

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Billings Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Billings Public Schools
311 North Central
Billings, OK 74630

SUPERINTENDENT: Eric Smith

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 77.30

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Probation

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
229	Noncompliant: Accountability
422	Paraprofessional Credentialling
441	All bus drivers not licensed
456	All bus drivers completed Inservice
442	No evidence of Bus Drivers Drug Testing
440	Missing Bus Drills
443	Missing Bus Pre/Post trip checks

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Probation

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Warning

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	0	31	62

SUMMARY

OCAS: Deficiency for 3 consecutive years-overall bad financial management and internal controls. SDE's School Finance and OCAS team have provided training to school personnel and offered ongoing assistance but still issues persist. 1) Missed Oct. 1 Estimate of Needs Deadline (11/2/23) 2) Exceeded Administrative Cost (\$38,825) 3) Negative Fund Balance (\$466.36) 4) FY23 audit cited failure to follow state-required procedures for the purchase of goods and services (2+years) 5) Weak governing board oversight, repeated findings of non-compliance with School Activity Fund and Encumbrance/Purchase orders.

Accountability: Failed to meet all OSTP criteria re: administrative procedures for the 22-23 school year. Due a clerical error, the district received another deficiency for failure to properly administer OK State Testing Program for the 4th year in a row. The clerical error is the reason the district was "Accredited with Probation" for the second year in a row.

Transportation: Bus drivers do not have the required CDL, Oklahoma bus driving certificate, current health examination, MVR Report, In-service training & Drug Testing. Daily pretrip/post-trip inspections were not performed and kept on file nor were emergency evacuation drills conducted.

Paraprofessional credentials: Required Oklahoma Para certification was not obtained by all support staff.

Additional Note of needed improvement with no deficiency issued: The District did not receive a deficiency for disharmony in the school community this year, but SDE has received multiple complaints about Billing PS school board and its superintendents in the last three years.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Bokoshe Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Bokoshe Public Schools
30201 Chickasha Street
Bokoshe, OK 74930

SUPERINTENDENT: Billy Deleplank

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 138.59

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Warning

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
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DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Warning

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	21	40	37

SUMMARY

OCAS: District is being downgraded from Warning to Probationary Status due to 3+ consecutive years OCAS deficiencies. Financial management practices and internal controls are weak.

- 1) Negative Fund Balance of over \$365,287(Fund 11) and \$2,855 (Fund 12) for FY24. SDE is told the school has decreased this negative balance to \$126,000 already for the FY25. Evidence for this improvement will be evident at the end of the school year.
- 2) Missed Sept 30 OCAS certification deadline (10/3).
- 3) Missed Oct 1 Estimate of Needs deadline (10/17).

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Cave Springs Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Cave Springs Public Schools
PO Box 200
Bunch, OK 74931

SUPERINTENDENT: Ernest Thompson

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: **182.94**

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: **Accredited with Warning**

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR
422	Paraprofessional Credentialling
540	Dropout Report not presented to Board

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with one Deficiency

2022-2023 District Accreditation with no Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	2	33	64

SUMMARY

OCAS: Missed Oct. 1 EON deadline (10/06/2023).

SPR: School Personnel report was certified with incorrect data. Superintendent salary required reopening report for corrections. (2nd year for an SPR deficiency).

Drop out report: Mandated report was not presented to local school board.

Paraprofessional Credentialing: Some support staff did not meet required Paraprofessional credentialing.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Cleveland Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Cleveland Public Schools
323 North Gilbert Ave
Cleveland, OK 74020

SUPERINTENDENT: Solomon Bayouth

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 1,599.48

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Warning

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

231	Noncompliant: Alt. Ed. Program-2 nd consecutive year.
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DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Deficiency

2022-2023 District Accreditation with no Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
4	19	39	38

SUMMARY

Alternative Education: Out of compliance for not meeting 16 program criteria as stated in OK statute.
Accreditation status level moved to Warning due to 2 consecutive years for Alt. Ed. issues (2023 & 2024).

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: **Hulbert Public Schools**

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Hulbert Public Schools
316 Rider Lane
Hulbert, OK 74441

SUPERINTENDENT: Jolyn Choate

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: **540.14**

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: **Accredited with Warning**

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

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)
3	16	38	43

SUMMARY

SPR: Certifying inaccurate data which later required reopening report for data corrections be made for the Superintendents Compensation. There were multiple notices from SPR staff. Issues with accuracy of data submitted has occurred for the past 3 years.

