

TITLE VI INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Note: The following administrative regulation is for use by districts that receive federal Title VI Indian education funding (20 USC 7401-7492), which supports local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, and consortia in meeting the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students and ensuring that all students meet challenging state academic standards. Pursuant to 20 USC 7424, districts receiving such funding are **mandated** to adopt policy and procedures to ensure that the program will be operated and evaluated in consultation with, and with the involvement of, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and community representatives, as provided below.

The terms "American Indian," "Native American," and "Indian" are used in various state and federal laws but do not always refer to the same groupings of people or are not defined. For purposes of Title VI, 20 USC 7491 defines "Indians" to include Alaska natives. The following regulation may be revised to reflect terminology preferred by the district and local tribes.

With the assistance of federal Title VI funding for the education of children from federally recognized tribes, the district shall offer programs and activities to meet the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian students, as defined in 20 USC 7491. Program objectives and outcomes shall be based on state academic standards. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

Note: The following paragraphs address the involvement of parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and community representatives in program implementation and evaluation, as **mandated** by 20 USC 7424, and may be expanded to reflect district practice.

In developing, implementing, and evaluating Title VI programs and activities, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with and involve parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students and other community representatives. (20 USC 7424)

The district shall establish a committee that is composed of, and selected by, parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students, representatives of tribes on tribal lands located within 50 miles of any district school that serves any children of the tribes, teachers, and, if appropriate, American Indian students enrolled in secondary schools in the district. The majority of the committee shall be parents/guardians and family members of American Indian students. The committee shall participate in program development and provide written approval for the program. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

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Note: Pursuant to 20 USC 7425, federal funding for American Indian education programs may be used for any of the services and activities listed in items #1-13 below. The following list may be revised to reflect district practice.

The district's Title VI program for American Indian education may include any of the following services and activities: (20 USC 7425)

1. Activities that support Native American language programs and Native American language restoration programs, which may be taught by traditional leaders
2. Culturally related activities that support the district's program
3. Early childhood and family programs that emphasize school readiness
4. Enrichment programs that focus on problem solving and cognitive skills development and directly support the attainment of state academic standards
5. Integrated educational services in combination with other programs that meet the needs of American Indian students and their families, including programs that promote parent/guardian involvement in school activities and increase student achievement
6. Career preparation activities that enable American Indian students to participate in career technical education programs, including programs for mentoring and apprenticeship
7. Activities to educate individuals so as to prevent violence, suicide, and substance abuse
8. The acquisition of equipment that is essential to achieve program goals
9. Activities that promote the incorporation of culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies into the district's educational program
10. Family literacy services
11. Activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students, and incorporate appropriately qualified tribal elders and seniors
12. Dropout prevention strategies for American Indian students
13. Strategies to meet the educational needs of American Indian students in correctional facilities, including such strategies that support American Indian students who are transitioning from such facilities to schools served by the district

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Any federal funds received to support American Indian education programs shall be used to supplement, not supplant, state or local funds allocated for such purposes. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)

(cf. 3231 - Impact Aid)

Program funds may be used to support a Title I schoolwide program pursuant to 20 USC 6314 if approved by the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, provided that the schoolwide program is consistent with the purpose of American Indian education programs and the district's application identifies how the use of such funds in a schoolwide program will produce benefits to American Indian students that would not be achieved if not used in a schoolwide program. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

As needed, professional development shall be provided to teachers and other school staff to assist them in working with American Indian students and carrying out Title VI programs. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of the information establishing the status of each student as an American Indian student eligible for assistance through the federal American Indian education program. (20 USC 7427)

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically assess the progress of American Indian students, including American Indian students who do not participate in programs funded through Title VI, in meeting program goals and objectives. Assessment results shall be provided to the Board, the committee established pursuant to 20 USC 7424, tribes whose children are served by the district, and the community. (20 USC 7424)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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6314 *Title I schoolwide programs*

7401-7492 *Indian education*

7701-7714 *Impact Aid*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

200.0-200.521 *Federal uniform grant guidance*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

222.90-222.129 *Impact Aid, special provisions for local educational agencies that claim children residing on Indian lands*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Impact Aid:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oie>

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