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SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Aviation Sciences Institute

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Flight and Ground Training

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This is your copy of the safety procedures, practices, and policies as established by the Aviation Sciences Institute. You should become very familiar with this document and our **Safety Management System**, referencing both during the course of your training at Southeastern.

Our goal is to give you the finest and safest flight training available. In all cases, the training at Southeastern meets or exceeds those standards set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration.



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Use of Electronic Signatures

Southeastern utilizes the Talon ETA electronic record keeping system. This system makes extensive use of electronic signatures for scheduling, dispatch, and student training records. In accordance with [FAA AC 120-78A](#) and FAA Standard Order [FSIMS 8900.1 Volume 3, chapter 31](#), it is important that all staff, instructors, and students understand their responsibilities regarding the use of electronic signatures. The following is a brief description of our electronic signature procedures, with emphasis on the security of your personal identification number (PIN.) A more detailed document, *The Electronic Signature and Record Keeping Procedures Manual*, is kept on file in the Chief Flight Instructor's office and can be made available to you upon request.

- Each person will be provided training regarding the use of each electronic record system, form, or activity completion document which utilizes a PIN number or other electronic signature
- Each Flight Instructor will be provided training during initial and recurring standardization regarding the use of any system which utilizes electronic signature features
- The use of an electronic signature is regarded as equivalent to a person's handwritten signature
- Each person will be assigned a confidential PIN number which will be unique to that individual
- No person may share their PIN number with another person for any purpose
- No person may use another person's PIN number to indicate acceptance of any document, lesson grade, or flight activity
- No person shall use their PIN number to accept any document or the results of any lesson or activity with reading and understanding what they are accepting
- If unknown to school personnel, a person should produce valid identification to accompany the use of a PIN number for assignment or dispatch of any aircraft or completion of any flight log or record
- The use of electronic signature such as a PIN should be considered permanent and unalterable
- If a document or flight record is signed using a PIN number in error, then the matter should be brought to the attention of management immediately so a correction record and appropriate documentation may be prepared and entered so as to never alter a record that has been entered into the system
- Any person who is caught using another person's PIN number for any flight or ground activity may be penalized by suspension or program termination
- Any person who believes that their PIN number has been compromised should immediately report this to Southeastern management and they will be assigned a new PIN number



Assignment of Flight Instructors

Students are required to complete the following prior to being assigned to a flight instructor:

1. Enroll in the proper flight course.
2. Obtain an FAA First class medical certificate.
3. Obtain a Student Pilot Certificate
4. Establish a flight account with a minimum balance of \$2,000.
5. After completing the above, students must submit to the Department Chair the following documentation:
 - i. U.S. Citizens**, in accordance with the *Transportation Security Administration's* 49 CFR Part 1552, must provide proof of U.S. citizenship or nationality. To establish U.S. citizenship or nationality, students must present a valid U.S. passport or an original raised seal U.S. birth certificate and government issued picture identifications.
 - ii. Non-U.S. citizens** should make an appointment with the department chair to determine steps to remain in compliance with 49 CFR Part 1552.
- 5 Two availability forms completed in their entirety. Students will find availability forms at <https://www.se.edu/aviation/documents-and-forms/availabilityform-1/>
- 6 A completed SOP Quiz. All students will take this exam once a year.
- 7 A copy of all pilot certificates, medicals, and FAA knowledge exam results that are not already on file within the Chief Flight Instructor's office.

All paper work should be submitted at the same time.

Flight Accounts

Students must initially deposit \$2,000 in a flight account when they enter the flight program and they must maintain a balance of at least \$200. If the account balance drops below \$200 at any time, the student will be removed from the flight schedule. If the account drops to a negative balance, the account balance must be restored to \$2,000 or the balance needed to complete the present flight course. Only after showing proof (copy of the receipt) that this additional deposit has been made, will the student be allowed to resume his or her flight training. It is the student's responsibility to maintain the minimum account balance.

In addition to the initial deposit of \$2,000, student account balances must be at least \$2,000 before beginning a new course of training

These special charges can be paid at the Business Office or the Auxiliary Business Office on the main campus. Flight accounts are non-interest bearing.



Closing a Flight Account

You must complete a form for closing ASI flight accounts, at which time you will not be eligible to continue flight training. Any ASI flight account balance will first be applied to outstanding balances owed to the university.

