

Philosophy

The American Indian Education Program, offered through the Saint Paul Public Schools District 625, is in existence to preserve and present the unique political, sovereign, cultural, traditional, and spiritual values of American Indian Nations through Education.



Mission

To assist American Indian students in graduating from high school with a quality education and a positive cultural personal identity.



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Indian Education Program

ST. PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Services

Cultural Enrichment

- Groups for K-6 students
- D/Lakota & Ojibwe Language instruction
- District Wide Professional Development
- Knowledge Bowl Competition
- Sewing Society

Social Services

- Consultation with parents providing advocacy and referral. District wide service to American Indian parents and students.

Chemical Use Prevention

- Preventative CD Awareness Group for Grades 6-9
- Sobriety Support Groups for Grades 9-12
- "Families of Tradition"
- One-on-One Counseling

Post Secondary Planning

- Advocacy, Liaison Services and Counseling
- Assistance Obtaining Financial Aid
- College Field Trips

Events

- Fall Feast & Drum Blessing
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Parade
- Powwows
- School Supply Distribution
- Senior Recognition
- Youth Honoring

**Please view our website for a full list of services*

Program History

The Saint Paul Indian Education Program was created as a supplemental program of Saint Paul Public Schools in 1973 in response to the 1972 Indian Education Act.

The initial purpose of the program was to provide supportive counseling and tutoring for American Indian students and parents. In the early nineties the program increased its focus on language and cultural connection to improve the academic success of American Indian students. In 1992 the focus increased to include post-secondary planning and outreach efforts to the eligible students who most need assistance.



ELIGIBILITY

Indian Education Program services may be provided to any American Indian student who is:

- An enrolled member of a tribe, band, or other organized group of Native descent, including Alaskan Natives
- The child or grandchild of a member of a tribe band or other organized group as stated above

Contact us for details and help in determining eligibility.

