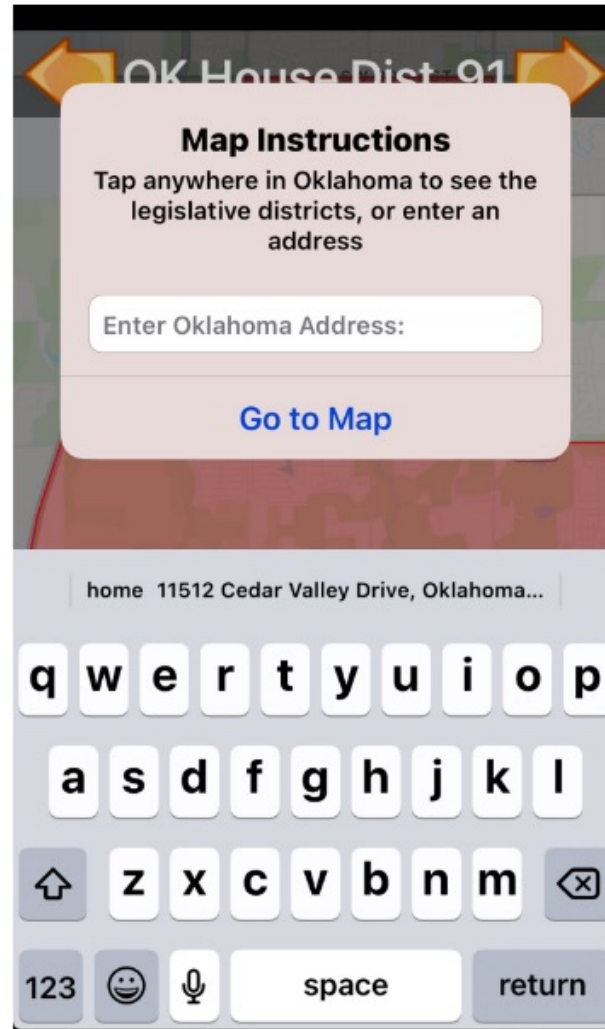
If your zip code is represented by more than one legislator, you may need to enter the zip code plus four digits to find your legislator. You can look up the nine-digit zip code at the U.S. Postal Service website:

<https://tools.usps.com/go/zip-code-lookup.htm>

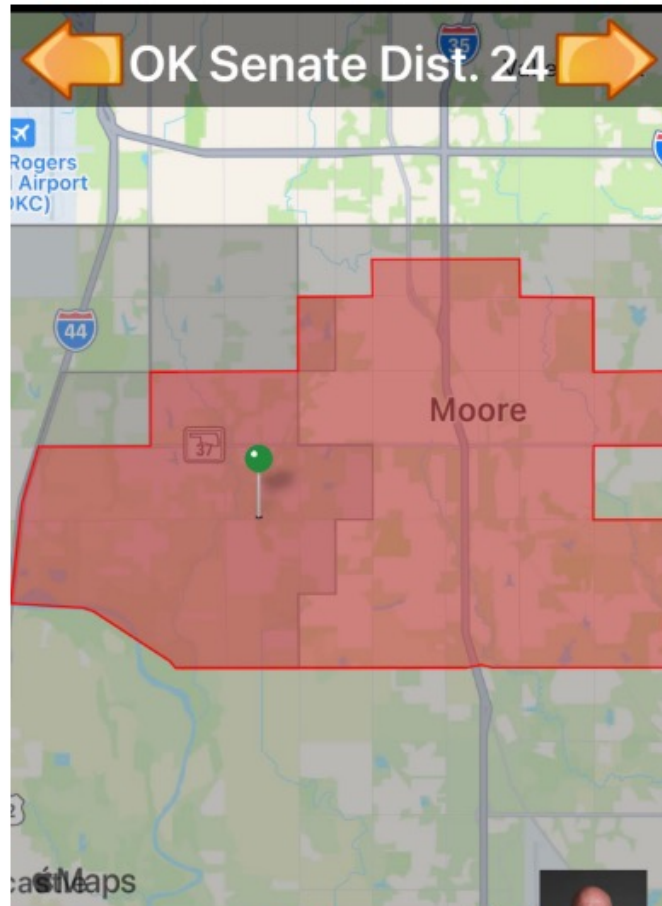
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OK Senate Dist. 24

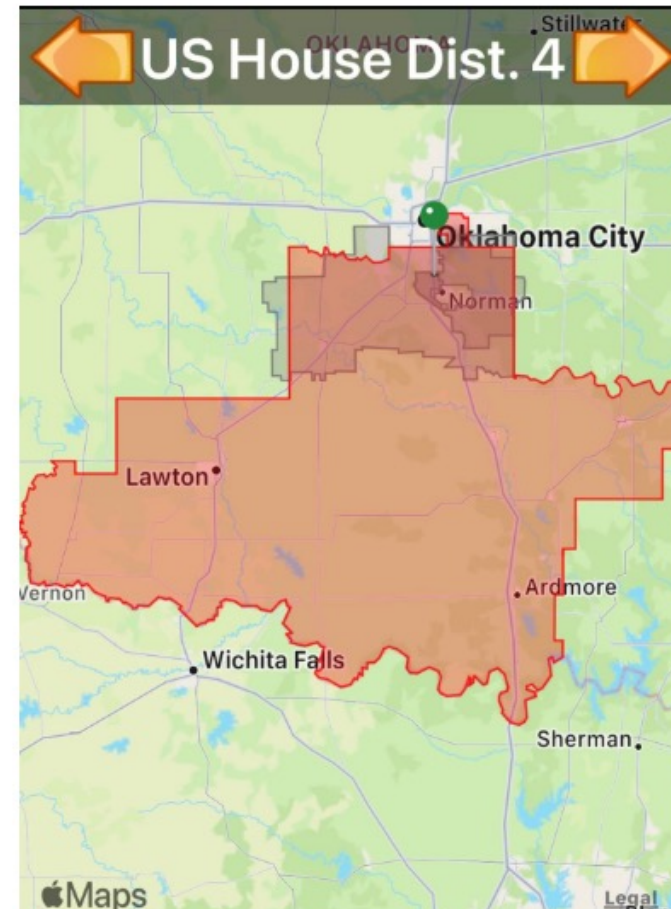
Rogers Airport (KC)

