

Grow Your Own Educator Program (SB 235)

Rooted in Service, Ready to Teach



What It Is


- A state-funded grant program supporting school district employees on the path to teacher certification
- Provides tuition or loan repayment assistance
- Managed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education

Who Can Apply

- Public school districts or their foundations

Initial Requirements



- Must be a district employee (e.g., paraprofessionals, aides, subs, support staff)
 - Must be enrolled in an undergraduate education degree program from an accredited Oklahoma educator preparation program
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What the Grant Covers

- Matching funds for:
 - Tuition assistance while pursuing a degree or certification
 - Loan repayment for employees who are completing their degree



How EPPs Can Help

- Offer flexible online/hybrid class options for working adults
- Track and share student progress with districts
- Coordinate student teaching or coursework with participant work schedules



Why It Matters

- Empowers local talent to become certified teachers
- Supports traditional certification

Other Resources

[Teach-OK.com](https://teach-ok.com)

[Teaching to Thrive](https://teachingtothrive.org)



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