



August 3, 2026

Dear Sankofa Scholars and Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year at Sankofa Academy! We are so excited to welcome our incredible Pre-K through 3rd grade students back to school! We've missed your smiles, your laughter, and your bright ideas, and we can't wait to begin a year full of *learning, joy, and growth* together.

At Sankofa Academy, we are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where children will feel encouraged and supported. Our dedicated team of teachers and staff is excited to help build the foundation for a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

As we welcome you and your child to the new school year, we want to remind you of the immunization requirements set by the New Jersey Department of Health for all students enrolled in PreK–12 schools. These requirements help ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all children. In addition, we ask that you provide documentation of a recent physical exam and share any documented health concerns, allergies, or medical conditions so we can offer the best support possible. If you have any questions or need assistance, our school health staff is here to help.

Our classrooms are ready, your teachers are excited, and a whole year of fun and discovery is just around the corner. Whether you're just starting Pre-K or stepping into 3rd grade, we believe in you, and we're here to help you learn and shine every single day.

Important Reminders:

As we prepare for the start of school on **August 31, 2025**, here are a few important reminders:

❖ **Registration:**

- Please ensure all registration forms are submitted to Ms. Hinds in the main office.
- Students must have up to date vaccinations and a copy of their most recent physical submitted to the school nurse prior to the first day of school.

❖ **School Hours:**

- School hours are as follows:
 - Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:00 am daily. If you would like your child to eat breakfast, please ensure they arrive between those times. **Please note, scholars will be marked tardy at 8:01 am.**
 - Pre-Kindergarten:
 - Monday - Thursday 8:00 am-2:55 pm
 - Friday 8:00 am -12:30 pm
 - Please ensure your scholar arrives on time each day.
 - Kindergarten-2nd Grade
 - Monday - Thursday 8:00 am-3:30 pm
 - Friday 8:00 am -12:30 pm
 - Please ensure your scholar arrives on time each day.

❖ **Supply List:**

- All scholars will receive a personalized supply list from their teacher within the first week of school. Please ensure all scholars are prepared with the tools needed to have a successful school year.

❖ **School Uniforms:**



- Student uniforms may be purchased at one of the following locations:
 - The Uniform Shop at Kids Place: 311 Ferry Street, Newark, NJ 07105
 - The Uniform Shop at Kids Place: 126 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

❖ **Communication:**

- Stay connected with us through Class Dojo, our school website, social media channels, and monthly Community Conversations with Principal Hutchins. We encourage open communication and are here to support you and your child throughout the year.

Families, thank you for being our partners in learning. We look forward to working with you to make this year unforgettable for your child.

Let's make this year our best one yet!

Warm regards,

Fatara Hutchins

Ms. Fatara Hutchins
Principal
Sankofa Academy

Sankofa Academy
Marion P. Thomas Charter School

Navy Blue Tops
Navy Blue Bottoms
Light Blue Collared Button-Up Shirt
Blue Tie
Navy Blue Cardigan
All button up shirts must be worn with the tie.

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK SHOES OR SNEAKERS.

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