



# INDIAN EDUCATION



## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

To provide for focus, planning, strategies, programs, and implementation of Indian Education policy and program initiatives



## SCOPE OF DUTIES:

- ✦ Collaborate and work in partnership with the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, Tribal Councils, Bureau of Indian Education, and public school boards
  - ✦ Work closely with the North Dakota Indian Advisory Council in matters affecting education opportunity for Native American students
  - ✦ Serve as the Department Liaison/contact for Indian Education Programs
  - ✦ Participate in the development and implementation of highly effective professional development opportunities and technical assistance for teachers, administrators, community and other agencies
  - ✦ Provide for training and developmental assistance to local school districts and a variety of agencies serving American Indian learners on a wide range of educational issues
  - ✦ Develop and implement guidelines, standards, and procedures necessary to comply with requirements in carrying out education programs
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- ✦ Advocate for quality Native American education programs among various state stakeholders
- ✦ Develop a strategic plan to increase academic achievement
- ✦ Participate in Department strategic planning
- ✦ Work with legislatures and legislative committees regarding proposed and necessary changes in statutes



## EDUCATION GOALS:

- ✦ Promote the incorporation and use of culturally-responsive teaching strategies and materials that validate the cultural and linguistic identity of Native American children and adults
- ✦ Support pre-service and in-service education programs to promote greater understanding of the culturally and linguistically pedagogical needs of native learners. Support, where necessary, the amendment of state certification requirements to assure the consideration of qualified teaching personnel
- ✦ Develop and promote culturally and linguistically appropriate standards for Native children and adults
- ✦ Network across the educational community to advocate for native student and adult educational needs



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