Application
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at the
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center
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Ardmore, OK 73401
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Founded 1990 for the People of Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center’s campus is located in an area of rural Oklahoma, which boasts of high percentages of academically gifted/talented students who deserve the highest level of educational opportunities available. Many of these students could be eligible for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics two year public residential facility located in Oklahoma City, but for personal reasons elect to remain in their comprehensive high school. Unfortunately, many of these students fail to receive opportunities for rigorous academic achievement. Southern Oklahoma Technology Center’s campus is proud of their comprehensive sending high schools. Each school strives to provide opportunities for acquiring academic excellence, but the majority is financially unable to secure equipment, curriculum and personnel necessary to challenge the intelligent minds of these young men and women. Therefore, in an effort to afford our rural gifted/talented students this enhanced educational opportunity of incomparable academic achievement in science and mathematics, the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Southern Oklahoma Technology Center was established.

BACKGROUND

History/Mission

Senate Bill I created Regional Centers for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics through legislative action during the 1997 session. Senate Bill I generated educational outreach programs for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics by developing regional centers for students gifted/talented in science and mathematics. In addition to Senate Bill I, House Bill 1510 provided funding for additional center(s) during the 1999-2000 school year. Southern Oklahoma Technology Regional Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics is governed by the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Principal authors of Senate Bill I were Senator Ted Fisher and Representatives Abe Deutshendorf, Mike Tyler, Dale Wells and Larry Ferguson who obtained support from Speaker of the House Loyd Benson.

The Southern Oklahoma Technology Center of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics exists for the following purposes:
• To provide added advanced educational opportunities for gifted/talented Oklahoma high school students attending the sending school districts who excel in science and mathematics regardless of their income or cultural diversity

• To provide a complimentary and accelerated program to expand students’ existing and previous local high school courses in math and science

• To allow our rural gifted/talented high school students excelling in science and mathematics the opportunity to maintain their local high school affiliation, participate in extra curricular activities and to live at home while utilizing the new, innovative state-of-the-art facilities and laboratories offered through the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center

**Philosophy**

The Southern Oklahoma Technology Center and the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics are dedicated to the acquisition of academic excellence that will not only enhance preceding knowledge, but also develop knowledge for consequent studies. The knowledge provided through the center for the rural gifted/talented students in our local high school sending district will be an effort to help them learn how best to put their talents to work for themselves and for Oklahoma.

**Setting**

The Ardmore Regional Center of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics is housed at the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Classes are held on the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center site.

Classroom settings consist of student lecture classrooms, laboratory facilities, and computer labs.

H.323 distance learning technology learning labs are available on the campus for instruction, parent conferences, video conferencing and tutoring opportunities.

Students attend semester courses in a morning or afternoon session. The morning session runs from 8:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day. The afternoon session runs from 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. All classes meet Monday through Friday on the same calendar as the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center.
Transportation

The existing transportation system provided by the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center (SOTC) Campus is available to transport those students attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Regional Center in need of transportation to and from an SOTC sending high school. This transportation is provided free of charge to the student.

Cost

There is no tuition for students attending the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Students are charged a registration fee of approximately $25.00 at the beginning of the school year. They are also responsible for any other incidental expenses they may incur. If they choose not to utilize the school’s existing transportation system, they are also responsible for costs associated with travel to and from school.

The Academic Program

Students chosen to attend the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Regional Centers have achieved an outstanding record of scholarship within their local high schools. The faculty of OSSM is committed to provide academic excellence, which will enhance previous knowledge as well as prepare students for future studies. Graduates of OSSM will have experienced a well-defined curriculum based upon high academic principles that demonstrate both academic discipline and honesty.

OSSM Regional Center Requirements

All students shall successfully complete:

- One unit of OSSM AP Calculus, one unit of OSSM Pre-AP Chemistry, one unit of OSSM AP Chemistry Lab
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

Pre-AP Chemistry/AP Chemistry. Pre-AP Chemistry is a one-semester course which will prepare students for Advanced Placement Chemistry and is an introductory chemistry for any college level chemistry course. Students are expected to have a strong background in mathematics since AP Chemistry involves numerical problem solving and word problem analysis both in the content course and the laboratory. The goal of AP Chemistry is to provide the student a foundation of knowledge on which to rationalize, summarize and predict the structure and properties of materials that make up chemistry. Big Ideas, enduring understandings, and essential knowledge components are required and therefore taught within context of course. The AP Chemistry exam will assess the application of science practices, scientific evidence and reasoning. The course is lab-oriented with special emphasis on quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis. Students are encouraged to think independently and become an active part of the learning process. Student skill-sets will be determined upon acceptance into the program.

