

American Indian Education Update



St. Cloud Area
School District 

Purpose

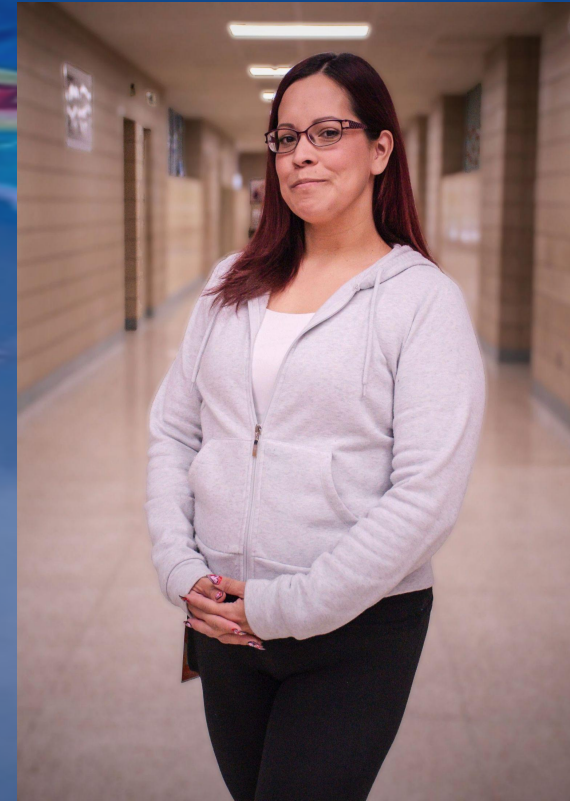
Per MDE, our American Indian Education Program, with suggested input from the Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC), designs programming and instructional activities that affirm the cultural identity of American Indian students and their families.



Kip and Misty



AIEP Coordinator



AIEP Cultural Liaison

Overview

Data is sourced from **MARSS** (Minnesota's state student database) using the **federal race code**. Included are students who self-identify as **American Indian/Native American, Other Indigenous, or Native Hawaiian**, as well as students reporting **Two or More Races** if one of their selected races falls into these categories.

Student Counts:

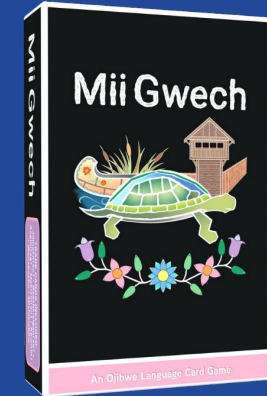
Total: 234

- a. **Elementary: 109**
- b. **Secondary: 125**

***506 Federal American Indian
Form**



Elementary Programming



- Ojibwe Language Games
- Weekly Lunch Groups at Talahi, Lincoln, and Madison
- 1:1 Check in/Check Out
- We have recordings of three books that are in Ojibwe and Navajo for teachers to use in the classroom as well. This will be in our AIP Internal Site.

Secondary Programming

Upcoming College Visits/Field Trip

- SCSU
- Manufacturing Tours

Weekly Smudging and Beading groups

Contracting tutors for subject help with the assistance of SCSU.

Upcoming Host Financial Aid Assistance

- Lara Gerhardson Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program
- MN Indian Scholarships
- Tribal Scholarships
- American Indian Tuition Waiver Schools



2025 Community Graduation Honoring

2025 Graduation: 75% American Indian seniors graduated

2026 Graduation Honoring: Thursday, May 7th, 2026

Participating Schools:

- District 742
- St. Cloud State University
- St. Cloud Technical & Community College
- St. John's University & College of St. Benedict

