

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



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Department Overview

Okii! Boozhoo! Hello!

- Dugan Coburn, *Director*

Title VI Program:

- Patty Hodson, *Secretary*
- Serena Steffenson, *Youth Development Specialist*
- Sheila Weatherwax, *Youth Development Specialist*
- Calvin Gone, *Youth Development Specialist*
- Kylan Hallett, *Academic Achievement Facilitator*
- Dan Hall, *Academic Achievement Facilitator*
- Janice Sagen, *Family and Consumer Science Teacher*

Indigenous Education For All:

- Jordann Lankford, *IEFA Instructional Coach*
- Tawny Cale, *IEFA Instructional Coach*

N.E.S.T. Project

Nurturing Emerging Storytellers & Traditions

Our department is so excited to be partnering with Sisters United for an upcoming project. We will host various Indigenous artists who will share their skills, stories, cultural practices, and creative resources with our Indigenous students across multiple grade levels. More information will come as we map out this exciting opportunity!

Upcoming Events

- Sep 15: Culture Class begins (elementary and middle schools)
- Sep 25: I.P.A.C. Meeting @ PGEC 6:30pm
- Oct 21 and 22: I.E.F.A. Celebration Through Education for GFPS 4th Graders
- Nov 22: GFPS Powwow @ CMR

Fun Fact:

While Montana is home to 12 tribal nations, there are over 60 tribes represented in GFPS' student population.

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