



2009 LEGISLATION

SANDY GARRETT  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

July 17, 2009

**S.B. 582 – ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT  
TEACHING CERTIFICATION**

Dear Superintendent:

Senate Bill 582, effective July 1, 2009, provides that the State Board of Education shall grant an Alternative Placement teaching certificate to any person who is credentialed by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE), an organization founded via a grant from the United States Department of Education, for professionals who want to become teachers.

- A. The State Board of Education shall issue a one-year, secondary or middle level certificate to teach to any person who has been credentialed through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE). The program requires applicants to:
- Hold a bachelor's degree;
  - Pass an ABCTE professional teaching knowledge examination;
  - Pass an ABCTE subject area examination; and
  - Pass a national and Oklahoma criminal history background check.
- B. The ABCTE organization shall provide applicants with access to workshops, an experienced teacher-advisor, and optional access to comprehensive subject matter refresher courses. The organization will also provide an intensive mentoring and induction program. This replaces the required Oklahoma Resident Teacher Program. The school district does not have responsibility for assigning a mentor or residency committee. After successfully completing one year of classroom teaching, including mentoring, candidates may apply and the State Board of Education shall issue a standard, five-year teaching certificate.

A copy of Senate Bill 582 is attached for your review. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ramona Paul, Assistant State Superintendent, Professional Services Division, at (405) 521-4311.

Sincerely,

Sandy Garrett  
State Superintendent

SG/bf

Attachment: Senate Bill 582

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105-4599  
(405) 521-3301, FAX: (405) 521-6205  
<http://sde.state.ok.us>

