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**Teachers Attend Summer Science and Math Academy at the
Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics**

OKLAHOMA CITY – June 11, 2018 – Middle school science teachers from across Oklahoma were able to enhance their science and math skills, as well as transfer new knowledge to classroom instruction during a five-day summer academy held recently at the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

In partnership with ConocoPhillips, Phillips 66, and The Sarkeys Foundation, OSSM faculty experienced in teacher education, conduct the academy for science and math teachers. The one week experience provides hands-on understanding for 80 middle school math and science teachers from more than 70 schools across Oklahoma. Teachers trained on new ways to teach higher level math and science concepts in effective ways and on how to do a variety of fun and inexpensive hands-on labs to reinforce these concepts with some 3,500-4,000 students in their combined classrooms.

Activities include lectures, experiments in OSSM laboratories, demonstrations, discussions, a field trip and guest speaker at the closing luncheon. Topics are selected according to middle school science curriculum from the fields of biology, chemistry and earth science.

Participants stay on campus in the Dan Little Residence Hall and receive a \$250 stipend for satisfying requirements for continuing education. All lab supplies are provided during the academy.

The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics was created through legislative action in 1983 and is designed as a two-year residential public high school for academically gifted junior and senior students in mathematics and science. OSSM serves all Oklahoma schools and students through research, teacher training and outreach activities. For more information, visit the school's Web site www.ossm.edu.