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American Indian parents, guardians, and families are encouraged to take an active role in their child's education through this program. If you'd like to participate, please contact any of the individuals listed above.

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AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

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American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC)

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1, states that a school district in which there are 10 or more American Indian students enrolled and each American Indian school must establish an American Indian education parent advisory committee. Commonly referred to as American Indian Parent Advisory Committees (AIPACs), these committees serve in an advisory role and help ensure that American Indian students are receiving culturally relevant and equitable educational opportunities. These committees are critical to the achievement and success of American Indian students statewide, and offer a valuable opportunity to strengthen district and parent partnerships. This committee meets only 4 times a year and you can attend as many as you're able.

Purpose

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District Need

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Membership

AIPACs must be primarily comprised of parents or guardians of American Indian students within the district, charter school, or tribal school. Other eligible committee members include American Indian secondary students, American Indian district staff, and American Indian community members. Additionally, family members of American Indian students, such as grandparents or older siblings, are also eligible to participate on this committee.

Our Focus

The goal for the Alexandria Public Schools American Indian Education Program is to work together with American Indian parents, guardians and families in order to meet the unique educational and cultural needs of students of American Indian heritage.

Alexandria Public Schools goal is to connect students and families to school resources, advocate for appropriate interventions and provide materials/resources as needed to support learning at home and school. We support students in becoming college and career ready.

Program Overview

The Minnesota Department of Education - Office of Indian Education is committed to supporting districts and schools to ensure that **every American Indian student** in the state has **equitable access to programs** that are specifically **designed** to meet **their unique educational, cultural and academic needs.**

FAQs

Who is eligible for services?

Any student with American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Hawaiian ancestry, and/or:

- Is an enrolled member of the tribe
- Has Native American ancestry but is not an enrolled member of a tribe
- Has Native American ancestry but we don't know from what tribe

How much do services cost?

The **services** provided through American Indian Education are **free**.

Please see the district's website for additional resources: alexschools.org/aiep