The student may complete a flight account withdrawal one time each semester. However, you may only resume flight training upon verification of deposit of \$2,000 into your flight account. **The student will not be allowed to reopen their flight account until the following semester, if a second withdrawal is made.**

FAA Medicals

As per the Southeastern Oklahoma State University undergraduate catalog, all Professional Pilot majors must obtain an FAA First class medical certificate prior to enrollment into the Aviation Professional Pilot program. In addition, each student must obtain a Student Pilot Certificate either prior to arrival or immediately upon arrival at Southeastern. Aviation Management majors must also obtain a Student Pilot Certificate if they elect to enroll in flight classes. Aviation minors and non-majors, if they elect to enroll in flight classes, must also obtain an FAA Third-class FAA medical certificate.

Note: Should a flight student develop any medical condition that would have originally disqualified them from obtaining their medical certificate, or that would prevent them from legally exercising the privileges of their medical certificate, the flight student is required to report this condition to the Chief Flight Instructor prior to their next flight. Disqualifying conditions are found in 14 CFR Part 67.

FAA Written Exams

No student will be allowed to continue flying on a particular course unless he/she has passed the FAA knowledge exam required by FAR's for that certificate or rating by the following stage:

FAA Certificate	Progress Level
Private Pilot -	Before the end of Private Pilot Stage II
Commercial Pilot -	Before the end of Commercial Stage II
Instrument Rating -	Before the end of Instrument Stage I
Flight Instructor -	Before starting CFI Stage 2
Instrument Instructor -	Before the end of CFII Stage I



Students who have not completed the appropriate ground school may meet with the Chief Flight Instructor to discuss their exemption from the above policy. However, unless prior permission is granted, stage checks will not be given to those students who do not comply with the above policy.

Flight Scheduling

Flight schedules may be accessed from the Aviation Sciences Institute's web page at <http://www.talon-systems.com/sosu/>. Flights are typically scheduled approximately 1 week in advance with each student being scheduled at least 3 times a week. Students are responsible for knowing their flight schedule.

You must be available for at least three (3) flights a week in order to obtain the most from your training and complete the course in a reasonable length of time.

Cancellations and No-Shows

Students may cancel flights anytime earlier than six hours before the scheduled time without financial penalty. However, if the flight is canceled within six hours prior to the scheduled time a No-Show will be charged. If the student believes he or she has a valid reason for the cancellation, that student may talk with the Department Chair. The Department Chair will then decide to either accept the cancellation (in which case the No-Show will be canceled) or reject the cancellation (the No-Show will stand).

You must be dispatched and ready for your flight at the scheduled time. Tardiness will result in a no-show. Currently, the "No-Show fee" is \$50 for local flights and \$100 for cross-country.

Excessive no-shows or flight cancellations will be reviewed by the Chief Flight Instructor and may result in suspension from the flight schedule.

Maintaining Your Part 141 Enrollment

Students are expected to maintain consistent and regular progress throughout the Part 141 curriculum. Those students who are inactive for two consecutive semesters will be considered absent and terminated from the Part 141 curriculum.



Flight Training Attendance

You will be placed on the flight schedule a minimum of three times a week. Students who do not fly three times a week will be considered absent.

All cancellations must be pre-approved by your instructor or the Chief Flight Instructor. Excessive no-shows and student cancellations will result in your removal from the flight schedule.

Poor attendance will be reported to the registrar’s office— “poor attendance” being more than three unexcused absences in one semester.

Flight courses are no different than courses taken on campus. Attendance is mandatory. You must be available to fly three times a week.

Ground School Prerequisites

Many aviation courses have prerequisites. These are listed below:

Aviation Course	Prerequisite 1	Prerequisite 2
Commercial Perf. & Regs (AVIA 2083)	Student must be at least in Private stage 2	Private Pilot Knowledge Exam passed or waiver received from advisor
Commercial Operations (AVIA 3123)	Student must be at least in Commercial 1 (AVIA 2083)	
Instrument Ground (AVIA 3284)	Student must be at least in Commercial stage 2	Commercial Pilot Knowledge Exam Passed
Fundamentals. of Instructing (AVIA 3152)	Student must be at least in Instrument stage 2	Commercial Pilot Knowledge Exam passed
Flight Instructor Ground (AVIA 3202)	Student must be at least in Instrument stage 2	Commercial Pilot Knowledge Exam passed
CFII Ground	Student must be Instrument Rated	FOI and FIA Knowledge Exams passed
Multiengine Ground (AVIA 4562)	Student must have passed Commercial Pilot Knowledge Exam	



Attendance Ground School

The Federal Aviation Administration, per 14 CFR Part 141, requires a minimum contact time as stated in the approved curriculum. Therefore, all class absences must be made-up on an hour for-hour basis. This must be accomplished by an approved ASI Staff Flight instructor at the student's expense. Scheduling and completion of this requirement is the responsibility of the student.

