

Commerce Public Schools

420 D Street

Commerce, Oklahoma 74339

POLICY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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The following policies and procedures related to tribal and parental involvement in the education of children residing on Indian lands are hereby approved by the Board of Education, Commerce Public Schools in regular session 10-6-1979.

- I. Children living on Indian land participate in school programs on an equal basis with all other children attending school in the Commerce district. No teacher or program director is to exclude or limit participation in any district activity on the basis of race.
- II. Pertinent program plans, applications, and evaluations will be disseminated through the local newspaper, radio, and newsletters mailed to the parents from the school.
- III. By scheduling through the Superintendent's office a place on the agenda of any open meeting of the Commerce Public School Board of Education, a tribe, or their designee, parent, or group of parents concerned with the educational opportunity of any student or group of students in Commerce school district may:
 - A. Present views regarding applications.
 - B. Make recommendations concerning the needs of their children.
 - C. Provide input into the planning and development of the educational program of the district.
 - D. Present views on the educational program and its operation.
- IV. At least annually a Public Hearing will be held at which parents of Indian children and/or tribe official may discuss current status of school programs and desired directions for future development for Board consideration.
- V. Notices of meetings were sent to the parents of children living on Indian land requesting them to meet Thursday, September 13 and Thursday, September 20 to help formulate the above adopted policies. A copy of that invitation with names and addresses of those in attendance are available in the office of Superintendent of schools. The above adopted policies and procedures reflect the views of those tribal leaders and parents attending the meetings. The above policies and procedures shall remain in force for a period of one year.

December 14, 1982