

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

May 21, 2018

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS – ISD #31

Information is based on October 1 student count

- Total Student Count: 5,462
- American Indian Student Count: 999
- Percent of American Indian Students: 18.2%

We actually served 1,179 students, based on data from students of two-more races.

SUPPORTING ACADEMICS

Early Childhood:

Creating an awareness of educational programming and supporting families in accessing educational services within Bemidji Area Schools

Elementary:

Our elementary team is working to close the achievement gap through providing academic supports in math and our World's Best Work force goal of Read Well by Third Grade. They are primarily supporting students in grades K-3.

Middle School:

Our staff is supporting improved student attendance, behavior management, and academic tracking.

High School:

Our high school team is working to Increase student attendance, improve graduation rates, and support college and career readiness.

In addition, our team supports students & families in the special education process

AMERICAN INDIAN FAMILY NIGHTS COLLABORATIONS WITH TITLE I OR PTO

Our elementary team participated in 9 Family Nights

- Horace May: Oct 10, 2017
- Solway: November 16, 2017
- Northern: November 20, 2017
- JW Smith: December 5, 2017
- Paul Bunyan: December 7, 2017
- Lincoln: December 11, 2017
- Central: February 22, 2018
- Early Childhood Pre-K: April 24, 2018
- Lincoln: May 7, 2018

OTHER ACTIVITIES OR TEACHINGS

- **Dance/Regalia Dolls**
 - Small Group Teachings
- **5th Grade Dream Catcher Teachings and Making**
 - District Wide
- **Drum & Dance**
 - Students took high honors at Northland Competition
 - Participated in CLBS Powwows at their 3 schools
- **7 Grandfather Teachings**
 - Honesty
 - Truth
 - Humility
 - Love
 - Wisdom
 - Courage
 - Respect
- **Certificates of Recognition**
- **Field Trips**





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DRUM, DANCE, & CULTURAL TEACHINGS



CULTURE & CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

- Provided cultural resources to teachers within the district
- Presented at JW Smith and Lincoln Family Nights
- Set up trainings with local professional to present sessions on:
 - Micro-Aggression
 - Stereo-Types and Biases
- Provided two after school workshops on:
 - Integrating American Indian culture into the classroom
 - Topics that impact American Indian students

COLLEGE PREPARATION



COLLEGE PREP ACTIVITIES

- Relationship Building with Students and Families
- Course Selection Advising
- Tracking Progress Toward Graduation
- ACT Prep and Registration
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Support
- Financial Aid Sessions
- Scholarship Search and Support
- Letters of Recommendation
- College Visits - On and Off Site
- College Application Support and Advocacy
- Outreach to Students that Leave School

EXPLORING OPTIONS



COLLEGE VISITS

- Bemidji State University
- University of Minnesota Morris
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Leech Lake Tribal College
- Itasca Community College
- Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
- Professional Salon Academy

AMERICAN INDIAN SENIORS

American Indian Seniors: 36

We are excited to announce that our 36 students are on track to graduate with their 4 year cohort and all have plans for higher education or job readiness.

