

206a-2018 Award Abstracts

(S206A170007) Oklahoma State Department of Education (OK) \$ 439,918 is seeking funds to implement the ***Oklahoma Young Scholars Program***. This project will serve 5,877 students in grades K-5 in four school districts in the state: Ardmore, Duncan, Guymon and Tahlequah Public Schools and ensures equitable access for students and teachers enrolled in private, non-profit schools within the target communities. Activities will include summer and job-embedded professional development for teaching gifted students and creating depth and complexity lessons; universal screenings for gifted services to all students in the 2nd grade; summer enrichment opportunities for students; additional materials and information disseminated to parents and communities; and additional teacher resources that will be provided online for all Oklahoma teachers. The Oklahoma State Department of Education will partner with the University of Oklahoma's K20 Center to provide technical assistance and disseminate valuable resources to Oklahoma teachers, students and parents. The overall short term goals of the program include an increase in the number of underrepresented students identified for gifted programs; an increase in the number of teachers who complete rigorous professional development geared toward teaching gifted students such as differentiation and depth and complexity training; an increase in parent and community awareness of gifted programming offered in the school districts; an increase in intervention strategies; and opportunities for students such as summer educational camp experiences.