OCAS: SDE review found weak internal controls & need to improve board oversight. District needs to strengthen finance operations, especially with purchase orders, activity fund, and use of credit cards. District paid late penalties to IRS in FY23 & FY 24. SDE recognizes the district is recovering from lingering issues related to FY22 embezzlement of more than \$500,000 by past administrative employees. Superintendent Jolyn Choate is very responsive to all SDE requests. This year's accreditation reviews shows that all mandated reports were submitted on time, an improvement from FY23 Accreditation Compliance Sheet.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Insight School of Oklahoma

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public Charter Virtual School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Insight Virtual School
1117 S Douglas Blvd
Midwest City, OK 73130

SUPERINTENDENT: Jennifer Wilkinson

GRADES SERVED: 6th – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 1,044.23

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Warning

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

231	Noncompliant: Alt. Ed.
807	Current sponsor framework was not provided to SDE
518	School library book/material list not transmitted to SDE
540	Dropout report not presented to the local board

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Deficiency

2022-2023 District Accreditation with no Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	5	37	58

SUMMARY

Alt. Ed: 2 of the 16 required criteria for an Alt Ed Program were not met: 1) Proper identification of At-Risk students- (Identified 100% of student enrollment) and 2) No individualized instruction provided for At-Risk students. Compliance status was lowered to Warning due to 2 consecutive years for Alt. Ed. Deficiency.

Sponsor Framework: The school provided the 2020 sponsor framework communication. Newest one was requested, but never sent.

Annual College Remediation Report: Minutes were provided showing the Dropout Report was presented to the board, but no documentation showing the Annual College Remediation Report was presented.

Library Resources: School did not upload a link containing the online school library of all books & other materials available to students.

Additional Note of needed improvement with no deficiency issued: No Deficiencies issued for:

- 1) Special Ed: issued only a Warning for program compliance,
- 2) Treasurer points were not provided, but checked off because they were provided by a different school.
- 3) Late Reporting - FQSR.
- 4) Work to combine all policies from multiple books into one comprehensive book that can be made available to public.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Kenwood Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Kenwood Public Schools
48625 South 502 Road
Salina, OK 74365

SUPERINTENDENT: Jerod Phillips

GRADES SERVED: PK – 8th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: **65.88**

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: **Accredited with Warning**

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR
229	Noncompliant: Accountability

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Warning

2022-2023 District Accreditation with no Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY 23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	12	38	44

SUMMARY

OCAS: Exceeding Administrative Cost (\$10,281.53) and Late Reporting of Oct. 1 Estimate of Needs report (11/16/2023). The school will be downgraded from Warning to Probationary Status due to 3+ years of OCAS deficiencies,

Accountability: Late certification of Oct 1 consolidated report (11/16/2023). Failed to meet all OSTP criteria re: administrative procedures for the 22-23 school year.

SPR: Incorrect data was certified as correct resulting in reopening the application in order to make corrections to the superintendent salary.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Ninnekah Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Ninnekah Public Schools
810 S Walnut
Ninnekah, OK 73067

SUPERINTENDENT: Ashley Randall

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 421.81

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Warning

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
228	Noncompliant: Title Services
229	Noncompliant: Accountability

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accredited with Deficiencies

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Probation

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
1	11	38	49

SUMMARY

The district was "Accredited with Probation" for the FY22-23 for Title IX violations. Its status for FY23-24 was "Accredited with Multiple Deficiencies" including OCAS. The district is assigned "Accredited with Warning" as a result of having OCAS deficiencies two years in a row.

OCAS: Not operating pursuant to OCAS. FY23 reflected 10 total audit findings including:

- 1) General Fund expenditures used for personal use
- 2) Proper procedures using purchase orders
- 3) Failure to issue a 1099 for all individuals and business vendors paid \$600 or more in the year
- 4) Late payments to OTC & IRS

Title Services: District was late with FY24 ESEA consolidated monitoring application.

Accountability: District was late reporting Oct 1 consolidated report.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Optima Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Optima Public Schools
107 E. 5th
Optima, OK 73945

SUPERINTENDENT: Frieda Burgess

GRADES SERVED: PK – 6th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 49.58

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Probation

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

229	Noncompliant: Accountability
230	Noncompliant: OCAS
233	Noncompliant: SPR

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Probation

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Warning

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	10	43	43

SUMMARY

There are 3 deficiencies on this report & the school will be downgraded from Warning to Probationary Status due to 3+ years of OCAS deficiencies including Exceeding Administrative Cost.

