

FY25 ACCREDITATION STATUS RECOMMENDATION

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| 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 – 12 th Grade |
| AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP: | 77.30 |
| FY 24 RECOMMENDATION: | Accredited with Probation |
| FY 24 DEFICIENCIES ASSIGNED: | |

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| 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) |
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| 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.