Teachers/OPERS Certification Statement

I, _____, am exercising my right to select the Oklahoma Public Retirement System (OPERS) for retirement in accordance with Oklahoma State Statute 74§840-4.9. I certify that I have not participated with the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System (TRS) during employment as a certified teacher employed to serve as administrator, counselor, librarian or teacher by the state, under the Merit System of Personnel Administration.

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Employee Signature Date

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Witnessed By Date

Oklahoma Statutes Citationized
Title 74. State Government
Chapter 27A - Oklahoma Personnel Act
Merit System of Personnel Administration
Section 840-4.9 - Teachers' Rights, Privileges and Benefits
Cite as: O.S. §, __ __

Certified teachers employed to serve as administrators, counselors, librarians or to teach by the state, under the Merit System of Personnel Administration, shall be entitled to all benefits granted other state employees of the agency, board, commission, department or institution by which they are employed. Such teachers shall also be entitled to all benefits and privileges of their profession, including the right to participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System, or the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System at the option of the teacher and the right of membership and participation in the Oklahoma Education Association and all other professional associations and organizations of their choice.