



Who We Are

About Us

The Indian Education Program at WBLAS is made up by students, families, staff, and the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC). The program began during the 2015-16 school year and has steadily grown due to active involvement by our AIPAC.

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Fast Facts

- For the 2017-2018 school year, 226 students identify as American Indian based on the federal classification.
- The Indian Education Program at White Bear Lake Areas schools began during the 2015-2016 school year.
- The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee consists of 14 members who meet on a monthly basis.
- Following the 2016-2017 school year, the first American Indian Honoring Ceremony was held for our graduates.
- Ojibwe Language and Culture classes are available, free, and open to the community on a bi-weekly basis.
- As of the 2017-2018, there is a Native American Cultural Liaison on staff to support students and families.



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The Indian Education Program

At WBLAS, the program began during the 2015-2016 school year.

Since this time, the Indian Education program has flourished through the resources and support services that are provided to our Native American students, families, and WBLAS staff.

The White Bear Lake Indian Education Program is partially funded through Title VI of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. In order to apply for these funds, the district needs to document the number of American Indian students enrolled in White Bear Lake Area Schools. This is done through the 506 form.

The 506 Form

The 506 form is open to all students and families who self-identify as being Native American and have either an enrollment number or are a descendant of a recognized Tribe.

To access the 506 Form, refer to the Skyward Annual Family Update or request a hard copy from your school's main office. You could also request via the contact information provided on the back of this brochure.

Things to Consider

- To complete the 506 Form, a tribal enrollment number is required.
- One form can only be completed for one child.
- Instructions for completion are located on the back of the 506 form.
- Return completed forms to Mariel Culhane at 4855 Bloom Ave. White Bear Lake, MN 55110.



The 506 Form FAQ's

Who is eligible to complete the 506 form?

Parents/guardians of American Indian students who are members of a tribe or band, or who are descendants of a parent or grandparent who is a member of a tribe or band, are asked to consider completing this form. A completed form generates Title VI federal funding which is used to enhance educational and sociocultural experiences for American Indian students.

What are the benefits for my child participating in the Indian Education Program?

The following are free services offered this year:

cultural enrichment classes for families and students', academic advocacy - monitoring grades and attendance, tutoring for high school students, information for post-secondary planning, financial aid and scholarships.

My child is not an enrolled tribal member, is he/she eligible to complete a 506 form?

Yes, as long as the child is a descendent of an enrolled tribal member. The enrolled tribal member must be a parent and/or grandparent.

I already completed this form, do I have to complete it again?

No. The 506 form only needs to be completed one time per child.