Concept Outline:

Seven Science Practices
Big Idea I: Atomic Structure
Big Idea II: Structure-Property Relations
Big Idea III: Transformations
Big Idea IV: Kinetics
Big Idea V: Thermodynamics
Big Idea VI: Equilibrium
Investigative and Communication Skills: Experimental Design, Data Analysis, Terminology, Modeling

AP Exam: The AP Chemistry exam will assess the application of science practices, scientific evidence and reasoning.
Prerequisites: Algebra I and Algebra II. Chemistry, Geometry and Trigonometry are preferred, but not required.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Calculus. Two semesters. The course will provide a multi-representational study of basic calculus concepts using geometric, analytic, numeric and verbal methods. The course will be taught on the collegiate level and it is not the intent of the course to be a preparatory course for college calculus. It is fully intended for students to receive advanced placement credit for Calculus I and Calculus II. Students should begin their college mathematics coursework at Calculus III or an equivalent level.

First Semester:

Section 1. Algebra/Trigonometry Review
Section 2. Functions, Limits and Continuity
Section 3. Introduction to the Derivative and Rates of Change
Section 4. Applications of the Derivative
Section 5. Introduction to the Integral and Area Under a Curve
Section 6. Applications of the Integral and Volumes of Solids of Revolution
Second Semester:

Section 1. Applications of the Derivative and Integral
Section 2. Analytic Geometry
Section 3. Differential Equations, Slope Fields, L'Hopital’s Rule
Section 4. Vectors
Section 5. Infinite Series

AP Exam. These are the standard courses in differential and integral calculus, preparing students for the Advanced Placement “BC” exam and for entry into a sophomore-level college mathematics course.

Prerequisites: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry. Trigonometry and Precalculus are preferred, but not required.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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<th>Application Deadline*</th>
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*Applications received after the April 8, 2016 deadline will be considered on a rolling basis if there is still space in the program after the finalists have been announced for the applications received before the deadline.

Application

Admission to OSSM is a highly competitive process by written application. In addition to the student’s high interest in science and mathematics, the admissions committee examines multiple criteria including standardized test scores, previous grades and course work and academic recommendations. The applications are reviewed by a committee comprising OSSM faculty, the OSSM Regional Coordinator and other professional educators throughout the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center’s district. Student applications are reviewed while protecting the anonymity of the applicants. All references to their names, towns, schools, etc. are deleted from the credential reviewed.

Once the application has been scored, a select number of applicants are classified as semifinalists. Letters are sent to all applicants advising them as to whether they have been selected to participate in the interview portion of the admissions process.

Interview

Applicants will participate in a 20-minute interview with a committee comprised of OSSM faculty, the SOTC OSSM Regional Coordinator and other professional educators. Upon conclusion of the interview, the applicant will be administered an aptitude inventory.
**Score Compilation/Selection**

Each student’s scores from the initial applicant review process are compiled and analyzed. Students are then selected as Finalists from this total application pool.

Letters are sent to all students advising them of the outcome of the selection process each year. All finalists are requested to sign and return a Letter of Intent advising the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Southern Oklahoma Technology Center of their decision. A Parent Night Orientation will be held to assist the upcoming class in the educational transition to OSSM.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Your application to the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics consists of several forms. These forms are found at the end of this booklet.

- **Transcript Request Form**

  Complete the information requested and give this form to your principal or guidance counselor. Per the instructions on the form, the official transcript and the form may be placed in a sealed envelope for you to send with your application or, if this procedure is against your school’s policy, the transcript and request form may be sent separately to OSSM.

  **Please note:** Your *transcript* should contain your **grades for the past three (3) semesters** of academic work. If you have attended more than one school in the past two years, request that a transcript also be sent from your former school.

  *An official copy of your high school transcript and your ACT scores should be received by Friday April 8, 2016.*

  **If you are taking the February ACT,** request that your school sends your transcript without these scores. Your school will receive the results of the February ACT in mid March. Request that a copy of these scores be sent to OSSM Regional Center as soon as possible after receipt.

