

The College Board Affinity Network Summarizing 2013-14 in Oklahoma

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Affinity Network

- A pilot program sponsored by The College Board, The Affinity Network
- Only 6 states originally chosen for participation with 5 participating in the 2012-13 academic year
- State triads consisting of a K-12 school system, a community college and a four-year institution
- Oklahoma's team included leadership, faculty and staff members from OKCPS, OCCC, and UCO
- Goal: to better align English and Math curricula and instruction between K-12 and college within the context of Common Core State Standards
- Oklahoma team divided into three working groups: English / Language Arts; Mathematics; Policy
- Included several on-site meetings facilitated by a team furnished by The College Board
- Final reports presented at Affinity Network Conference in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas in April 2013

Rationale for CORE Network

- Complete unfinished work:
 - Math analysis and recommendations
 - Potential English pilot at OKCPS high school (s) and OCCC /UCO
- Build on relationships among faculty and staff and momentum established in Year 1
- Broaden focus to include barriers to student success – importance of student success, retention and completion coupled with uncertain future of Common Core Standards
- Eventually expand network to include other OKC Metro schools (all three levels)

Goals – CORE Partnership 2013-14

1. To identify and address institutional barriers to student retention, success, and degree completion of students. This would include work related to implementation of Oklahoma Academic (Common Core) Standards, but not be limited to only that;
2. To find opportunities for new, mutually beneficial academic programs that will improve opportunities for students and improve workforce development in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and
3. To provide a forum for sharing information and best practices for faculty and staff of participating institutions with others.

CORE Partnership 2014 and beyond

- Original plan was to have two half-day meetings each academic year with more extensive communication within committees
- Due to late start, only one meeting this year
- Privilege of hosting events will rotate on an annual basis
- Expansion of the partnership – other Metro OKC districts, community colleges, universities

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