

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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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.