  **If you have not yet taken the ACT:**
  
  a. Request that your school send us copies of any high school standardized tests taken during the last two years.
  
  b. A letter, signed by your parents, must accompany your application explaining the reason why you were unable to take the ACT.
c. Register to take the April ACT and bring these scores with you if you are invited for an interview.

- **OSSM Application for Admission**
  There are six sections to the formal application:

  Section I: Application data
  Section II: Health condition information
  Section III: Signatures
  Section IV: Applicant essays
  Section V: Parents' statement
  Section VI: Recommendations

**Section I. Applicant Data.** To be completed by student or parent. Type or print legibly in ink and complete all information.

**Section II. Health Condition Information.** To be completed by parent or student. Specify any handicap or health conditions of which OSSM should be aware (e.g. hearing, vision, diet, allergies.)

The Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, national origin, age or handicap. The purpose of gathering this information is to ensure that the proper facilities are available to serve all students selected for admission.

**Section III. Signatures.** To be completed by student and parents. Read each section carefully. Application must be signed by applicant and parent in order for the application to be considered.

**Section IV. Applicant Essays.** To be completed by student. Record your Social Security Number in the space entitled: Applicant’s Social Security Number.

How you think and express yourself is very important to our evaluation. Please DO NOT USE YOUR NAME, THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL OR TOWN in your essays. Your parents or teachers should not help you with your responses. Attach an additional page if needed and please record your Social Security Number on the page.

**Section V. Parents’ Statement.** To be completed by parent. DO NOT USE YOUR CHILD’S NAME, THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL OR TOWN in your comments.
Section VI. Recommendations

- Three Teacher Recommendations:
  - English Teacher Recommendation  Pages 18 - 20
  - Mathematics Teacher Recommendation  Pages 21 - 23
  - Science Teacher Recommendation  Pages 24 - 26

Record applicant’s Social Security Number on each page indicated.

The recommendations are confidential. Please advise the teachers to send completed forms directly to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Southern Oklahoma Technology Center in a sealed envelope to the following address:

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center
Attention: Dianna Fisher, OSSM Coordinator
2610 Sam Noble Parkway
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

- Principal and Counselor Recommendations:
  - Principal Recommendation  Pages 27 – 29
  - Counselor Recommendation  Pages 30 - 32

Record your Social Security Number on each page indicated before giving to your principal and counselor.

Application Deadlines

All materials should be received by Friday, April 8, 2016

Application and support materials should be sent to:

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center
Attention: Dianna Fisher, OSSM Coordinator
2610 Sam Noble Parkway
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401
If you have any questions regarding the application procedure, please call 580-224-8263, or write to the address listed above.

**Application Checklist**

- Copy of official transcript requested from high school, with scores for three semesters of academic work.
- Copy of ACT scores requested from high school.

**If ACT not taken,**

- Requested that high school submit a copy of all the applicant’s high school standardized tests in addition to the transcript.
- Letter, signed by parents, accompanies application explaining reason ACT was not taken. Register to take the ACT.

- Sections I through V completed.
- Social Security Number recorded on all requested forms.
- Social Security Number recorded on any additional pages attached.
- Application signed by student and parent(s).

- Recommendations requested:
  - English teacher
  - Mathematics teacher
  - Science teacher
  - Principal
  - Counselor

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APPLICATION MATERIALS
The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics  

Transcript Request Form

TO THE APPLICANT AND PARENT
Complete the information requested and give this form to your principal or guidance counselor.

Name of applicant: _______________________________________________ Grade:_________

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF EDUCATION RECORDS
In accordance with federal regulations regarding the privacy right of parents and students under the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act of 1974, the undersigned hereby consent to the release of all education records about the above-named applicant to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, including recommendations and such other information as may be requested.

___________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

___________      ____________________________________
Date              Signature of Student

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TO THE PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Instructions: The student named above has applied for admission to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Please place the bottom portion of this page and the official transcript in a sealed envelope for the student to send in with the application. If this procedure is against your school’s policy, the transcript and request form may be sent separately to: The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, Attn: Dianna Fisher, by Friday, April 8, 2016.

