

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Sankofa Charter School

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public Charter School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Sankofa Charter School
111 East First Street
Tulsa, OK 74120

SUPERINTENDENT: Deborah Brown

GRADES SERVED: 3rd – 5th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 84.35

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Probation (2nd Year)

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR
422	Paraprofessionals not credentialed

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Probation

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Probation

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Warning

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	10	40	48

SUMMARY

230 OCAS: Not operating pursuant to OCAS. Submitted and certified inaccurate information. 1) From FY21-FY24, board approved \$175,000 in payments to Dequan, LLC, a company owned by the superintendent for consulting and a curriculum despite superintendent's Sankofa Supt employment contract (70 OK Stat § 6-101.2(C)). 2) Board unlawfully approved \$75,000 in payments during FY22-FY24 to superintendent's company for her personal Sankofa start-up expenses that the DBCS board paid directly/reimbursed her for in FY12 & FY13. 3) Does not act as independent school; 3 of 4 are/were DBCS employees 4) The board did not implement adequate internal controls allowing for misuse of funds & comingling of assets between Sankofa & Deborah Brown Community School (DBCS)

233 SPR: Certified inaccurate data as correct. FY23 superintendent compensation reported to SPR (\$35,000) did not match OCAS reporting (\$5,000).

422 Paraprofessional Credentials: Sharice Loftin, Ashley Lowe & Lemika McGill never applied, nor were approved as 414 Tier 1 Paraprofessionals.

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 3rd 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. **2+ years as CSI (School Improvement) school.