

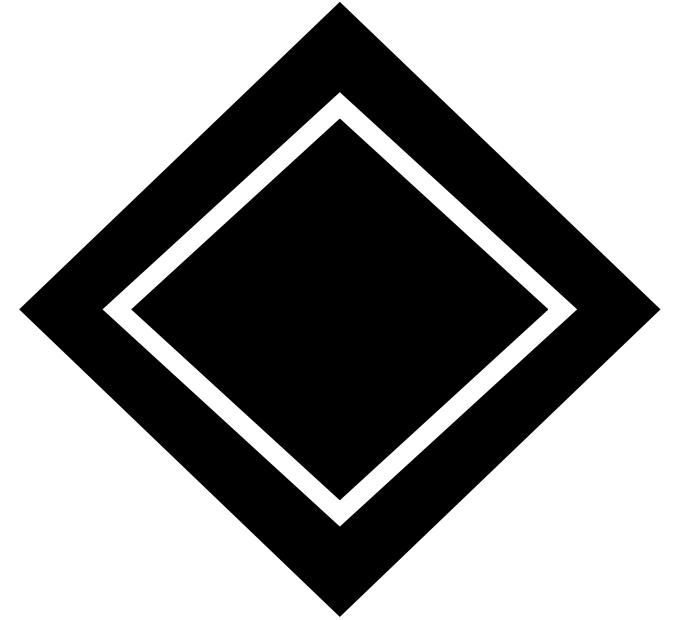


American Indian Program

St. Louis Park Schools
January 23, 2024

American Indian Parent Advisory Committees (AIPACs)

[Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1](#), states that a school district in which there are 10 or more American Indian students enrolled and each American Indian school must establish an American Indian education parent advisory committee.

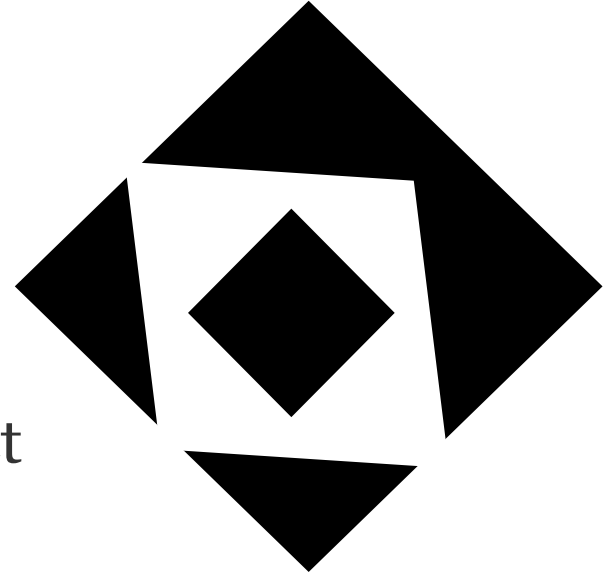


AIPAC Membership

AIPACs comprise of parents or guardians of American Indian students within St. Louis Park Schools.

Other eligible committee member 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.

This committee 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 Schools is committed to working collaboratively with our parents and families to meet the unique cultural and educational needs of American Indian students by:

- Culturally Relevant Teaching and Activities
- Post-secondary preparation
- Monthly AIPAC meetings
- Providing culturally authentic materials connected to lessons
- Cultural Community Events



Goals

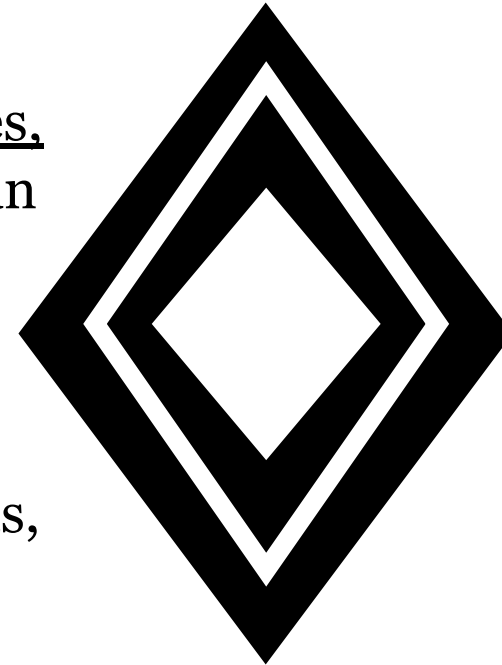
Area 1: Support PostAmerican Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) & Youth Tribal Council (YTC) - Activities, Timeline, Monitoring secondary Preparation for American Indian Pupils

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 Pupils

Area 4: Provide Positive Reinforcement of the Self-Image of American Indian Pupils

Area 5: Develop Intercultural Awareness Among Pupils, Parents, and Staff



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

Goals for both grants include:

- Addressing the unique academic and cultural needs of **American Indian** and **Alaska and Hawaiian** Native students;
- Support these students to meet academic standards;
- Support postsecondary preparation for pupils;



- Make curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian (Native) pupils;
 - Curriculum is responsive to the unique cultural, language, and educational needs of American Indian, Hawaiian and Alaskan Native students
- Provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils;
- Develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff; and,
- **Supplement** (not supplant) state and federal educational and co-curricular programs.





AIPAC Committee Members

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Scott Shoemaker-Chair

Rachel King-Co-Chair

Tahra Bielous-Secretary

- Bring in guest speakers-Anton Truer
- Promote and host informational sessions that are tailored to American Indian (AI) students and their families on potential career and college opportunities
- Purchase additional AI resources for classrooms
- Form a Youth Tribal Council (YTC) for American Indian students
- Schedule college visit for YTC
- Graduation Regalia
- Districtwide year-end powwow preparation (artist series)
- YTC T-Shirts with Logo



Laughing Fox

Visit all elementary schools



Michael Charette

a member of the Red Cliff band of
Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Tales of Laughing Fox is a Musical Journey of assortments of flutes and stories.

American Indian Intertribal Youth Council (AIIYC)



Art Series



Saturdays Family Engagement



Art Series



POWWOW



St. Louis Park Public Schools Presents

HONORING THE YOUTH POWWOW

GRAND ENTRY
DANCING
DRUMMING
FOOD & VENDORS
HONOR ANCESTORS







The Resolution of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence (Annual Compliance)

The 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.

