

# Common Questions and Answers



#### What does Senate Bill 121 do?

Senate Bill 121 gives public school employees and teachers paid, protected break time to pump. School districts shall make a reasonable effort to provide a private, secure, and sanitary room where an employee can express milk or breastfeed.



#### How does Senate Bill 121 change the game?

Educators no longer have to choose between teaching our children and feeding their children! Senate Bill 121 fills in the gap left by federal law for exempt workers. It also extends same privileges that state employees in Oklahoma were given in 2020.



### Why is legislation like Senate Bill 121 important?

It demonstrates care for school employees and their health. It also creates a cultural normalcy for breastfeeding and promotes public health. Supportive legislation also leads to higher retention and lower sick days taken.



## What does Oklahoma law say about breastfeeding?

A 2004 law says mothers have the right to breastfeed anywhere they have the right to be. They can also be excused from jury duty.



# If someone needs help with breastfeeding, what is the best resource?

Anyone can call the Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hotline for free at (877) 271-6455. Anyone can also text OK2BF to 61222 for help. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

