

OKLAHOMA

Voters in Oklahoma will elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and an Attorney General this cycle. All 101 House seats will be on the ballot, as well as 24 Senate seats. Republicans are expected to maintain control of all branches of government.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Joy Hofmeister \(D\)](#)

Joy Hofmeister is the Oklahoma Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position she was first elected to in 2014. She defeated Constance Johnson (D) in the Democratic primary for Governor of Oklahoma on June 28.

In her first term as State Superintendent, Hofmeister created a strategic educational plan called the [Oklahoma Edge](#). The plan was built on four pillars underpinned by actionable strategies, goals, and initiatives to meet student needs and drive educational progress.

Hofmeister [believes](#) her experience as State Superintendent qualifies her for the governor's office. She claims schools in Oklahoma were in a freefall when she took office, but that they have seen key improvements under her leadership. If elected, she [plans](#) use her position to address the state's teacher shortage, partner more with parents, and support students' mental health.

She [opposes](#) Governor Stitt's Medicaid program, SoonerCare, believing it harms rural hospitals, increases costs, and sends taxpayer dollars to private, out-of-state companies. As governor, she [plans](#) to prioritize the availability of mental health resources.

Hofmeister [supports](#) removing restrictions on local governments permitting them to raise the minimum wage.

She [plans](#) to build relationships with Native American tribal nations in the state, touting her efforts as superintendent to ensure students learned tribal history and culture.

Trivia: Hofmeister switched to the Democratic Party in 2021, making her the first Democratic statewide elected official in Oklahoma since 2011.