2026 Oklahoma SLSC State Memo Heavy Equipment Operator

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NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED ON-SITE AT THE CONFERENCE

Please double-check all registrations prior to the deadline. This includes secondary versus postsecondary as well as contests

***Contest will follow national technical standards unless otherwise stated in the state memo.**

The Contest will held April 8th – 9th 2026
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
It will be held at Indian Capital Technology Center – Heavy Equipment Class
240 Career tech Dr.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

On Sunday, April 19th a meal sponsored by Oklahoma AGC and the Tulsa Homebuilder's Association from 6:00-7:30 p.m. will be held at Baxter's Grill ,717 S Houston Ste 100, Tulsa, OK 74127

On Sunday at 5:00 Crossland Construction will have a tour of their construction site just west of the Convention Center. We will meet at the Masonry Contest area. PPE requred, must have hard hat and safety glasses.

On Monday April 20, 2026, there will be a meeting and breakfast from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in the Aaronson room at the Tulsa Public Library East of the Convention Center.

Equipment

- Backhoe: Digging and backfilling a footing
- Dozer: Cut and fill operations

- Surveying: Elevation measurements skills
- Mini Excavator: Operation and control Skills through various tasks
- Skid Steer: Loading operations and control skills through various tasks

  This is a general overview, and students should be prepared to demonstrate safe operation, accuracy, and overall equipment handling skills.

The PD written test and ***Heavy Equipment Operator test*** will be given online from **Mar 16 - Apr 3, 2026.**

Contestant resumes are required for each contestant.

All contestants will submit a digital resume prior to contest day. Contestants will receive an email to the address used to register the contestant for contest with instructions and link to access the SkillsUSA Competitor Portal page. The email will contain contestant's username and contestant number, which are required to login to the Competitor Portal. **Deadline to submit resume is April 8th, 2026**.

Item 2 – Lunch

Will be provided.

Item 3 – Rules and Regulations

From this competition, a secondary and post-secondary contestant will be selected to represent Oklahoma at the National SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta. Therefore, we will follow the national rules, regulations, and contest content as closely as possible. We want our contestants to be prepared to compete at the national level.
All contestants must bring documentation showing they have successfully completed a safety test for each piece of equipment they will be operating. This documentation should verify that the student is a competent operator. Students without proper documentation will not be allowed to compete.

Item 4 – Clothing Requirements

The day of the skills competition, all students will be required to wear appropriate clothing representative of their occupation. ***Safety glasses, safety vest, jeans, hard hats and work boots are required at all times while in the contest area. School name/logo should not be worn.***

Item 5 – Industry Awards

*****NEW 2026- ADVISOR MEDALS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY OKLAHOMA SKILLSUSA, BUT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE SKILLSUSA STORE**

*****Prizes are the responsibility of the individual contests. Prizes are not guaranteed and are not supplied at the SkillsUSA Oklahoma state level.**

Prize Committee Chairpersons are Chelsea Hodge. Please bring the prizes to the contest. Please contact the chair with prizes that will need to be checked in. **Each participating school is expected to furnish an industry award.** Industry awards should be labeled with the name and address of the award supplier so that an appropriate "Thank you" may be sent, must be accompanied by an *industry award don ation information sheet* (available on the Oklahoma SkillsUSA website). **Please bring prizes to the awards area at the Arvest Convention Center Conference Hall Sunday, April 19th between 12-4pm or Monday, April 20th between 8am-4pm.**

Item 6 – Awards Ceremony

All competitors must wear official SkillsUSA dress to the Awards Session, where winners are announced. Competitors who are not dressed appropriately or lack official attire will be denied access to the awards stage. Students must be present when their contest is announced. If a student is improperly dressed, absent, or misses their contest being called, the production will not be paused for any reason, and they will forfeit their opportunity to go on stage to receive the award. No exceptions will be made. No hats or sunglasses will allow to be worn on stage.

- Official dress for men: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks; white dress shirt; plain black tie with no pattern or SkillsUSA black tie; black socks and black shoes.
- Official dress for women: Official blazer, jacket or sweater; black dress slacks or knee-length skirt with business like white, collarless blouse or white blouse with small, plain collar that may not extend onto the lapels of the blazer, and black dress shoes.

CELLPHONES AND OTHER SMART DEVICES

Cellphones, electronic watches and/or other electronic devices not approved by a competition's technical committee are NOT allowed in the competition area. Please follow the guidelines in each technical standard for approved exceptions. Technical

committee members may also approve exceptions onsite during the SkillsUSA Championships if deemed appropriate

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

National Technical Standards can be found on Pathful, which you can access with your professional SkillsUSA membership. Technicals are updated periodically, please check regularly.

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2026 SkillsUSA State Heavy Equipment Operator Contest Agenda

– Indian Capital Tech Tahlequah

Andrew Pilcher will be the host his contact info is:

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The Contest will held April 8th – 9th 2026

7:30 – 7:45	Check-in
7:45 – 8:00	Judges Meeting
8:00 – 11:30	Heavy Equipment Operator Contest
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 4:00	Heavy Equipment Operator Contest

Lunch: Lunch will be provided.

Additionally:

If you have any questions please e-mail or call:

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