



Yukon Public Schools and SWOSU Announce Innovative Partnership

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President Randy Beutler and Yukon Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jason Simeroth.

Yukon Public Schools (YPS) and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford have entered into a partnership that will provide higher education benefits for Yukon students and employees as well as certification opportunities for emergency certified instructors.

Effective August 1, 2020, SWOSU will offer undergraduate and graduate coursework in Yukon at space made available by YPS.

“Our state leaders have asked that educational entities in the state look at innovative and cooperative relationships,” said Oklahoma Chancellor of Higher Education Glen Johnson. “This is a great example of that effort.”

This historic agreement will benefit YPS by providing easier access to higher education classes for educators and employees at discounted rates. Another major benefit will be to provide educational programs that will allow educators with emergency/alternative teaching certifications to become permanently certified.

“We feel this partnership provides added value and improved access for everyone involved,” SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. “The university is enthusiastic about working with the Yukon community to provide this win-win opportunity for teachers and students, and we look forward to a long relationship with YPS.”

SWOSU will allow Yukon juniors and seniors to enroll in up to 18 hours of concurrent enrollment tuition-free. Concurrent enrollment provides eligible high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit based on certain requirements. Concurrent enrollment is recognized as a valuable opportunity to enhance educational efficiency.

YPS teachers and administrators will be given opportunities to serve as adjunct instructors for education-related graduate courses offered on site at YPS, provided those employees meet all standard criteria established by SWOSU.

“We are excited about the potential of our partnership with SWOSU. This will bring a presence to Yukon that will help our students, our teachers and the community as a whole,” said YPS Superintendent Dr. Jason Simeroth.

The agreement between YPS and SWOSU renews automatically each academic year but can be terminated by either party by June 1 of any year.

“Collaborative partnerships like this one are key to a school community’s success” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister. “Not only can students participate in higher education learning while still in high school, educators are able to gain valuable knowledge that they can pass along to their students. I’m proud of Yukon for seeking out and supporting an opportunity to give a boost to their students and staff.”

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