Stage Checks and End of Course Exams

The Chief Flight Instructor or his designated assistant will periodically conduct stage checks and end of course exams with each student. These progress checks will be given at predetermined stages during your flight training. There will also be a Final Stage Check prior to graduation from flight each course. To take the Final Stage Check the student must have taken and passed the corresponding FAA written test.

Flight Course Grading and Incompletes

All final grades will be issued in accordance with procedures set forth by Southeastern Oklahoma State University. All flying course are graded as Pass (P) or Fail (F). Should you not have completed a flight course at the end of the semester you will receive a grade of "incomplete" ("I"). After completing the certificate or rating the "I" will be converted to a "P" or an "F". However, the "I" will become permanent one year after posting; at which time you must reenroll in the course in order to obtain a passing grade, continue flying, and receive credit for the course.

Again, all incompletes in Aviation courses will become permanent and remain an "I" after one year in accordance to the policy in the current Southeastern course catalog. The only exception will be AVIA 3164-COMMERCIAL FLYING since it usually takes longer than one year to complete this course.

Restricted ATP

Southeastern Oklahoma State University is approved by the FAA to issue certificates of completion qualifying our graduates for an FAA Restricted ATP (14 CFR 61.169) certificate at 21 years of age and 1,000 flight hours rather than the 23 years of age and 1,500 flight hours normally required by 14 CFR Part 61.151. This may be issued to a graduate when they complete a minimum of 60 credit hours of aviation courses in accordance with the FAA Letter of



Authorization (LOA). Due to the administration of this special FAA designation, students must adhere closely to the Southeastern Aviation Professional Pilot degree program so as not to jeopardize their qualifications for this important FAA program.

Graduation

Before an Aviation student can apply for graduation in the Registrar's Office, they must receive a "Graduation Clearance authorization" from their major advisor. This clearance will be required before the student can proceed with the graduation process (i.e. name in commencement program, diploma order, etc.).

Students must apply in their final semester by the graduation application deadline in order to be considered for honors graduate status. The deadlines are usually around November 1, April 1, and July 1.

Southeastern Flight Training Grading Criteria

All Southeastern Flight Instructors will use the following interpretation of the numerical grading System in flight course activity and task grading.

- 1. Describe - Instructor assistance is required to successfully execute the maneuver.**
At the completion of the scenario, the student will be able to describe the physical characteristics and cognitive element of the activity.
- 2. Explain - Instructor assistance is required to successfully execute the maneuver.**
At the completion of the scenario, the student will be able to describe the activity and understand the underlying concepts, principles, and procedures that comprise the activity.
- 3. Practice - Coaching, instruction, and /or assistance from the CFI will correct deviations and errors identified by the CFI.** At the completion of the activity the student will be able to plan and execute the scenario.
- 4. At no time will the successful outcome of the activity be in doubt. ("Perform" will be used to signify that the student is satisfactorily demonstrating proficiency in traditional piloting and systems operations skills.)**



Transfer of Credit and Advanced Standing Examinations

After enrolling at Southeastern, credit will only be granted for that flight training accomplished with the ASI or another approved and accredited collegiate aviation program unless specifically authorized by the Department Chair and the Chief Flight Instructor.

According to Southeastern admissions policies “work taken at junior or community colleges cannot be counted in meeting the upper-division requirements of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Upper-division requirements relate to junior and senior (3000/4000 level) courses of study. Students who believe that their courses taken at a junior college are equivalent to courses taught at Southeastern Oklahoma State University may take an Advance Standing examination to validate that level of achievement.” Please refer to the SOSU undergraduate catalog for additional information.

In order to earn college credit through advance standing, the student must hold that certificate or rating (FAA) prior to enrollment at Southeastern. Students may not apply for advance standing credit until their final semester of their senior year. This will be accomplished in conjunction with their graduation clearance letter.

