

2026



LEGISLATIVE

Agenda

Apprenticeships & Workforce Pathways

- Create an LPN to RN apprenticeship pilot program.

Educator Workforce & Professional Protection

- Develop teacher retention and recruiting programs.
- Support changes to the Teacher Retirement System that attract and retain teachers.
- Authorize ODCTE to provide a public retirement option in addition to the Teacher Retirement System.
- Protect teachers by ensuring reports of student/teacher communications are not placed in personnel files until a finding of guilt is established.

Student Outcomes & Program Integrity

- Protect graduation requirements.

Funding, Finance & Fiscal Stability

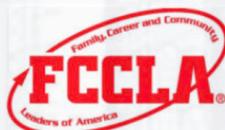
- Support appropriating money from the Legacy Fund for CareerTech expansion.
- Protect the Oklahoma Ad Valorem funding system.
- Support Technology Centers' ability to charge credit card fees to the consumer.

Governance, Authority & Accountability

- Support ODCTE's efforts to obtain full accreditation for Technology Centers.
- Establish ODCTE as the governing authority for all state apprenticeship programs.
- Authorize ODCTE the ability to retain outside counsel.

Policy Definitions & Communication Clarity

- Establish a definition of "adult students" for communication purposes.
- Establish a definition of "emergency" for communication purposes.





OKLAHOMA
CareerTech

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

FY27

FY26 General Appropriation	\$175,562,874
▶ Meet the statutory requirement of funding the flex benefit allowance for the technology centers (Title 70. Schools §70-26-104)	\$1,300,000 (tentative)
▶ Workforce Training Investment to meet the increased need for a trained workforce, by increasing full-time program enrollments by 10,000 over the next five years » \$41,650,000 minus \$10,000,000	\$31,650,000
▶ K-12 CareerTech Program Support Increase support to growing number of new K-12 CTE programs Increase supplement for K-12 CTE instructors for additional reporting requirements	\$5,500,000
▶ Technology Center Expansion Incentive Allocations available to technology centers to expand services into areas of Oklahoma not currently served by a technology center (a one-time request)	\$10,000,000
▶ Career Exploration Allocations for technology center districts to expand services for career exploration	\$20,000,000
Total FY27 Appropriations Increase Requested	\$68,450,000
TOTAL FY27 Appropriations Request	\$244,012,874