

ST. LOUIS PARK AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

A Legacy of Pride and Resilience

FEBRUARY 24, 2026



AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES (AIPACS)

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1,
States that all American Indian and Public Schools:

In which there are a minimum of 10 American Indian students enrolled must establish an American Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee. (AIPAC)

AIPAC MEMBERSHIP

AIPAC's comprise of parents and/or guardians of American Indian students within St. Louis Park Schools.

Eligible committee members include American Indian Secondary students, and American Indian District staff.

Non-Native District staff participates in the AIPAC meetings, but are not permitted to be voting committee members, and should not be included on the AIPAC roster.

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC), serves in an advisory role and help ensure that American Indian students are receiving culturally relevant and equitable educational opportunities.

AIPAC is critical to the achievement and success of American Indian students in St. Louis Park and offer a valuable opportunity to strengthen our district and parent partnerships.

St. Louis Park Public Schools has two grant funding sources to support American Indian students and families in the district:

American Indian Education Aid through the Minnesota Department of Education

Title VI Indian Education grant through the US Department of Education.

Additional programming is supported via Achievement and Intergration funding

AIPAC GOALS - FOCUS AREAS

- Area 1: Support Post-Secondary Preparation for American Indian Students
- Area 2: Support the Academic Achievement of American Indian Students
- Area 3: Make Curriculum Relevant to the Needs, Interests, and Cultural Heritage of American Indian Students
- Area 4: Provide Positive Reinforcement of the Self-Image of American Indian Students
- Area 5: Develop Intercultural Awareness Among Students, Parents, and Staff

HIGHLIGHTS OF FOCUS AREAS



Hočokata Ți

2 visits to the Hočokata Ți experience - engaging 22 students from middle and high school.



College visit - Red Lake College

5 high school students attended Red Lake College visit where students also learned about indigenous foods.



Senior Celebration & Elder Speaker

Celebrated 6 high school graduates - 4 of which had plans to continue post-secondary education.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FOCUS AREAS



Beadwork

Through beadwork, students explored patience, precision, and creativity while learning about its significance in cultural expression.



Totem Poles

Students created their own paper versions of totem poles, using colors and designs that reflect personal or cultural identity.



Pottery

Students created clay art while learning how pottery can serve as both art and storytelling.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FOCUS AREAS

Guest speakers, artists, and storytellers



**Reuben Kitto Stately -
Dakota & Ojibwe artist,
educator, and
Minneapolis firefighter**



**Michael Charette
[Laughing Fox] - a
member of the Red Cliff
Band of Lake Superior
Chippewa, musician,
artist, and storytelling**

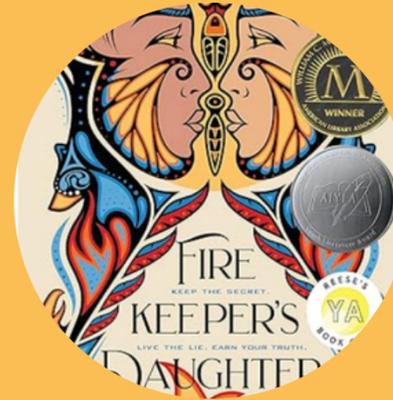


**Deanna Beaulieu - Red
Lake Nation artist,
educator, and
American Indian
Liaison**

EDUCATOR HIGHLIGHTS



The Minnesota Humanities Center invited educators through the Bdote experience: Learning from Place: Bdote. This opportunity was for all 5th-grade teachers, middle school MN Studies teachers, and high school US History teachers. The goal is for these teachers to receive the training necessary to co-lead and facilitate an annual Bdote field trip with their classes in the near future.



Culturally Relevant Materials for Classrooms

St. Louis Park Public Schools
CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS - READS AND MOCCASINS
DATES: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, NOVEMBER 8, AND NOVEMBER 15, 2025
TIME: 11:00AM - 1:00PM
LOCATION: CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER, DOOR 22
*OPEN TO ALL AGES - REGISTER AT: COMMUNITYSDMSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

READ MAKING FOR TEENS
DATES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025
TIME: 4:00-6:00PM
LOCATION: SLP MIDDLE SCHOOL, DOOR 1
*OPEN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH - REGISTER AT: COMMUNITYSDMSPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

ARTS AND INDIGENOUS FOOD SAMPLING
EXPERIENCE CULTURE THROUGH FOOD
DATES: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025
TIME: 6:00-7:30PM
LOCATION: SLP MIDDLE SCHOOL, DOOR 1
*ALL AGES WELCOME

EDUCATION RESOURCE LINKS

- NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN - INDIGENOUS YOUTH POET
- WARRIORS | YOUTH IN ACTION
- INDIGENOUS ROOTS
- NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING - WELLNESS EDUCATION
- MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER

Native American Heritage Month

THE RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE OR NONCONCURRENCE (ANNUAL COMPLIANCE)

On May 30th, 2025, SLP AIPAC met to discuss whether or not they concur with the educational offerings that have been extended by St. Louis Park School to American Indian students.

LOOKING FORWARD

ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR AMERICAN INDIAN
INTERTRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL - COLLEGE VISITS

AIPAC SPRING FAMILY/COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

EXPLORING RUGBY AND INDIGENOUS SPORTS

Exploring partnerships with other school districts

THANK YOU

Scott Shoemaker, AIPAC Chair

Tahra Bielous, AIPAC Secretary

Deanna Beaulieu, American Indian Liaison

Patrice Howard, Executive Director of Community Education

