TODAY'S WEATHER
74° / 42°
Sunny · 0% rain

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YESTERDAY
0.00″
of rain at the Guthrie Mesonet

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LOCAL REPORT

Guthrie School District Loses Ground in New State Report Cards as More Schools Are Graded "Less Than Satisfactory" ↗

Cotteral drops from a C to a D in its first full year in a new building. Guthrie Junior also drops to a D while Guthrie Upper Elementary improved to a C.

By OSC Staff

GUTHRIE — State school report cards released Thursday by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, led by State Superintendent Lindel Fields, show that three Guthrie schools earned D's, up from two the previous year.

Cotteral Elementary and Guthrie Junior High dropped from C's to D's, joining Guthrie High School, which retained its D. Guthrie Upper Elementary improved from a D to a C.

Central Elementary, Charter Oak Elementary and Fogarty Elementary retained C's, leaving Guthrie with four C-rated schools and three D-rated schools. Under Oklahoma's grading framework, a C represents satisfactory progress, while a D represents less than satisfactory progress.

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GUTHRIE, Okla. — The newly built Cotteral Elementary School was one of two Guthrie campuses to receive lower grades when the Oklahoma State Department of Education released its latest school report cards late last week.

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First Capital Forecast ↗

Monday: Sunny, high 74, low 42. Patchy fog until about 8 a.m. No rain expected. Sunrise 7 a.m., sunset 5:26 p.m.

"Patchy fog on the morning drive, so slow down and use your low beams. Then the First Capital turns sunny and far warmer than a November day has any right to be."

Mesonet Over the weekend at the Guthrie Mesonet, Saturday to Sunday: highs 59 to 69, lows 35 to 39, no rain. Since midnight, 0.01 inches of rain. mesonet.org ↗

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
76° / 51°	72° / 44°	71° / 43°	59° / 39°	56° / 39°
sunny	sunny	sunny	sunny	65% rain

Weather data from Google.

Your Morning Commute

Southbound I-35, Guthrie (Exit 157) to the I-40 junction: 34 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound SH-74, Crescent to Lake Hefner Parkway: 45 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway Extension, Edmond to downtown Oklahoma City: 19 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Southbound Broadway, SH-33 west of Guthrie to 2nd Street in Edmond: 25 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Eastbound Waterloo Road, Broadway to I-35: 6 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Westbound Waterloo Road, Douglas Boulevard to I-35: 3 minutes at 7:25 a.m. No slowdown.

Logan County Public Safety Radio ↗

These are over-the-air radio reports, not confirmed facts.

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Guthrie School District Loses Ground in New State Report Cards as More Schools Are Graded "Less Than Satisfactory"

The report cards cover the 2025–2026 school year and take into account academic achievement, student growth, attendance and progress among English learners. High school grades also incorporate graduation and early college and career opportunities.

Guthrie's academic results declined from the previous year. Its academic achievement score fell from 12.30 to 10.97 points out of 35, while its academic growth score dropped from 19.03 to 17.86 points out of 30.

Nearby Edmond and Deer Creek posted stronger results. Edmond's graded schools received four A's, 14 B's and 10 C's, including B's at all three high schools. Deer Creek's graded schools received two A's, five B's and two C's. Its high school and middle school both earned A's. Neither district had a school graded D or F.

Mulhall-Orlando was the only district based in Logan County to earn overall grades above a C. Both its elementary school and high school received B's. All five schools in Coyle and Crescent received C's.

Statewide, Guthrie ranked 241st among 431 districts with reportable academic achievement results.

Its combined proficiency rate on mathematics, English language arts and science assessments was approximately 24%, compared with 27% statewide.

Student growth, which compares each student's performance on mathematics and English language arts tests with that student's results from the previous year, was a stronger area for Guthrie. The district earned approximately 60% of the available growth points, exceeding the statewide figure of 56%. It ranked 171st out of 427 districts on that measure.

Attendance improved across the district. On the graded chronic absenteeism measure, 79.62% of Guthrie students met the state's good attendance standard, up from 77.42% the previous year. However, it remains one of the district's lowest performing indices as the statewide figure was approximately 84.1%, and Guthrie ranked 411th out of 434 districts on the measure.

The way attendance counts toward school grades could change in next year's report. In 2025, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 711, calling for chronic absenteeism to shift from a required 10-point measure to a bonus category that rewards improvement.

Federal approval was still pending when the state released the report cards, so chronic absenteeism remained part of the grading calculation for the 2025–2026 school year.

Participation in early college and career opportunities also increased in Guthrie, from approximately 44% to 55% of eligible students.

Cotteral's decline came during its first full school year in the new building, which opened in spring 2025. The 54,000 square foot replacement school was a centerpiece of the district's voter-approved 2019 bond program. Crossland Construction, the builder, put the project's cost at $16.9 million. The former building had served students since 1950.