Credit for Previous Flight Training

Student who would like college credit for previous flight training must contact the Chief Flight Instructor to schedule an evaluation. Evaluation sessions will contain both a ground and flight component and must be completed before the student begins their flight training within the Aviation Sciences Institute. These sessions will be completed on a first come first serve basis and will be scheduled at time suitable to the Chief Flight Instructor.

Students should understand that according to the FAA Restricted ATP requirements contained in 14 CFR 61.169 and detailed in the FAA Letter of Authorization (LOA) issued to Southeastern, courses, licenses and ratings received outside of the Southeastern Aviation program may affect their ability to qualify for the Restricted ATP certificate. (See the Department Chair for more information)

Once a flight student is admitted to Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Aviation Sciences Institute, all flight training credit must be completed in residence or, with prior approval of the Department Chair, through another university aviation program.

Every attempt will be made to minimize the need to repeat previous training. In all cases, the amount and type of credit granted is at the complete discretion of the Chief Flight Instructor.



ASI Security Badges

ASI security badges must be worn and properly displayed by each aviation student, faculty and staff member, and visitor, who enters the aviation facility or tarmac. Visitors should request a security badge in room 101.

One security badge will be issued to each student once a year. Lost or stolen badges will be reissued for a nominal fee.

Aircraft Dispatching

An Aircraft Dispatch Form must be completed prior to each flight then endorsed by an authorized flight instructor. Aircraft keys will not be issued without this form and the instructor's signature.

As part of their dispatching procedure, students are required to review the appropriate aircraft discrepancy log (Squawks) and all Pilot Bulletins. Pilot Bulletins are located on the ASI Safety Management System web site at <http://blackboard.se.edu/> and in a briefing binder in the dispatch area.

Aircraft Availability and Bumps

You will be scheduled according to your availability and that of the aircraft needed for your particular course. Occasionally you may be bumped because the aircraft needed is not available. When this occurs, your instructor will make every effort to reschedule you at the earliest possible time.

Aircraft rental for personal use is not permitted.

Weekend Flights

You will be required fly on weekends. Instructors and aircraft are available. All flights on weekends require a dispatch form signed by an authorized flight instructor.



Weather Minimums

When weather conditions force the cancellation of training flights your instructor will reschedule you at the earliest possible time. If you are in doubt as to the weather conditions, contact your instructor. Do not fail to show up for a lesson just because you assumed the weather was too bad to fly.

VFR Weather Minimums:

Flight Condition	Minimum Ceiling	Minimum Visibility
Solo Flights (Pattern only) –	1,500 ft. ceiling	3 statute miles visibility
Solo flights (local) –	1,500 ft. ceiling,	5 statute miles visibility
Solo night flight –	4,000 ft. ceiling,	6 statute miles visibility
Solo cross-country –	4,000 ft. ceiling,	6 statute miles visibility
Dual local flights –	1,500 ft. ceiling,	3 statute miles visibility
Dual cross country -	Instructor’s decision	Instructor’s decision

IFR Weather Minimums

Flight Condition	Minimum Ceiling	Minimum Visibility
Departure	800ft. ceiling	2 statute miles visibility
En route	800ft. ceiling	2 statute miles visibility
Destination	800ft. ceiling	2 statute miles visibility

Note: No IFR training will be conducted if thunderstorms or icing conditions are present anywhere along the route of flight.

Surface Winds and Temperature Limitations

Flight Condition	Total Wind and Gust factor	Cross Wind Component
Dual	25 knots	Max demonstrated x-wind component of the aircraft to be flown
Solo (Private Pilots and above)	20 knots	Max demonstrated x-wind component of the aircraft to be flown
Solo (Student Pilots)	15 knots	Max demonstrated x-wind component of the aircraft to be flown or as restricted by CFI endorsement.



The maximum allowable wind for solo flights is 15 knots for student pilots and 25 knots for other solos. Students are not allowed to fly solo when the wind has a crosswind component in excess of the demonstrated crosswind component of the aircraft or as restricted by an instructor endorsement for student pilots. Under all wind conditions, instructors will take into consideration the students experience and his/her capabilities before authorizing any solo flights.

Flight Condition	Max/Min Temperature	Notes
Max Temperature	100 F 38 C	Official temperature is obtained from an AWOS station. May be waived by the Chief Instructor under certain conditions.
Min Temperature	20 F -6 C	Official temperature is obtained from an AWOS station. May be waived by the Chief Instructor under certain conditions.

