

## Our History

MPS Indian Education program was created in accordance with the Indian Education Act of 1972. The act is recognition of the unique educational and cultural needs of American Indian students in the United States. Today, MPS Indian Education serves over 1500 Native students representing over 50 tribal nations.

## Our Mission

To improve Native student achievement and graduation rates through academically rigorous, culturally responsive instruction, family and student engagement, and collaborative partnerships with schools and community.

## Our Vision

All American Indian students are empowered as lifelong learners to become fully engaged leaders, stewards, and citizens.



Developing Tomorrow's Leaders  
One Student at a Time



## What does Indian Education Do?

Indian Education provides many services for MPS Native students and families. A few examples include:

**Support for Instruction** We work with teachers and schools to help them become more familiar with the best ways for Native students to learn. We do this through professional development opportunities for teachers, but also through one-on-one relationships. We also develop culturally relevant and engaging curriculum and materials for use in schools.

**Support for Family Involvement** We provide resources and support for opportunities throughout the year, like Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities, parent trainings and parent circles.

**College Readiness** Our counselors work with Native students on college planning steps and facilitates college visits.

**Advocacy for Families** If a Native student is experiencing a problem at their school, Indian Education will work to help resolve the issue.

## Student Eligibility

Students must be enrolled or have a parent or grandparent enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. Students must also have a valid 506 form (Title VII) on file in the MPS Indian Education office. Forms can be obtained at individual school sites, on our website or at the Indian Education office.

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