1. How many students are in this student’s current grade? _______

2. STANDARDIZED TEST RECORD
   Please provide this information even if provided on the transcript.
   ACT: Test Date ______________
       English_______    Math_______    Reading_______    Science_______    Composite_______

3. If ACT has not been taken, list the name of a Standardized Test administered within the past two years. Result from this test should accompany the official transcript.

I certify that the information given above is correct regarding the secondary school records of:

Name of Applicant________________________________________________________Date__________________

Signature of school official_________________________________________________ Date__________________

The student’s official High School Transcript (with grades for at least the past three semesters of academic work) must be included with this form.
**OSSM Application for Admission**

All applications materials should be received by Friday, April 8, 2016.

**SECTION I. To be completed by student or parent. (Please print or type)**

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<th>Applicant Name (first, middle, last)</th>
<th><em>Sex</em></th>
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**SECTION II. HEALTH INFORMATION**  
To be completed by student and parents

*Does applicant have a handicap or health condition that requires special attention? ___Yes ___No  
If yes, please explain:

*Equal opportunity Information: OSSM does not discriminate based on race, sex, creed, national origin, age or handicap. The purpose of gathering this information is to ascertain the effectiveness of recruitment efforts and to ensure that proper facilities are available to serve all students selected for admission.
SECTION III. SIGNATURES  To be completed by student and parents.

The information contained herein is true and accurate. If the applicant is accepted for admission to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations of OSSM. We also agree to permit the information in this application and in other records used to apply to OSSM to be made available on a confidential basis to the student’s home school, other educational institutions, and for other purposes pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and applicable regulations.

/ _______   / _______
Parent Signature                                    date               Applicant Signature                                    date

Release of Confidential Information

We, the parents of the applicant, hereby consent to the release of this application to the OSSM review committee. We understand that the review committee is designed to ensure fair representation of students from across Oklahoma. The review committee is comprised of private citizens appointed by OSSM for the specific purpose to review all applications of prospective students so as to recommend students best qualified to attend the school. We understand further that this release to the review committee will not allow any other person not otherwise privileged to review this application to have access to it.

We understand that a decision not to sign this release will not affect consideration by the school of our child’s application. By our signatures below, we indicate that we have read this release, understand it, and agree to the terms contained in it.

/ _______   / _______
Father’s signature                            date              Mother’s signature                                   date

(Both natural parents are required to sign this release unless parental rights have been terminated by court order or in the event of the death of a parent.)

Recommendations/Standardized Test Information

Names of individuals completing your recommendation forms and their schools:

a. English teacher: ______________________ School: ______________________
b. Mathematics teacher: ______________________ School: ______________________
c. Science teacher: ______________________ School: ______________________
d. Principal: ______________________ School: ______________________
e. Counselor: ______________________ School: ______________________

When did you take the ACT? ______________

(If you still must take the ACT, see page 11 of instructions for information on additional materials/test scores to be submitted.)
SECTION IV.  APPLICANT ESSAYS  To be completed by student.  (Please print or type in ink.)

1. When you are not attending school, working on school assignments, doing chores at home, or earning money, what do you like to do? Of the things that you do during your spare time, which do you like best and why?

2. What math and science activities, in school and out, have you been involved in during the past two years?
Applicant’s Social Security Number: ________________________________

3. Please describe a stressful situation in your life, how you coped with it, and what you learned from the situation.

4. Describe a situation from your experience that required you to make an ethical decision about your behavior.

5. What are your career plans and how will OSSM facilitate your attaining your future professional goals?
SECTION V. PARENTS’ STATEMENT  To be completed by parents. (Please print or type in ink.)

Please tell us how you feel about the possibility of your child attending the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Do not use your child’s name, school, or town in your comments. Identify yourself as “mother” or “father”. Do not sign your name.
THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

SECTION VI. RECOMMENDATIONS (Please print or type in ink)

English Teacher Recommendation

TO THE APPLICANT

Print or type your name and social security number in the space below and give this form to your English teacher. Your teacher may either return this form to you in a sealed envelope to be submitted with your application or, if preferred, mail the completed recommendation directly to us.

All applicant materials should be received by Friday, April 8, 2016.

Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________
Applicant’s Social Security Number: _________________________________

TO THE TEACHER

This Student is applying for admission to the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. In order to consider the students carefully, we ask the professional educators who have worked with them to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, both as students and as people. Your candid assessment of this student’s potential for success at OSSM is extremely valuable to the admissions process. This information will be held in strict confidence.

