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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Janet Barresi
DATE: January 26, 2012
SUBJECT: ACE End of Course Projects

State Board approval is requested for adding the ACE End of Course Projects described below as alternate methods for meeting ACE graduation requirements.

ACE Algebra I: *Shield Yourself* - You are working in a video game design business and need to design an awesome shield for game avatars to equip.

ACE Algebra I: *Where the Wind Comes Sweeping Down the Plains* - You are working for the Oklahoma Tourism Bureau and are coordinating a trip for some tourists that will incorporate some of Oklahoma's highlights.

70 O.S. § 1210.523, which became effective July 1, 2006, states

Students who do not [demonstrate mastery by scoring at least at the proficient level on the end of instruction exams] may graduate from a public high school with a standard diploma by demonstrating mastery of state academic content standards by alternative methods as approved by the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education shall adopt rules providing for necessary student exceptions and exemptions to the requirements of this section.

The State Board of Education has previously approved several ACE End of Course Projects for meeting this graduation requirement. The proposed ACE End of Course Projects were developed by committees of teachers, administrators, business leaders, higher education faculty, and other stakeholders. Each project includes a confidential *Student Guide* and *Project Coordinator and Evaluation Panel Guide* with scoring criteria that must be used by schools to evaluate student performance on the project.

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Attachments

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