



CUSD TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM Department of Special Projects

"Children Are Our Most Precious Resource"

Purpose of the CUSD Native American Indian Education Program:

Each year, CUSD receives Title VII Indian Education Funds. The funds are designed to meet and support the special educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives, so that such students can achieve to the same challenging State performance standards expected by all students. CUSD Indian Education Program addresses the needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native students in grades Kindergarten – grade twelve. The program assists eligible students to achieve at the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students in grades pre-K -12.

We host quarterly Parent Advisory Meetings. Dates will be provided in the early fall once they are secured. You can find more information on our web page @ <http://www.cusd.com/specialprojects/indianed.htm>.

The goals (i.e. priorities) of our program are listed in order as follows:

1. Provide services to assist American Indian students in meeting the District's student academic content and performance standards.
2. Ensure that American Indian students participate in their school's Federal, State and local programs as needed.
3. Provide program recruitment activities and family liaison services to meet the culturally related academic needs of American Indian students.
4. Provide professional development opportunities to ensure that staff are properly trained and prepared to do work with American Indian Students.

Eligibility of Students:

Each child enrolled in the Indian Education Program is required to complete and submit a **Title VII Student Eligibility Certification, 506 Form** (attached). The 506 Form is returned to your child's school for processing. This form will be maintained in the Department of Special Projects. Information on the certification form will not be released without written approval from the parent or guardian. The Form is available at each school site or the Special Projects Web Site @ <http://www.cusd.com/specialprojects/indianed.htm>

Eligible students includes Native Americans who are:

- ◆A member of an Indian tribe or band, (including those Indian tribes or bands terminated since 1940 and those recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides).
- ◆Descended in the first or second degree (parent or grandparent as described).
- ◆Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian, Eskimo or Aleut.

Academic Services:

The Indian Education Program grant supplements the regular school program by helping Indian students sharpen their academic skills, assisting students in becoming proficient in the core content areas, and providing students an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that otherwise would be unavailable. Academic assistance, tutoring, after school programs, dropout prevention, parent/teacher consultations, monitoring of student grades and attendance, a library for checking out books and materials for students and parents. Your child may qualify for tutoring in reading and/or math if they are working below grade level. The program's priority must be to serve students who would qualify for the program services being below grade level and not reaching proficiency. However, your child's school offers a variety of tutorial and intervention services to assist your student academically. For more information please contact your child's school or the Department of Special Projects, Bob Kampf @ 327.9086 or Donna Post @ 327.9552.

