

SWOSU Receives Grant to Offer Summer Math Institutes in Three Locations

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The grant is from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education from a Highly Qualified Teachers and Improving Teacher Quality State Grants program.

The institutes will be held in June and July on the campuses of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami and Carl Albert State College in Poteau. There will also be a follow-up workshop offered in November or February in Oklahoma City.

Woods, who is the principal investigator of the grant, said the goal of the program is to prepare teachers who will provide students with a learning environment that promotes understanding and enthusiasm for mathematics. This summer's primary goal is to train 96 K-8 Oklahoma teachers in standards based content and pedagogy and to provide follow-up support for the participants during the 2010-11 academic year. Teacher participants will come from high- need public and private local education agencies from all regions of Oklahoma.

The program is a collaborative effort by Woods, SWOSU mathematics professor emeritus; Jan Sands, a master teacher and 30-year public school teacher; Dr. Don Wilson, SWOSU education professor emeritus; three site directors-Cathy Devaughan, instructor at SWOSU, Dr. John Lomax, dean of science and mathematics at NEO, and Dr. Jim Yates, academic vice president at CASC; and several partner local education agencies.

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