This recommendation may be returned to the student in a sealed envelope or it may be mailed directly to:

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
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Attention: Dianna Fisher
2610 Sam Noble Parkway
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

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Feel free to contact Dianna Fisher, OSSM coordinator at (580) 224-8263 with any questions.

Teacher’s Name (please print): _______________________________________
Signature: __________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________
Position: __________________________________________________________
School: __________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
### Applicant's Social Security Number: ____________________________

1. Please note which of the following phrases best describes the applicant.

#### Overall, how would you compare the applicant to his/her entire class?

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<th>____average or ____ good</th>
<th>____ excellent</th>
<th>____ outstanding (top 10% this yr.)</th>
<th>____ one of the top few students I have met in my career of ____ yrs.</th>
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#### Work Habits

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<th>____ no basis for judgement</th>
<th>____ indifferent, careless</th>
<th>____ needs frequent prodding, usually completes</th>
<th>____ complete but not thorough or organized work</th>
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#### Industry and Initiative

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<th>____ no basis for judgement</th>
<th>____ needs constant pressure, vacillates</th>
<th>____ meets basic requirements</th>
<th>____ conscientious but not inspired</th>
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#### Relation of Achievement to Ability

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<th>____ no basis for judgement</th>
<th>____ achievement far below capacity</th>
<th>____ irregular achievement pattern, has not yet been challenged</th>
<th>____ generally achieves to capacity</th>
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#### Class Participation

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<th>____ too easily distracted; non-contributor</th>
<th>____ participates but does not make much of an effort</th>
<th>____ politely attentive; occasionally involved</th>
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#### Reading

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<th>____ definitely limited in reading abilities &amp; general knowledge</th>
<th>____ reads only when required; limited general knowledge</th>
<th>____ specialized reader; fairly well informed</th>
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#### Writing Ability

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<th>____ no basis for judgement</th>
<th>____ definite weakness in terms of basic skills</th>
<th>____ technically weak; lacking in content</th>
<th>____ adequate skills but lacking in originality</th>
<th>____ good ideas; intelligently presented</th>
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#### Originality and Imagination

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<th>____ no sign of originality or imagination</th>
<th>____ appreciates original ideas but incapable of generating them</th>
<th>____ imaginative &amp; original in certain areas</th>
<th>____ exceptionally creative; shows independence in ideas &amp; values</th>
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#### Personal Maturity

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<th>____ no basis for judgement</th>
<th>____ immature, unreliable, often in trouble</th>
<th>____ cooperates only when serves personal interest; makes excuses</th>
<th>____ appropriate for age, well mannered, gen. cooperative</th>
<th>____ exceptional; relates to people with genuine concern and interest</th>
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Applicant’s Social Security Number: ____________________________________________

Associations
___no basis for judgement
___friends are unwholesome & troublesome
___few close friends; a loner
___friends are wholesome but not outstanding
___friends are academically inclined; seeks intellectual peers, class leaders

Leadership
___no basis for judgement
___negative influence as a leader
___always a follower
___capable of leadership but isn’t a leader
___positive influence; leader; sets tone and takes responsibility

Instructions: PLEASE DO NOT USE APPLICANT’S NAME, THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL OR TOWN in your response to the following questions.

2. When you first think of this student, what words come immediately to mind?

3. Please describe the student’s typical classroom performance and preparation (e.g., active/passive participation, timeliness of required assignments, attitude, and breadth of knowledge, organizational skills, and leadership qualities).

4. Comment on the student’s motivation, self direction, desire to achieve, love of learning.

5. Please give an overall evaluation of the student’s potential for success at OSSM. Comment on the student’s maturity, adaptability to new situations and other additional information that might prove helpful.
THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
AND MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation

TO THE APPLICANT

Print or type your name and social security number in the space below and give this form to your math teacher. Your teacher may either return this form to you in a sealed envelope to be submitted with your application or, if preferred, mail the completed recommendation directly to us.

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Southern Oklahoma Technology Center
Attention: Dianna Fisher
2610 Sam Noble Parkway
Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

All application material should be received by Friday, April 8, 2016.

Feel free to contact Dianna Fisher, OSSM coordinator at (580) 224-8263 with any questions.

