

Oklahoma City Public Schools Work With SWOSU Teacher Candidates

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 35 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.

A field trip was preceded by representatives of Oklahoma City Public Schools speaking to teacher candidates. Shannon Freeman, director of recruitment, deployment and retention; Joseph Ciesielski, secondary team leader for human resources; and Jessica Russell, elementary team leader, all came to SWOSU to provide information and answer questions.

Teacher candidates travelled to Oklahoma City to spend a day in one of eight schools—five elementary and three secondary—in the district. The candidates were accompanied by Bruce Belanger, coordinator of field experiences and certification 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.