Moore

Sen. Darrell Weaver (R)

State Senate District 24

A map of Oklahoma showing the boundaries of Senate District 24 in red. The district covers the area around Moore, Oklahoma. A green pin is placed in the district. The map includes labels for Rogers Airport (KC) and Moore. The text 'OK Senate Dist. 24' is at the top, and 'Sen. Darrell Weaver (R) State Senate District 24' is at the bottom with a small portrait of the senator.



US House Dist. 4

Oklahoma City

Norman

Lawton

Wichita Falls

Ardmore

Sherman

Rep. Tom Cole (R)

US House District 4

A map of Oklahoma showing the boundaries of US House District 4 in red. The district covers a large area including Oklahoma City, Norman, Lawton, Wichita Falls, Ardmore, and Sherman. A green pin is placed in the district. The text 'US House Dist. 4' is at the top, and 'Rep. Tom Cole (R) US House District 4' is at the bottom with a small portrait of the representative.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR



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Committees

Standing Committee on

Appropriations & Budget



Standing Committee on
**Alcohol, Tobacco &
Controlled Substances**



Standing Committee on
**Banking, Financial Services
& Pensions**



Standing Committee on
Common Education



Standing Committee on
ARPA



Standing Committee on
LOFT




Notes

(tap to add notes)

CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR

 **Can be an effective way to communicate with your legislator.**

 **Please note, there's a great chance that when you call their office you may speak to their assistant.**



WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR



- Use your own words.
- Keep your message focused.
- Be brief.
- Be specific.
- Explain how these issues affect your district.
- Know your facts.
- Be accurate and honest.
- Be timely
- Be persistent.
- Say “thank you.”
- Don't be negative or threatening.

*Your Street Address
City, State, Zip Code
Date*

*The Honorable (Insert Elected Official)
Street Address
City, State, Zip Code*

Dear (Insert Elected Official),

Paragraph 1: Introductory paragraph. Introduce yourself, position and school. Include specific action you are requesting the elected official to take. (Example: Please vote NO on HB 1111.)

Paragraph 2: A paragraph explaining significance, why this action needs to be taken. Provide support for the action you want taken, may take 1-2 paragraphs (Example: HB 1111 is helpful/harmful to our state's education system because X, Y, Z.)

Final Paragraph: Repeat the action you want taken. Include a sentence thanking the elected official for their consideration.

*Sincerely,
(Your written signature)*

VISIT YOUR LEGISLATOR

 **Make an appointment.**

 **Be prompt and patient.**

 **Be prepared.**





INVITE YOUR LEGISLATOR TO VISIT

Best time: During the fall, when the legislature is not in session, invite your legislator to visit your school.


Next Best: On Fridays during legislative session legislators are not in session.

***Be sure to plan ahead, and be flexible.**




DO'S &


DON'T



Use personal time and funds to support a political party, political action committee (PAC), a candidate or state question.


Do Not: Use school property, time or funds for a political party, political action committee (PAC), a candidate or state question. This includes but is not limited to school copiers, telephones, email accounts, computers, paper and supplies.






On your personal time, outside of work, engage in political activity. Such as placing signs in the yard of your home, donate personal resources to a campaign, placing a campaign bumper sticker on a personal vehicle and attending political forums.

Do Not: Use or authorize the use of public funds, property or time to engage in activities to influence the results of an election for state office or a state question.






Post materials in your office that do not advocate for or against a candidate, state question, or other election BUT offers general information. This information must be factual in nature.


Do Not: Post or distribute campaign materials in any building or other property owned, leased or occupied by the State of Oklahoma, except as permitted by law.






Discuss political issues or state question campaigns that directly benefit your school or organization with others on your personal time.


Do Not: Engage in political activities during school hours or while wearing a uniform or school identification in favor of any candidate or a state question campaign.





Use your personal phone or electronic mail to support a political party a political action committee, a candidate or a state question campaign on personal time.

Do Not: Email from your school address to advocate for or against any candidate or to vote for or against any state question or state election.



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OkACTE Legislative Updates



February 5, 2021

Gov. Kevin Stitt kicked off the second session of the 57th Legislature on Monday, February 3, with his State of the State address before both chambers. The House and Senate convened briefly on the floor this week with most work occurring in committee meetings.

Stitt delivers first State of the State address

[Click here to download the Governor's Address](#)

During his address, Governor Stitt outlined his top priorities for the year and here are a few of the highlights.

Five takeaways from Gov. Kevin Stitt's State of the State speech:

1. COVID-19 response

Praising Oklahomans for following his advice of taking "personal responsibility" to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, Stitt painted a rosy picture of what's next for the state amid the unprecedented health crisis.

He promised more COVID-19 vaccines are on the way, partly a result of the Biden administration seeking speed up the vaccine rollout and buy more doses directly from Pfizer and Moderna.

"My vision is to get our summer back, and we can do it by continuing to lead the nation in vaccinations," Stitt said.

Oklahoma is among the leading states for vaccination administration per capita, but the state is still months away from having widespread vaccinations that could halt

QUESTIONS?