Teacher’s Name (please print): _____________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ______________________

Position: ___________________________________

School: ___________________________________

Address: ___________________________________
Applicant’s Social Security Number: ____________________________

1. Please note which of the following phrases best describes the applicant.

**Overall, how would you compare the applicant to his/her entire class?**

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**Work Habits**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ indifferent, careless | __ needs frequent prodding; usually completes | __ complete but not thorough or organized work | __ well organized; thorough & complete work assignments |

**Industry and Initiative**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ needs constant pressure; vacillates | __ meets basic requirements but not inspired | __ conscientious but not inspired | __ genuine eagerness to learn; seeks additional challenge |

**Relation of Achievement to Ability**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ achievement far below capacity | __ irregular achievement pattern; has not yet been challenged | __ generally achieves to capacity | __ achievement consistent with capacity |

**Class Participation**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ too easily distracted; noncontributor | __ participates but does not make much of an effort | __ politely attentive; occasionally involved | __ usually constructively involved |

**Reading**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ definitely limited in reading abilities & general knowledge | __ reads only when required; limited general knowledge | __ specialized reader; fairly informed in some areas | __ widely read and well-informed |

**Writing Ability**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ definite weakness in terms of basic skills | __ technically weak; lacking in content | __ adequate skills but lacking in originality | __ good ideas; intelligently presented |

**Originality and Imagination**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ no sign of originality or imagination | __ appreciates original ideas but incapable of generating them | __ imaginative & original in certain areas | __ exceptionally creative; shows independence in ideas & values |

**Personal Maturity**

| __ no basis for judgement | __ immature, unreliable, often in trouble | __ cooperates only when serves personal interest; makes excuses | __ appropriate for age, well mannered, generally cooperative | __ exceptional; relates to people with genuine concern and interest |
**MATH RECOMMENDATION** (continued)

**Applicant’s Social Security Number:** ____________________________________________

**Associations**

| No basis for judgement | Friends are unwholesome & troublesome | Few close friends; a loner | Friends are wholesome but not outstanding | Friends are academically inclined; seeks intellectual peers, class leaders |

**Leadership**

| No basis for judgement | Negative influence as a leader | Always a follower | Capable of leadership but isn’t a leader | Positive influence; leader; sets tone and takes responsibility |

**Instructions:** PLEASE DO NOT USE APPLICANT’S NAME, THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL OR TOWN in your response to the following questions.

2. When you first think of this student, what words come immediately to mind?

3. Please describe the student’s typical classroom performance and preparation (e.g., active/passive participation, timeliness of required assignments, attitude, and breadth of knowledge, organizational skills, and leadership qualities).

4. Comment on the student’s motivation, self direction, desire to achieve, love of learning.

5. Please give an overall evaluation of the student’s potential for success at OSSM. Comment on the student’s maturity, adaptability to new situations and other additional information that might prove helpful.
TO THE APPLICANT

Print or type your name and social security number in the space below and give this form to your science teacher. Your teacher may either return this form to you in a sealed envelope to be submitted with your application or, if preferred, mail the completed recommendation directly to us.

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Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________
Applicant’s Social Security Number: _________________________________

TO THE TEACHER

This Student is applying for admission to the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. In order to consider the students carefully, we ask the professional educators who have worked with them to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, both as students and as people. Your candid assessment of this student’s potential for success at OSSM is extremely valuable to the admissions process. This information will be held in strict confidence.

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Teacher’s Name (please print): __________________________________________
Signature: __________________________ Date: ____________________________
Position: ___________________________
School: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________
1. Please note which of the following phrases best describes the applicant.

**Overall, how would you compare the applicant to his/her entire class?**

- **average or below**
- **good**
- **excellent (top 10% this yr.)**
- **outstanding (top 5% this yr.)**
- **one of the top few students I have met in my career of ___ yrs.**

**Work Habits**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **indifferent, careless**
- **needs frequent prodding; usually completes**
- **complete but not thorough or organized work**
- **well organized; thorough & complete work assignments**

**Industry and Initiative**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **needs constant pressure; vacillates**
- **meets basic requirements**
- **conscientious but not inspired**
- **genuine eagerness to learn; seeks additional challenge**

