

## FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

**DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME:** Deborah Brown Charter School

**DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE:** Public Charter School

**DISTRICT OFFICE:** Deborah Brown Charter School  
2 South Elgin Avenue  
Tulsa, OK 74120

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Deborah Brown

**GRADES SERVED:** PK – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP:** 201.63

**FY 24 RECOMMENDATION:** Accredited with Probation (2<sup>nd</sup> Year)

**FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:**

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR
624	School not met financial obligations-TRS

### DISTRICT HISTORY

#### 2024-2025 District Accreditation with Probation

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Probation

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Deficiencies

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
11	43	35	8

### SUMMARY

**230 OCAS Noncompliance:** Board failed to institute proper internal controls when contracting for consulting services from a contracted employee. Board does not follow state law on purchase of goods and services and fails to use appropriate internal controls when doing business with the superintendent or companies owned by the superintendent. DBCS commingles public funds and assets with Sankofa, a separate LEA founded by the same superintendent, and superintendent is over both LEAs. In FY21-FY23, board approved more than \$250,000 in payments to an LLC owned by the superintendent.

**233 Operational Noncompliance in SPR:** District hired individuals as contract employees that per IRS should have been hired as employees resulting in district submission of inaccurate data in SPR.

**624 Misuse of funds:** District was not in compliance with TRS rules for employment or contracting of retired administrator from FY20 thru FY24 resulting in costly late fees which cannot be coded in OCAS. The superintendent retired July 1, 2020. The board reemployed her as superintendent despite statutory requirements that prohibit administrator from being employed for two years as admin. Failure to remit TRS payments for retired employees without approved TRS contracts. TRS-outstanding obligation.

NOTES: Three additional findings were excluded from receiving deficiencies as the school is working with SDE to make correction. In the event these are not found satisfactory during the 24-25 school year, it will be revisited for possible deficiency. 225: OK Charter School Act: Failure to implement non-discriminatory admission process. School failed to conduct lottery & used "First Come, First Serve" for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade enrollment process when school is required to conduct lottery by grade when capacity is insufficient to enroll all eligible students. It fails to advertise required info for applying to admission. 807: Contract with Sponsor does not implement a performance framework for annual evaluation of the charter school. 426: The district said no students qualified & they received no funds. But in statute, all schools must have these programs.