Accountability: Failed to meet criteria for test administration procedures (22-23) school year, received letter of non-compliance to OAC 210:10-12-21 AAMP Academic Assessment Monitoring Program-Deficiency.

OCAS: 1) Sept. 30 Penalty for failure to certify OCAS data by deadline (10/3/23)
2) Exceeded Allowable Admin Cost by \$8,930.23 for FY23 (3rd Time-Probation).

SPR: Certified inaccurate data as correct. Superintendent is listed as 1.0 Full Time Employee (FTE) for three districts with 60%/40% job split at each district (Forgan, Freedom, and Optima). *Sidenote:* All 3 districts have similar issues. Small district. Serious OCAS 2+ years; SPR for Freida Burgess is listed as 1.0 FTE with 60%/40%.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Perry Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Perry Public Schools
900 Fir St.
Perry, OK 73077

SUPERINTENDENT: Chad Wilson

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 1,017.35

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Warning

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
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DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Deficiencies

2022-2023 District Accreditation with no Deficiencies

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
8	34	39	19

SUMMARY

OCAS: Not operating pursuant to OCAS. There were 6 audit findings including Embezzlement & Fraud, including Federal purchases. Perry Public Schools will be downgraded from multiple deficiencies last year to Warning this year due to severity of Audit Findings (misappropriation of funds) & OCAS reporting.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Straight Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Straight Public Schools
Rural Route 1, Box 89
Straight OK, 74441

SUPERINTENDENT: Scott Baird

GRADES SERVED: PK – 6th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 28.5 (only 9 in district students)

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Probation

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
405	Mandated reports not submitted in a timely manner
479	Open meetings violations

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Probation

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Probation

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Probation

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	13	26	52

SUMMARY

District is entering third year of probation. SDE staff did not see improvement despite being on probation for the consecutive second year. Less than 30 students w/\$20k per student. Straight put forth No Effort to work with SDE by NOT meeting legal deadline for requested documents.

OCAS: 1) Dec. 1 penalty for failure to certify OCAS data by deadline (12/7/23).
2) Exceeded Allowable Admin Cost by \$5,422.52 for FY23.
3) Negative year-end balance in Fund 22 in amount of \$13,490.68.
4) Failure to certify Oct. 1 Estimate of Needs by deadline (10/5/23)-(4th Violation).

Open Meeting Act: District failed to submit FY23 board meeting documents including minutes. Supt. said the Minutes Clerk misplaced them.

Missing Deadlines: Failed to submit required probation documentation required by SDE General Counsel. Deadline was April 1. Supt responded with partial submission in mid-May. No board members acknowledged General Counsel probation review letter as required.

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

DISTRICT/SCHOOL NAME: Western Heights Public Schools

DISTRICT/SCHOOL TYPE: Public School

DISTRICT OFFICE: Western Heights Public Schools
8401 SW 44th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73179

SUPERINTENDENT: Brayden Savage

GRADES SERVED: PK – 12th Grade

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: 2,837.44

FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: Accredited with Probation

FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED:

230	Noncompliant: OCAS
624	School not met financial obligations-IRS

DISTRICT HISTORY

2024-2025 District Accreditation with Warning

2023-2024 District Accreditation with Probation

2022-2023 District Accreditation with Probation

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS FY23

Advanced (Passing)	Proficient (Passing)	Basic (Failing)	Below Basic (Failing)
0	7	29	64

SUMMARY

OCAS: Missed Oct. 1 Estimate of Needs deadline (10/10/23). District is still on probation from the State Board of Education as of July 2021. Current administration is up to date with corrective action plan. District has significantly improved since being put on probation in July 2021.

IRS Financial Obligations: District continues to deal with IRS filing issues from past years. District leadership hired a forensic accountant firm to assist with reconciling fund balances & establishing processes and procedures. CFO was hired & is working with IRS on payroll non-compliance for previous years.

FY23 audit shows improvement over the FY22 annual audit. Among the audit findings were:

- o Revenues were not properly coded in accordance with OCAS (correcting entries to balance books)
- o Employee contracts did not agree with amounts paid
- o Purchases did not follow district purchasing procedures
- o District does not follow state statutes on School Activity Funds
- o FY22 Food Service Management Company contract was not properly executed and monitored