



## Indian Education Program

The Indian Education Program is designed to address the educational needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native students, including preschool children. It is designed to assist these students to achieve at the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students in grades pre-K - 12. The goals of the Indian Education Program are to address the unique educational and culturally-related academic needs of Indian students.

### Parent Advisory Committee

The Indian Education Program Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is comprised of American Indian and Alaskan Native parents/guardians, two secondary students of the district, and a teacher who is currently employed by the district. The PAC is responsible for advising the district to ensure effective school programs and services for Native American students.

### Services Provided by the Indian Education Program are:

**Academic Services:** The Indian Education Program grant supplements the regular school program by helping Indian students sharpen their academic skills, assisting students in becoming proficient in the core content areas, and providing students an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that otherwise would be unavailable.

**Academic Activities:** Academic assistance, tutoring, after school programs, dropout prevention, parent/teacher consultations, monitoring of student grades and attendance, a library for checking out books and materials for students and parents.

**Cultural Enrichment:** In addition to supporting academics, the Indian Education Program focuses on the educational needs of American Indian students by providing opportunities to participate in classes and other planned activities that promote their understanding and respect for their heritage. These activities encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle, stay in school, and prepare for a successful future.

**Cultural Enrichment Activities:** Students are provided opportunities to join groups, which study Indian history, cultural identity, traditions, heritage, arts and crafts, and field trips; self-awareness and self-esteem building activities; cultural lessons; cultural club activities, e.g., dance and drum; and curriculum development and language instruction.

**Other Services and Activities:** Other services of the Indian Education Program include: one-on-one counseling, advocacy for students and parents, mentoring activities, cultural resource information, classroom presentations, college scholarship application assistance, visits to college campuses, special events, field trips, and newsletters, parenting wellness activities and parenting workshops, support groups, and shared learning activities.

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Serving nearly 136,000 students, San Diego City Schools is the second largest school district in California, with 202 educational facilities and more than 14,500 full-time equivalent positions (representing more than 15,800 employees). SDCS is improving student achievement by focusing on challenging instruction in reading, writing and mathematics in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. The district is committed to supporting schools and enhancing the classroom learning environment through modernized facilities and resources and through parent, teacher and community involvement in the educational process.

### Eligibility Guidelines

Each child enrolled in the Indian Education Program is required to complete and submit a Title VII student Eligibility Certification signed by a parent/guardian. This form will be maintained at the Indian Education Office. Information on the certification form will not be released without written approval from the parent/guardian.

A Native American student who is a member of an Indian tribe or band, (including those Indian tribes or bands terminated since 1940 and those recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides), descended in the first or second degree (parent or grandparent as described), or considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian, Eskimo or Aleut is eligible for the program.