General Limitations

Touch and Go Landings

- “Touch-and-Go” landings are not allowed. This applies to all flight training, Dual or Solo, in Southeastern aircraft.
- Students are expected to come to a complete stop then configure the aircraft via the appropriate pre-takeoff check list before adding power for the subsequent departure. Otherwise, after considering the remaining runway available and traffic, a student may choose to exit the runway then “taxi back” for the next departure. Either way, “Touch-and-Go” landings are not allowed in university aircraft.

Night Flight

- Please use NOAA <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html> to determine official sunrise and sunset times for operation of Nav lights and night flight logging
- Students and Instructors should ensure that all lights are operating properly including internal panel lighting
- The student and the instructor should each have flashlights capability with them with a preference toward a light with red or green lens capability
- Solo night flights will only be conducted during designated evenings. All solo night flying is accomplished in the traffic patterns at Eaker Field, Grayson County and Ardmore Municipal unless prior authorization has been received from the Chief Flight Instructor.



- **Flight plans must be filed and activated for all flights to and from Ardmore Municipal.**
- Formation flying and any other operations that compromise safety during night flight are prohibited and are grounds for suspension.
- Lake Texoma Airport is off limits to night flights.

Other Limitations

- Flights Over Durant- Flights over the town of Durant, except those required for immediate departures from the traffic pattern, are prohibited.
- Riders on Board- The ASI strictly forbids students from taking unapproved passengers on training flights. Students who take passengers, other than their flight instructor, will be removed from the program.
- Cedar Mills is off limits to all solo students.
- Operations into Lake Texoma airport must be limited to DAY VFR/DUAL flights. Pay special attention to density altitude and aircraft performance limitations while operating at Lake Texoma.

Aircraft Documents and Flight Reference Charts

Note: All flights dispatched must adhere to the policies of 14 CFR 91.103 Pilot Preflight Action

- Students will not remove any required documents from any aircraft unless authorized by a staff flight instructor or directed to do so by an authorized representative from the FAA.
- Aircraft and engine logbooks and original weight and balance papers are on file in the ASI Maintenance Department. Only those persons authorized to do so may remove these documents.
- Students must always have current sectional charts and flight reference information
- Instructors are allowed to use electronic charts such as Foreflight as long as the databases and subscriptions are current

Starting Procedures

- All students, instructors, and staff **MUST** use the approved checklist for the aircraft they are flying.



- Before each and every flight you will make a complete and thorough preflight inspection of the aircraft.
- If you experience difficulty in starting the aircraft (maximum should be 15 seconds per each starter cycle and after 3 attempts, allow the starter 15 minutes to cool) discontinue the starting attempt, shut the aircraft down using the appropriate checklist, and see your instructor or a line-crew member for help.
- Make sure the aircraft is positioned in such a way so as not to blast other aircraft, persons on the ramp or the maintenance hangar. If necessary, reposition the aircraft before starting using the tow bar provided. All aircraft should be positioned parallel to taxi lines before start up and shut down.
- Airplanes should be pulled out and away from their tie-down spot before starting.
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Taxiing

- Taxiing should be slow (brisk walk or less than 10 knots) and be appropriate to the wind and runway conditions. Common sense and courtesy should prevail. Should another aircraft be encountered, move to the right of the taxiway to allow room to pass.
- Taxiing should be accomplished with 1000 RPM or less and the proper crosswind taxi technique should always be used.
- Do not Taxi your aircraft in or out of the T-Hangars.
- Airplanes should be shut down before crossing the red lines at the fuel pumps, the entrance to the maintenance hangar and T-hangar.

Discrepancies and Squawks

- If during the pre-flight inspection or during the flight itself, you encounter a condition which may render the aircraft un-airworthy, discontinue the flight and report the issue to the appropriate personnel.
- Students and instructors should perform a post flight walk-around inspection to determine if any discrepancy has developed during the flight
- All aircraft squawks, regardless of severity, must be noted on the appropriate Squawk sheet in the Dispatch area. Squawks should also be verbally reported to dispatch or maintenance personnel. Ask for assistance if needed.
- In all cases, aircraft may not be dispatched and should be considered grounded until all “open squawks” are cleared by our Head of Maintenance or his designated assistant.



- In certain cases, some discrepancies may be deferred by maintenance and the aircraft released for flight if it is determined that flight can be made safely and the equipment is not required by 14 CFR 91.205 or other documentation provided by the manufacturer. In these cases, placards must be used to indicate inoperative equipment and logbook entries must be made in accordance with FAA regulations.