Oklahoma began publishing school performance data through its Educational Indicators Program, established in 1989. The federal No Child Left Behind Act, signed in 2002, required states and districts receiving federal Title I funds to publish annual report cards. Oklahoma legislators added the A–F grading scale in 2011, and the state released its first letter grades in 2012, with a revision in 2017.

The report cards are available at OklaSchools.com, where readers can examine the measures behind each grade and compare results with previous years.

THE MORNING REPORT

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Good morning, First Capital. New state report cards show Guthrie's school district losing ground, with Cotteral Elementary and Guthrie Junior High slipping from C's to D's, and the Guthrie Public Schools board meets at 6:30 p.m. today. Overnight, Guthrie police took one person into custody at a disturbance in the 400 block of East Noble. The Oklahoman reports Edmond is set to pause massage parlor zoning. Patchy fog lingers until about 8 a.m. before a sunny high of 74.



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PHOTO OF THE DAY. GUTHRIE, Okla. — (November 8, 2026) Steam fog hovers over the east side of Guthrie Lake on a frigid Sunday morning as warmth rising from the lake meets the cold air following an overnight low of 37 degrees. More photographs ↗

YOUR GOVERNMENT MEETS TODAY ↗

Crescent Public Schools: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m. ↗ The board will consider a resolution calling a special election to let voters decide on general obligation bonds for the district; the agenda does not give an amount.

City of Edmond: City Council and Public Works Authority Meeting, 5:30 p.m. ↗ The Public Works Authority will consider moving $4,000,000.00 from Edmond Electric reserves to substation projects...

Deer Creek Public Schools: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6 p.m. ↗ The board will vote on several purchases paid from bond, building and child nutrition funds, including a Chevrolet Tahoe from Jacksons of Kingfisher for $64,400.00, a Chevy Silverado from Group 1 Auto for $53,981.83...

Guthrie Public Schools: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m. ↗ The board will consider a library inventory software agreement with Follett School Solutions, Inc. for a total of $10,014.95, a background-check agreement with PeopleFacts that should not exceed $1,250, and a fuel bid.

LOGAN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO ↗ *continued from page 1*

SAT 6:14 P.M. **Large rocks reported in roadway in Forest Hills area; deputy clears road** ↗
Logan County Sheriff

A Logan County deputy responded at 6:14 p.m. to large chunks of rock reported in the roadway in the Forest Hills area. The deputy later reported the rocks removed from the road and the scene cleared.

SAT 6:35 P.M. **Deer Creek firefighters respond to reported house fire; occupants out, animals inside** ↗
Deer Creek Fire

Deer Creek firefighters responded at 6:35 p.m. to a reported house fire. Dispatchers told a responding tanker crew that everyone in the home had evacuated but that animals remained inside.

— OTHER TRAFFIC —

SAT 2:37 P.M. Burn spreads into grass northeast of Midwest Boulevard and Seward ↗
Woodcrest Fire; Sooner Fire

SAT 4:07 P.M. Three men trespassed from West Oklahoma property after reported RV break-in ↗
Guthrie Police

SUN 8:14 A.M. Pony reported walking in roadway near Waterloo and Douglas returned to property ↗
Logan County Sheriff

SUN 7:22 P.M. Blanket fire burns couch at home in 900 block of Walnut Court ↗
Guthrie Fire/EMS

MON 5:54 A.M. Injury collision reported on southbound I-35 at mile marker 159 ↗
Guthrie Fire/EMS

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Edmond to pause massage parlor zoning after embarrassing operators ↗ THE OKLAHOMAN

House fire claims lives of five dogs in Edmond ↗ KFOR

— STATE —

One in custody following stabbing in NW Oklahoma City ↗ KFOR

Federal Judge Puts Oklahoma Proxy Transparency Law On Hold ↗ OKLAHOMA WATCH

Oklahoma tribal town town sues Kalshi amid prediction market contract dispute ↗ OKLAHOMA VOICE

— NATIONAL —

Trump explains $3B net worth jump in '60 Minutes' interview: 'You should've had stock' ↗ NEW YORK POST

Rubio defends Trump's Iran war as not 'necessarily popular, but necessary' ↗ FOX NEWS

John Thune's Push to Lead Senate Republicans Again Is Getting Bogged Down ↗ TOWNHALL

Israel After Benjamin Netanyahu ↗ THE DISPATCH

— INTERNATIONAL —

Erdogan says Turkey concerned about potential attacks on Iran, reaches out to Trump ↗ JERUSALEM POST

New US oil company joins gas exploration off Israel's shores ↗ TIMES OF ISRAEL

AT THE AIRPORT ↗

Guthrie-Edmond Regional, 6:50 a.m. Sunday to 6:50 a.m. Monday: 26 takeoffs, 26 landings and 7 touch-and-goes, by 18 aircraft.

A 2007 Cessna 560XL (N817BZ), owned by Brazos Aviation LLC of Fort Worth, Texas, landed at 12:22 p.m. Sunday and took off at 12:51 p.m.

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