

Accreditation

Title 70 O.S. § 3-104.4

“ . . . the State Board of Education shall adopt standards for the accreditation of the public schools in this state . . . ”

Accreditation Statement of the Standard

“(a) Each school site must submit an Application for Accreditation to the Accreditation Standards Section of the State Department of Education by the due date (October 15) specified on the Application. School sites are accredited for one year. An accredited school site shall meet all regulations and statutory requirements at the beginning of and throughout the school year.”

OAC 210:35-3-201

Standards for Accreditation

ACCREDITATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Accredited With No Deficiencies**
- **Accredited With Deficiencies**
- **Accredited With Warning**
- **Accredited With Probation**
- **Nonaccredited**

Accredited With No Deficiencies

All standards are being met.

Accredited With Deficiencies

A school site fails to meet one or more of the standards, but the deficiencies do not seriously detract from the quality of the school's educational program.

Accredited with Warning

- A school site fails to meet one or more of the standards and the deficiencies seriously detract from the quality of the school's educational program; and/or,
- Identified as a Targeted Intervention, Focus or Priority School, or School Improvement School in year 1 or 2.

Accredited With Probation

- A school site consistently fails to remove or make substantial progress towards removing all deficiencies noted the previous year; and/or,
- Consistently violates regulations; and/or,
- Deliberately and unnecessarily violates one or more of the regulations; and/or,
- Identified as a Targeted Intervention, Focus or Priority School, or School Improvement School Year 3 or beyond.

Nonaccredited

The school site is no longer recognized by the State Board of Education.

2015-2016 School Year Number of Public, Nonpublic, Charter and Career and Technology Education Districts

- **Accreditation With No Deficiencies** **263**
- **Accreditation With Deficiencies** **24**
- **Accreditation With Warning** **189**
- **Accreditation With Probation** **126**
- **Accreditation Not Recommended** **1**

District Accreditation Recommendations of Public, Nonpublic, Charter and Career and Technology Education (Three Year Review)

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Accreditation With No Deficiencies	263	282	345
Accreditation With One Deficiency	20	31	51
Accreditation With Deficiencies	4	13	13
Accreditation With Warning	189	233	187
Accreditation With Probation	126	42	9
Accreditation Not Recommended	1	0	0

Deficiencies in descending order by schools cited, school year 2015-2016.

<u>DEFICIENCY</u>	<u>Schools</u>
1. Site is identified as a School Improvement School, Year 1 or 2	387
2. Site is identified as a School Improvement School, Year 3 or beyond	234
3. Not all certified staff meet Highly Qualified specifications	31
4. Teacher teaching without proper credentials/endorsement	27
5. Board members have not met their required training.	15
6. Minimum two intruder drills conducted (within the first 15 days of each semester)	13
7. Not all seventh graders have not received the Tdap vaccine	9
8. Coach needs Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries	7
9. Student Dropouts not submitted quarterly	6
10. Library does not meet state board regulations	5
11. School does not meet counseling requirements	5
12. Not in compliance: Tornado Drills	5
13. Treasurer/Encumbrance clerk did not receive 12 hours training	4

Deficiencies in descending order by schools cited, school year 2015-2016.

<u>DEFICIENCY</u>		<u>Schools</u>
1. Site does not have a Defibrillator	(waived)	322
2. Amount of library expenditures does not meet regulations.	(waived)	314
3. 4 year old class size does not meet regulations	(waived)	52
4. Does not have a Healthy and Fit School Advisory Committee	(waived)	24
5. School does not have Safe School Committee	(waived)	16

Legal Basis for Accreditation Status Recommendations

School Laws of Oklahoma

Requirements for Compliance with Accreditation Standards

A. The Legislature, recognizing its obligation to the children of this state to ensure their opportunity to receive an excellent education, and recognizing its obligation to the taxpayers of this state to ensure that schooling is accomplished in an efficient manner, hereby establishes requirements for compliance with quality standards which the public schools and school districts, within the limits of resources now or subsequently available, must meet.

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B. State accreditation shall be withdrawn from or denied to schools or school districts that do not meet the requirements of Sections 2, 3, 6, 28,29, 30, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49 of this act, and the State Board of Education shall take action as required by this act to ensure that students affected are enrolled in schools that are able to maintain state accreditation. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the withdrawing or denial of accreditation for failure to meet requirements as elsewhere provided by law.

70 O.S. § 3-104.3

School Laws of Oklahoma

Local board responsibilities/staff relationships

(B) Lack of harmony in the teaching staff, board, or community, when such conditions affect the quality and effectiveness of instruction and climate of the school, shall be considered sufficient cause for not accrediting a school. Political and special interest groups or individuals shall not interfere in the operation of the schools.

OAC 210:35-3-48.

Accreditation Status Recommendation For School Year 2015-2016 Non Accredited Alexis Rainbow Charter Deficiencies

- **The charter school does not use the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System to report financial transactions to the sponsor.**
- **The charter school does not comply with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.**
- **The charter school is not in compliance with the Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA).**
- **The charter school is not in compliance with the Employment Security Tax.**
- **The charter school is not in compliance with the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act.**
- **The charter school is not in compliance with the requirements for a Health Insurance Plan.**

Accreditation Status Recommendation For School Year 2015-2016

Non Accredited Alexis Rainbow Charter

Deficiencies, continued

- The charter school is not in compliance with the requirements for Procedure of Payment.
- The charter school is not in compliance with the Payment of Additional Salary in Lieu of Employee Insurance.
- The charter school is not in compliance with employee background checks.
- The charter school is not in compliance with school insurance and surety bonding.
- The charter school was not in compliance with submission of financial audits.
- The charter school does not have a automated external defibrillator. (waived)