Fuel Reserves

Fuel reserves represent the amount of fuel beyond what is forecast to be required for the planned flight. The following reserves are required for each flight:

Flight Condition	Fuel Reserve
Solo.....	One-hour reserve (1:00)
Dual... (VFR Day or night).	Forty-Five minutes reserve (0:45)
Solo Cross-Country	One-hour reserve (1:00)
IFR Flight.....	One-hour reserve (1:00)

Off Limits Areas

The flight line office (in the dispatch area) and behind the dispatch desk is OFF LIMITS to all students. When transiting through the maintenance hangar all students must remain within the designated walkway indicated by the red line.

Minimum Altitudes

- 1,200ft MSL is the minimum altitude designated for Southeastern’s practice areas. Additionally, minimum altitudes set forth in FARs will be complied with at all times. Stalls will not be initiated at less than 3,000 ft MSL.
- During MEL training, engines will not be feathered unless within gliding distances of the airport and above 3,000ft AGL. Furthermore, only throttles should be used to simulate engine failures while below 3,000ft AGL.
- Discontinue all practice forced landings above 500ft AGL.



Collision Avoidance

- Be alert for other aircraft at all times, even under ideal weather conditions. It is your responsibility to constantly be on the watch for other aircraft.
- Always scan the approach area for possible traffic before taking the active runway. Clear the left and right before making any turns. Make 90 degrees clearing turns both left and right before commencing any training maneuver.
- Anti-collision lights will be on anytime the aircraft is in operation. Landing lights are to be on while operating within 5 miles of any airport.
- Any near miss, accident, or incident will be reported to your flight instructor and to the Chief Flight Instructor immediately.

Cross Country Flights

Note: All flights dispatched must adhere to the policies of 14 CFR 91.103 Pilot Preflight Action

Destination airports must have a runway that is paved and at least 3000'X50'. Students are expected to research airport conditions and reasonable fuel prices as part of their cross-country planning.

Flight plans will be filed and activated for all cross-country flights and all solo cross-country flights must after official sunrise and return to Durant no later than official sunset.

Use NOAA <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html>

No solo cross-country flight will be undertaken unless the cross-country portion of the dispatch form has been completed by the student and then endorsed by a staff flight instructor.

Unscheduled Landings (Landing at an airport other than the planned or intended destination)

- Should an unscheduled landing become necessary for any reason, the student will contact the flight department before proceeding at the following number. **(580) 745-3271**. Under no circumstances, will a student attempt to takeoff after an unscheduled landing.
- Should an emergency landing occur, notify the flight department for further instructions. Under no circumstances, will a student attempt to takeoff after an emergency landing.



- Contact the flight department should it become necessary to cancel or delay a flight at any point during the flight.
- If a student has an open FAA flight plan, they should contact Flight Service Station at (800) 992-7433 and report their condition so search and rescue is not initiated unnecessarily.

Securing Aircraft

The aircraft will be secured after each flight. The key will then be returned to the line office. Post flight inspections are required after every flight. If the aircraft requires fueling (less than half tanks) the aircraft will be parked at the pumps with the gust lock installed, the aircraft chocked, and the line crew advised as to the need for fuel.

Aircraft are not to be driven into parking spots. If help is needed to move or park an aircraft the line crew will assist. Use a tow-bar to maneuver the aircraft if necessary. Never move an airplane by pushing down on the tail.

The following applies when securing aircraft at all airports:

1. Gust lock installed
2. Chocks installed
3. Tie-downs used if available
4. Park into the wind if possible
5. Lock aircraft
6. Pitot cover installed
7. Post flight walk-around inspection

Fire Precautions and Procedures

Before you solo in any aircraft your flight instructor will instruct you in the precautions against ground and in-flight fires and the procedures to be taken should a fire occur either on the ground or in flight. These procedures will coincide with those procedures outlined in the emergency section of the Operators Manual.

Fire extinguishers are located on both ends of our open-air t-hangars and the re-fueling station. Additionally, our CE-172s are equipped with fire extinguishers that are affixed between the front seats. The primary purpose of these extinguishers is to assist you in getting out of harm's way and to prevent injury. Should a fire occur, students and staff who are not properly trained are expected to exit to a safe area and notify emergency personnel.

