Welcome to this issue of The Download, the EPIC family monthly newsletter. Each month, we send you a round-up of news from the school that we believe you will find helpful and valuable in your child's education at EPIC and in communicating with your teacher.

We want to make sure The Download is responsive to questions you have, too. So if you have suggestions for information or news we should share in the next issue, email us at communication@epiccharterschools.org and make the subject of your email Newsletter Information.

Missed last month's newsletter? View it here!

Audit Findings: EPIC in Full Federal Compliance

EPIC Charter Schools is in full compliance with laws regarding programs funded and facilitated by the federal government, according to an audit just released by the Oklahoma State Department of Education (SDE). The audit was one of 10 public school systems the state selected to audit this year to review compliance with programs funded and facilitated by the federal government, including Title I and special education services.

In its April 22 letter to EPIC, the SDE wrote: “The cooperation of your staff during the Federal Programs Consolidated Monitoring process has been greatly appreciated. We are pleased to inform you that EPIC ONE ON ONE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT has been determined to be Compliant with federal requirements for the 2018-2019 school year, therefore, no further action is required.”

EPIC Superintendent David Chaney said of the SDE’s findings: “This audit affirms our commitment to our kids and verifies what we have been saying all along. We have always followed state and federal law, and we will continue to do so.”

The audit's release comes after a February story published in The Tulsa World claimed...
EPIC was under federal investigation. However, EPIC has not been contacted by investigators and no federal agency has confirmed a probe of EPIC is ongoing. “We are focused on serving our 24,000 students and their families, and the SDE’s findings prove our EPIC team does things the right way to support those students and families,” Chaney said.

**RE-ENROLL TODAY**

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is open!

Be sure to hold your teacher’s roster by re-enrolling now. Rosters fill up fast, so the sooner you submit your re-enrollment for 2019-20 the better.

*Do not re-enroll using a mobile device. The enrollment form must be completed using a computer. If you need assistance in any way, give us a call or reach out to us through Live Chat on the EPIC website during normal business hours.*

Re-enroll at the link below today!

**Innovation, Compensation, Flexibility**

**Encourage Veteran Educator to 'Jump' into EPIC**

First-year EPIC educator Regina Bell tells her story about how competitive pay and a flexible schedule helped her decide to make the jump from a traditional brick-and-mortar setting.

Read the full article in the Oklahoman and pass it on!

**EPIC Students Attend Gordon Cooper Technology Signing Ceremony**

Congratulations to our EPIC students who were invited to attend the 2019 Gordon Cooper Technology Center Signing Day Ceremony in Shawnee! They are: Nathan Brown, Elyh Kjormoe, Kyler Sidmore, Kayden Wood, Julie Campbell, Aerryanna Murchison, Wesley Stasyszen, Kylie Trojanowski, Elizabeth White and Samantha Brooks.

Each year, new students gather to sign letters of intent surrounded by family and friends to cheer them on.
We began emailing seniors who have either completed all of their requirements to graduate, or are enrolled in all of their 2nd semester courses and on track to graduate. These emails will include the official graduation registration link. The Graduation Support Department will be conducting additional graduation schedule checks in the coming weeks, and as seniors are identified as being on track, we will email them with additional graduation information.

Remember, your graduation is contingent on your completion of all unfinished work. The Graduation Support Department will be conducting final graduation checks in May to ensure that each senior has met local and state graduation requirements.

This year we will be holding two EPIC Commencement ceremonies:

- Saturday, June 1, 2019* from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City
- Saturday, June 8, 2019* from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Mabee Center in Tulsa

*You may select which ceremony you plan to participate in, but you may only participate in ONE commencement ceremony.
Cap & Gowns
You may start placing your cap and gown orders through Herff Jones and purchase other graduation products including announcements, rings, and other items.

A link to purchase these items is below, and we also have a graduation page on the EPIC Charter Schools website.

Class Rings
Interested in a class ring?

View the short tutorial below on how to order an official class ring for Epic Charter School.

EPIC COLLEGE, CAREER READINESS

**CHECK IT OUT** - Oklahoma has an incredible resource called OK College Start. This is a FREE program all of our EPIC students 6th-12th grade to create an account and gain access to the tools and resources. You can use this as a teacher, share with parents, and students. It is a one stop shop for individualized college and career planning.

[Click here for more information!]

**Post-Secondary Opportunities**: You may have seen that as part of our A-F Report Card we get a grade for student participation in post-secondary opportunities. For a student to positively count as participating they must complete a course in concurrent enrollment, career tech, work-study, or internship. We appreciate you supporting EPIC in increasing participation in these areas. It is a win win as it helps the student first and foremost and helps EPIC.

**Work Study and Internship** Students who have a job, internship, or volunteer are learning hands on skills which will prepare them for after high school. Please ensure EVERY one of those students has the course listed on his/her schedule. We don’t want them missing credit for doing the work they are already doing and we get credit on our A-F!

Be on the Lookout for updates to our EPIC website with all things high school specific to college and career!

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**Career Tech**
Career Techs are located statewide and enrollment is FREE to high school students.
However, there are limited spaces in each program. Generally, students enroll in the winter of their 10th grade year for their 11th grade year. The student will apply at their local career tech, submit any required testing or records, participate in an interview, and, if selected, will then enroll into the program. The final step is to provide their GSM a copy of the schedule so it can be added to their EPIC schedule. Not sure which career tech your student should apply to? Contact Nicole Ellison for help! Concurrent Courses // Students who have a 3.0 GPA or 19 Composite on the ACT are eligible to apply for concurrent classes at colleges statewide. TCC will cover 18 hours of tuition for Juniors. Seniors qualify to get 18 hours of tuition covered statewide through funding from the OK Regents. Now is the time to be looking into fall concurrent options!

Plan for College Now
Are you looking for help with planning for after high school, career options, and scholarship support?

**OK College Start** is a one stop shop for free resources for Oklahoma High School Students.

Paying for College
**FAFSA** is now open.

All college bound seniors are required to complete the form regardless of income.

Are you a student participating in concurrent enrollment, career tech, work-study, or an internship and finding success at Epic?

Email Nicole Ellison to share your story: nicole.ellison@epiccharterschools.org.

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DON'T FORGET: EPIC HIGH SCHOOL PROM
Saturday, May 4th, 2019
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
1700 NE 63rd St.,
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
6PM-11PM

Questions? Please contact Joy Huber at 405-426-7030.
Please DO NOT call the school.

MORE INFORMATION  PURCHASE TICKETS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on social media? Fun activities, events, contests, and Epic-related news are posted throughout the week!

Be sure to like and follow now by clicking the icons at the bottom of this email.

DID YOU MISS THIS?

May

Since October, Epic has been honoring a student who #DaresGreatly in his or her academics and extracurricular activities with the title of Student of the Month for either elementary or secondary students.

Each month, teachers complete a survey nominating high-achieving students which is then followed by a committee review and selection. Epic receives over 100 nominations each month! You can view our most recent winners above.

CAREERS: APPLY TODAY

We're continually searching for talented, dedicated individuals to join our Epic team! Does this sound like you or a friend? View our current openings at the button below.

Most Recent Positions Posted:
• Social Studies Coach
Managing Director of Instruction
Certified SPED Teacher & Teacher
Principal
Director of Logistics

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