



Northland Community Schools, ISD 118

316 Main Street East
Remer, MN 56672
218-566-2351
Fax: 218-566-2053
www.isd118.k12.mn

Mark Morrisson
Superintendent
mmorrisson@isd118.org

Janessa Green
Elementary Principal
jgreen@isd118.org

Northland Community Schools Program Proposal to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Head Start

Early Learning Services for 2026-2027 School Year

Proposal Overview:

The Northland Community Schools Early Childhood program proposes to provide comprehensive early learning services for 10 Native American children enrolled in Leech Lake Head Start slots in the communities of ISD 118/Northland Community Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Services will be delivered at Northland Community School, running from September 3, 2026, through June 2, 2027.

The cost per child remains at \$13,500, totaling \$135,000 for the program year.

Program Goals:

- Deliver culturally responsive, high-quality early childhood education aligned with state and tribal standards.
- Prioritize enrollment of Native American children from the District 118, Northland Community Schools communities.
- Support school readiness through individualized learning plans and family engagement.
- Foster strong partnerships between Northland Community Schools, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Head Start, families, and community stakeholders.

Program Timeline and Key Activities:

July – August 2026

- Confirm enrollment and place children in 10 Leech Lake Head Start 4-year-old slots.
- Prioritize Native American applicants from Northland Community Schools communities.
- Conduct outreach and family engagement activities to prepare families for the school year.

August – September 2026

- Host an Open House for all families on September 1, 2026.
- Conduct PIE (Partners in Education) Conferences for all students prior to program start.
- Complete all Minnesota Rule 3 requirements and program enrollment paperwork.

September 2026 – June 2027

- Begin daily classes at Northland Community Schools starting September 3, 2026.

- Deliver developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities daily using Creative Curriculum, Second Step, Heggerty, and High Scope for our combined curricula and Teaching Strategies GOLD for our assessment tool.
- Provide breakfast, lunch, and snack daily to enrolled children.
- Record daily attendance and monitor child progress.
- Welcome Leech Lake staff and families to observe classrooms regularly.
- Conduct CEM program/classroom quality checks are conducted twice each year and classrooms receive coaching each month.

Documentation and Reporting:

Documentation for each enrolled child will be submitted to Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Head Start on the following schedule:

Date	Documentation Provided
October 16, 2026	Student Application, Screening, IEP (if applicable), Health History, Immunization Records, ASQ-SE, and TS Gold Snapshot)
December 18, 2026	Fall Conference Items (TS GOLD Snapshot)
March 12, 2027	Spring Conference Items (TS GOLD Snapshot)
June 4, 2027	TS GOLD Comparative, Hearing & Vision Screening

Budget Summary:

Cost per child: \$13,500

Total for 10 children: \$135,000

Contact Information:

For questions or further discussion regarding this proposal, please contact:

Janessa Green
 Elementary Principal
 Northland Community Schools
 218-566-2351
jgreen@isd118.org