Practice Areas



- You should be familiar with the location and boundaries of all practice areas.
- Practice areas must be designated for all local training flights. Indicate your practice area by marking it on the magnetic board located next to the dispatch area.
- Before you are allowed to take an aircraft solo you will be briefed by your instructor with regard to the location and limits of the practice area. The instructor will assign the practice area to be used.

Southwest Practice Area:

Is bordered on the east by highway 69/75 from Durant to the Red River, on the west by Lake Texoma, and on the North by a line perpendicular to Runway 17/35 from Lake Texoma to Durant

Southeast Practice Area:

Is bordered on the east by the Bokchito - Yuba highway, extends down across the Red River to just east of Ravenna in Texas, on the South by highway 273 from Ravenna to Denison, Texas, On the West by highway 69/75 from Denison to Durant, and on North by a line perpendicular to Runway 17/35 from Durant to Bokchito.

Northwest Practice Area is bordered on the east by highway 69/75 from Durant to Caddo, on the South by a line perpendicular to Runway 17/35 from Lake Texoma to Durant, on the West by Lake Texoma, on the North by Highway 22 from Lake Texoma to Caddo.

Northeast Practice Area is bordered on the West by highway 69/75 from Durant to Tushka, on the South by a line perpendicular to Runway 17/35 from Durant, on the North by a line from Tushka to Lane, on the East by a line from Lane to Bennington.

Traffic Pattern Procedures

Preferred Entry When Crossing Over Midfield



Ref: AC-90-66B

Guidelines from the *Aeronautical Information Manual* and further described in *FAA AC 90-66B* should always be used while operating in the vicinity of **ANY** traffic pattern unless otherwise noted. These include the following:



- Enter pattern in level flight, abeam the midpoint of the runway, at pattern altitude. (1,000' AGL)
- Maintain pattern altitude until abeam approach end of the landing runway on downwind leg.
- Complete turn to final at least ¼ mile from the runway.
- While departing, continue ahead until beyond departure end of the runway.
- If remaining in the traffic pattern, commence turn to crosswind leg beyond the departure end of the runway within 300 feet of pattern altitude.
- If departing, continue straight out, or exit with a 45-degree turn to the left; beyond the departure end of the runway, after reaching pattern altitude.
- Use the radio communication procedures appropriate for the type of airport from which you are operating.
- Additionally, the traffic pattern should always be entered from a 45-degree angle to downwind. If approaching from the opposite direction, cross Eaker Field at 2,700' MSL then enter the pattern from a 45-degree angle.

Appropriate Dress

- Wear clothes that are comfortable and appropriate for the season. During winter months, consider bringing a hat, gloves and other warm clothing in case of an off-airport landing. This is especially important for cross-country training.
- Students may not fly with open-toe shoes. **(e.g. Sandals and flip-flops)**

Grass Strip Training at Cedar Mills (3T0)

Cedar Mills Airport, a public use airfield located 3 miles north of Gordonville, Texas, is the only grass strip approved for student training. Staff instructors should become familiar with all available pertinent information before using the grass strip for student training. This information includes but is not limited to current runway conditions, weather conditions, and obstruction information. Pay special attention to runway conditions after periods of recent precipitation and prevailing crosswinds.

If needed, call 903-523-4222 ext. 238 for current runway conditions at Cedar Mills. Additional information can be found at <http://www.airnav.com/airport/3T0> .



Suspension or Termination

A student may be suspended or terminated from the flight training program for any of the following reasons:

1. Violation of FAR's and/or ASI policy and procedures.
2. Making unauthorized flights.
3. Poor attitudes, progress, or attendance.
4. Violation of any drug or alcohol laws.
5. Three or more no-shows and/or unexcused absences within one semester.
6. Use of tobacco products in SOSU aircraft.
7. Formation flying.
8. Failure to file and activate a flight plan
9. Reckless, poor or unsafe judgment.
10. Unauthorized use of school equipment.
11. Mistreatment of school equipment.

Reinstatement to flight training will be at the discretion of the Chief Flight Instructor and Department Chair. Termination of a student from the program will be the decision of the Chief Flight Instructor subject to approval by the Department Chairman.

Note: All terminations and reinstatements will be with the concurrence of the Director of ASI.

Photography and Video Recording Equipment in the Airplane

The use of photography and video recording equipment such as GoPros during training flights may only be authorized via permission from the Chief Flight Instructor or Department Chair.



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