

SWOSU Teacher Candidates Visit Oklahoma City School District

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University teacher candidates recently completed a field experience in Oklahoma City and as a thank you to participating schools, \$200 vouchers were presented for scholastic books and materials. Involved in the presentation at Wheeler Elementary School are (back row from left) Allen Boyd, SWOSU Department of Education (DOE); Wheeler teacher Courtney Fisher, SWOSU teacher candidate Rachel Wallis, El Reno; Wheeler Principal Heather Bullock, Bruce Belanger, DOE; and OKCPS Human Resources Elementary Team Leader Bianca Rose. In the front row are several of Fisher's students.

Making the presentation at Jefferson Middle School is (right) Allen Boyd, DOE. Accepting for Oklahoma City Schools and Jefferson MS is Principal Greg Frederick.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 54 spring semester teacher candidates in Weatherford recently completed their National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) requirement for "field experience in a diverse school setting" during a two-day training session.

Starting the training was Bianca Rose, elementary team leader for human resources, and Christina Torres, secondary team leader, at Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS). They spoke to the teacher candidates at SWOSU in preparation for their field trip.

The teacher candidates then travelled to Oklahoma City to spend a day in one of 15 schools in the district. The candidates were accompanied by Bruce Belanger, coordinator of field experiences at SWOSU's Department of Education (DOE), and Allen Boyd, instructor in the DOE.

As a thank you to the schools, the DOE presented two participating schools with \$200 vouchers for scholastic books and materials.