

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Native American Educational Services Program is to increase academic success of Native American and Alaska Native students through high quality programming and assistance to students and families.

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# What is the Kent School District Native American Education Program?

The Native American Education Program is mandated by Title VI (Part A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The intent of this law is to provide financial assistance to school districts for the development and implementation of programs specifically designed to meet the culturally related academic needs of Native American/Alaska Native students.

## What services are provided?

- Advocacy for Native Students and their families at the school and district levels
- Information on college and career workshops and events
- Scholarship and financial aid information for high school students
- Cultural enrichment opportunities
- Family Culture Nights held potluck style
- Parent Advisory Committee Meetings
- Speakers and presenters from the Native American Community
- Cultural field trips with emphasis on secondary learners and college prep



## Who is eligible?

Your child may be eligible to participate in the Kent School's Native American/Alaska Native Education Program. For each child who is registered on a **506** Eligibility Certification Form, the district receives Federal Title VI funding to pay for academic programming for Native American students.

In order to be counted as part of this program, a **506** form must be filled out by a parent/guardian of the Native American student.

**When filling out the form, parents should list at least the child's name, the name of a US federally recognized tribe, and sign and date the form.**



It is not required that a student be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe if a parent or grandparent is enrolled. There is no blood quantum requirement to enroll and participate in the program but a tribal enrollment number is preferred.

This form needs to be filled out only once for the duration of your student's time at Kent School District. We will keep all information confidential in a file at Student Services. Forms are available at your school, the Student Services office or you can find a electronically fillable PDF form at:

[www.kent.k12.wa.us/Native](http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/Native)

## Native Ed. Parent Advisory Committee

The Native American & Alaska Native Parent Advisory Committee participates with the Kent School District in setting the direction of the program and monitoring it's activities in cooperation with the program coordinator.

These activities include:

- Assessing the needs of Native American Students
- Developing program goals and assisting in the implementation of the program
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the program

### The Native Ed. Program Parent Advisory Committee consists of:

Parents of Native American students participating in the program (at least half of the committee must be Native American parents).

Kent School District educators and Kent School District Cultural Club Advisors.

Secondary grade level students certified with Title VI (506 form) are invited to participate as committee members as well.