**Relation of Achievement to Ability**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **achievement far below capacity**
- **irregular achievement pattern; has not yet been challenged**
- **generally achieves to capacity**
- **achievement consistent with capacity**

**Class Participation**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **too easily distracted; non-contributor**
- **participates but does not make much of an effort**
- **politely attentive; occasionally involved**
- **usually constructively involved**

**Reading**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **definitely limited in reading abilities & general knowledge**
- **reads only when required; limited general knowledge**
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**Personal Maturity**

- **no basis for judgement**
- **immature, unreliable, often in trouble**
- **cooperates only when serves personal interest; makes excuses**
- **appropriate for age, well mannered, generally cooperative**
- **exceptional; relates to people with genuine concern and interest**
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THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
AND MATHEMATICS

Principal Recommendation

TO THE APPLICANT

Print or type your name and social security number in the space below and give this form to your
principal. Your principal may either return this form to you in a sealed envelope to be submitted with your
application or, if preferred, mail the completed recommendation directly to us.

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Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________

Applicant’s Social Security Number: __________________________________

TO THE PRINCIPAL

This Student is applying for admission to the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma
School of Science and Mathematics. In order to consider the students carefully, we ask the professional
educators who have worked with them to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, both as students and
as people. Your candid assessment of this student’s potential for success at OSSM is extremely valuable
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Principal’s Name (please print): ____________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Position: ___________________________

School: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________
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2. Does your school offer honors or accelerated courses or programs?  ____Yes  ____No

If yes, how are students identified for participation in these courses or programs?

Is this student enrolled in honors courses? Which ones?
Principal Recommendation (continued)

Applicant’s Social Security Number: __________________________________________

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3. When you first think of this student, what words come immediately to mind?

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5. Please give an overall evaluation of the student’s potential for success at OSSM. Comment on the student’s maturity, adaptability to new situations and other additional information that might prove helpful.

6. Is there anything else we should know about this student (e.g., personal circumstances, obstacles that the student has had to overcome in pursuing his or her educational goals)?
TO THE APPLICANT

Print or type your name and social security number in the space below and give this form to your counselor. Your counselor may either return this form to you in a sealed envelope to be submitted with your application or, if preferred, mail the completed recommendation directly to us.

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Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________

Applicant’s Social Security Number: ________________________________

TO THE COUNSELOR

This Student is applying for admission to the Southern Oklahoma Technology Center for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. In order to consider the students carefully, we ask the professional educators who have worked with them to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses, both as students and as people. Your candid assessment of this student’s potential for success at OSSM is extremely valuable to the admissions process. This information will be held in strict confidence.

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Counselor’s Name (please print): ____________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ___________________

Position: ____________________________________________

School: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________
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- ___ average or ___ good ___ excellent ___ outstanding
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**Science and Mathematics Interest and Aptitude**

- ___ no basis for ___ little interest ___ meets basic ___ generally interested but doesn’t probe
- ___ meets basic ___ generally interested but doesn’t probe
- ___ little interest ___ meets basic ___ generally interested but doesn’t probe
- ___ exceptional interest; critical & questioning attitude ___ meets basic ___ generally interested but doesn’t probe

**Industry and Initiative**

- ___ no basis for ___ needs constant pressure; vacillates ___ meets basic ___ conscientious but not inspired
- ___ meets basic ___ conscientious but not inspired ___ needs constant pressure; vacillates ___ exceptions; genuine eagerness to learn; seeks additional challenge

**Relation of Achievement to Ability**

- ___ no basis for ___ achievement far below capacity ___ generally achieves to capacity ___ achievement consistent with capacity
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**Class Participation**

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**Personal Maturity**

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**Associations**

- ___ no basis for ___ friends are unwholesome & troublesome ___ few close friends; a loner ___ friends are wholesome but not outstanding ___ friends are academically inclined; seeks intellectual peers, class leaders
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**Leadership**

- ___ no basis for ___ negative influence as a leader ___ always a follower ___ capable of leadership but isn’t a leader ___ positive influence; leader; sets tone and takes responsibility
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**Work Habits**

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COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION (continued)

Applicant’s Social Security Number: ___________________________________

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*Ardmore Regional Center*  
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center  
2610 Sam Noble Parkway  
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* Applications received after the April 8, 2016 deadline will be considered on a rolling basis if there is still space in the program after the finalists have been announced for the applications received before the deadline.*