

Geography Education National Implementation Project: Oklahoma**Number of Teachers:** No data**Number of Social Studies Teachers:** 1,428**I. Teacher Preparation**

What is the name of the state educator examination program?	Praxis and Certification Examinations for Oklahoma Educators
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A. Geography and Social Studies Teacher Licensure Requirements

Question 4: Is a social studies examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 5: Is Geography part of the social studies requirement?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes, geography courses are a major part of the social studies requirement
c. 7-12 th Grades	Yes, geography courses are a major part of the social studies requirement

Question 6: Is a stand-alone geography content examination required for social studies licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	No
b. 6-8 Grades	No
c. 7-12 th Grades	No

Question 7: Is there a stand-alone geography content examination required for geography only licensure?	
a. K-5 Grades	Not applicable
b. 6-8 Grades	Not applicable
c. 7-12 th Grades	Not applicable

Question 8: What is the minimum number of geography courses a pre-service teacher must take during their educator preparation program?	
a. K-5 Grades	None
b. 6-8 Grades	1-2 courses
c. 7-12 th Grades	1-2 courses

Question 9: Additional information about how teachers become certified in your state?	A secondary teacher may be certified to teach Geography by passing an OSAT cluster examination that combines both World History and Geography.
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B. Professional Development

Question 10: Can in service teachers receive certification credit for professional development courses or programs in geography?	No
Question 11: Does the state education agency (SEA) provide professional development in geography?	Other, sometimes information about the Grade 7 World Geography Eastern Hemisphere examination is shared in summer conferences.

II. Curriculum

Question 15: What is the name of the state standards?	Oklahoma Academic Standards
Question 16: How are the state standards presented by grade level?	Individual
Question 17: When were the standards last revised?	3-6 years
Question 18: Are there plans for revision to the state standards?	Within 5 years
Question 19: Is geography included in the state standards?	Yes
Question 20: How are the geography standards organized?	Both
Question 21: What framework and/or documents were used?	Geography for Life (1994), Five Themes in Geography, Other states' standards, Other (please specify) Previous Priority Academic Student Skills (OKLA), plus many other resources.

Question 22: What general topics are included?

Spatial Thinking and/or Mental Maps, Mapping (map projections, use of maps), Human-environment interaction, Places and/or regions, Physical geography (including physical processes, weather & climate, natural resources), Culture, Geopolitics, Population and Settlements, Movement of people, goods and/or ideas, Uses of geography and/or careers in geography, Learning about geospatial technologies, Using geospatial technologies, mental mapping

Question 23: What is the total number of credit hours required for high school graduation?	23 credit hours
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Question 24: What is the total number of social studies credit hours required for high school graduation?	3 credit hours
Question 25: What is the total number of geography credit hours required for high school graduation?	0 credit hours

Question 26: What geography courses will students typically experience?	
a. K-5 Grades	Integrated social studies
b. 6-8 Grades	Stand alone
c. 7-12 th Grades	Varies locally

Question 26a: What is the name of the courses?

Regional United States Geography, Grade 4 World Geography Western Hemisphere, Grade 6 World Geography Eastern Hemisphere, Grade 7 Human Cultural Geography, High School level

III. Student Assessment

Question 28: What is the name of the K-12 assessments in your state?	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests
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Question 29: Is a social studies exam required during K-12?	
a. K-5 Grades	No data
b. 6-8 Grades	No data
c. 9-12 th Grades	No data

Question 30: Is geography part of the statewide social studies exam?	
a. K-5 Grades	Yes
b. 6-8 Grades	Yes
c. 9-12 th Grades	Yes

Question 31: Are there any plans for revising the social studies assessment?	Other, current legislation seeks to eliminated all social studies testing.
Question 32: Are student results on the state social studies exam used for teacher evaluation?	Yes

Disclaimer: Data for this state was collected from public state education websites and through a survey to state education officers or other educators. Education data for each state changes almost yearly depending on enrollments, adoption cycles for standards, K-12 assessment requirements, and state certification requirements for teacher education. This data represents a snapshot for this state, but may not contain the most recent data. It represents the clearest snapshot of geography's role within K-12 education during 2015-2016.