

Oklahoma State Reformatory



Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite was established in 1909, built by inmates using granite blocks cut from hills nearby. It was originally built to house younger inmates who could be rehabilitated, providing them programs to get an education and learn a trade. However, OSR evolved gradually over time into a medium-security prison and is currently home to more than 800 medium-security inmates, in addition to 200 minimum-security inmates and a 42 bed special management unit.



Criminal Thinking

Inmates have the opportunity to participate in Thinking for a Change, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for substance abuse and Associates for

Success programs to address thinking, judgment errors and relationships linked to criminal thinking/behavior.



Substance Abuse Treatment

Nearly all ODOC inmates struggle with substance abuse or addiction.

OSR teaches them ways to avoid drug and alcohol use, while also helping develop cognitive, social, emotional and coping skills needed to avoid using.



Education

Education is a key component in combating recidivism. Lakeside School, located at OSR, offers literacy courses, pre-high school equivalency, and high school equivalency (HSE) diplomas. Life-skills training is also offered to assist with re-entry. On May 23, 2022 the school began offering a college speech class and is now offering five associate degree courses.

Other Programs

OSR implemented a Braille Education Program on March 24, 2023. Inmates learn how to transcribe English books/material into Braille. In addition, OSR is currently in process of implementing a dog program.



OSR constructed four housing units in 1984 and closed the west cell house in compliance with federal court mandates. The oldest structure dates back to 1914. OSR's storied history includes being home to the nation's first accredited high school in a prison (Lakeside High School) and the first female warden of an all-male facility in the United States, Clara Waters. In October of 2021 OSR transitioned to a medium-security Prison.

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