KCPS Sankofa Oratory Competition

*In Celebration of Black History Month*

**What:** District-wide Oratory Competition

**Competition Prompt:** The “Sankofa” is a metaphorical symbol used by the Akan people of Ghana, generally depicted as a bird with its head turned backward taking an egg from its back. It expresses the importance of reaching back to knowledge gained in the past and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress. **What poem, song or speech inspires you to reflect on Black history and helps to provide direction for your successful future?**

**Purpose:** In celebration of Black History Month

**Who:** All interested students

**When:** All submissions due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020.

  Finalists will perform and winners will be announced at the district Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

  Four prizes will be awarded: Kindergarten – Third Grade Winner ($100 gift card)
  Fourth - Sixth Grade Winner ($100 gift card)
  Seventh Grade – Eighth Grade Winner ($100 gift card)
  Ninth Grade – Twelfth Grade Winner ($100 gift card)

**Participants will be judged on the following criteria:**

  - Preparation
  - Action/Body Language
  - Clarity/Pronunciation
  - Content Relevance to Theme

**Additional Information:**

- Send recorded submission of one of the following: poem, song, speech, short essay, spoken word

- Submissions do not have to be original creations but must be performed by the student.

- Entries must be submitted electronically to [Equity@kcpublicschools.org](mailto:Equity@kcpublicschools.org), by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2020.

- Entries must be no longer than 2 minutes.

- No more than one entry per student permitted.

- Only individual student submissions will be permitted (no pair or group work).

- Be sure to include Submission Form with electronic submission.

- Please contact Office of Equity, Inclusion and Innovation with questions, (816) 418-7000.
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SUBMISSION FORM 2019-2020

Student First Name: _______________________           Student Last Name: ________________________

Date of Submission: _______________________           School Name: _____________________________

Oratory Form (Poem, Song, Speech): _____________          Student Grade: ____________________________

Cite Source and provide Source of Inspiration Statement (Please share what inspired the submission as well as the source name and author):

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I completed this form of art independently and within the guidelines outlined below.

Student Signature: _____________________________

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- Please name your file based on the following example – KCPS.BHM Competition 2020.Student Last name.Student First Name.School Name
- Performance entries must be no longer than 2 minutes.
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