



Thaden School Land Acknowledgement

Thaden School is a community of learners committed to actively engaging in the ever-unfinished and essential work of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. To deepen our understanding of place and history, we recognize that our campus stands on the traditional, ancestral lands of the Kadohadacho (Caddo), Wahzhazhe (Osage), and Okáxpa (Quapaw) nations. These cultivated societies were rich in agricultural, social, and spiritual practices. With the arrival of European settlers, these lands witnessed the domination, annihilation, and forced removal of many Indigenous peoples. The historic and ongoing impact of treaties, both broken and upheld by U.S. and European leaders, destroyed the sovereignty of these nations and disrupted their stewardship of the land. We acknowledge that we benefit from the tribes' loss of land due to settler colonialism throughout the history of our community. This land acknowledgment challenges us to learn about the history, culture, and contributions of the Caddo, Osage, and Quapaw peoples, as well as their continued presence in our community. With a commitment to continuous learning and stewardship, we hold ourselves accountable to actions that honor and restore Indigenous communities, ensuring that our engagement reflects the respect and responsibility we owe to those whose land we now occupy.

Rooted in Respect, Together We Grow.