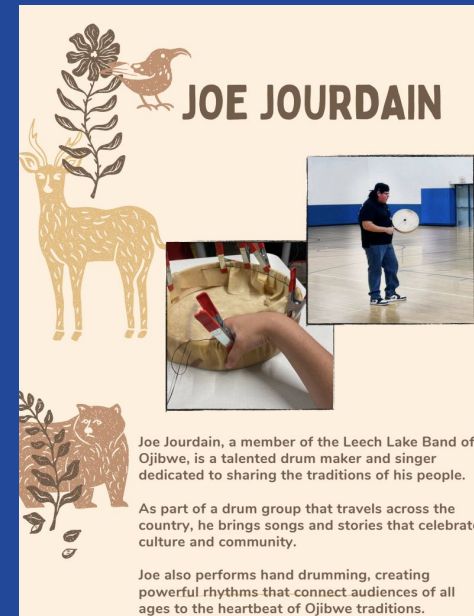
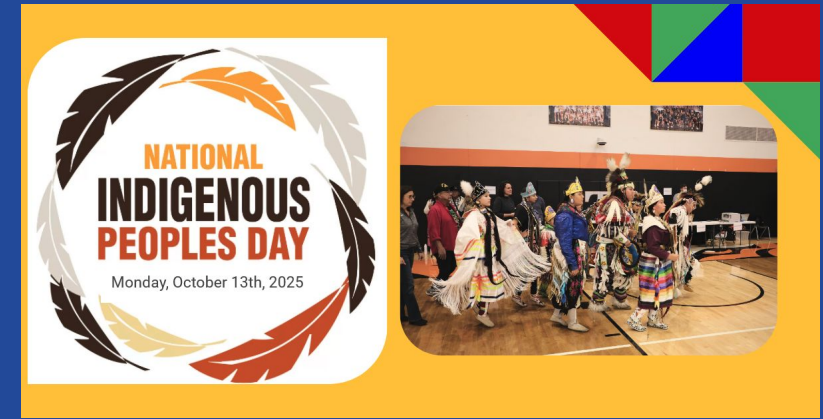
Tracking for 2026 Graduation:

- Apollo: 100%
- Tech: 75% (1 student is going for their GED)
- McKinley: 50%



Indigenous Peoples Day

- October 13, 2025
- At least one hour of instruction is dedicated to learning about Indigenous People of this land as a way to recognize and celebrate their communities.



2025 Ptanyetu Powow



Free
Open to the Public!

2025 Ptanyétu PoWWow

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Halenbeck Hall,
St. Cloud State University
1000 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301
Hosted by
St. Cloud State University

MASTER OF CEREMONY
Wes Jourdain

ARENA DIRECTOR
Kevin Kingbird

HEAD MALE DANCER
Conner Hammer

HEAD FEMALE DANCER
Annie Huberty





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Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

HOST DRUM
Cedar Creek

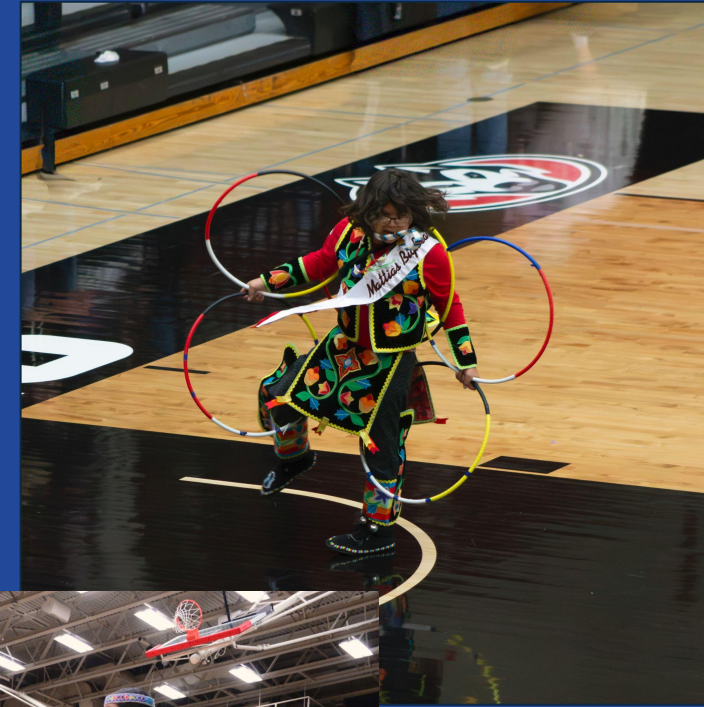
INVITED DRUMS
Red Tree Singers
Little Otter
Storm Crossing

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS
HAND DRUM CONTEST
For more info, contact Lacey Lokken
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GRAND ENTRIES
1:00PM & 5:00PM

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MIEA (Minnesota Indian Education Association) Conference

The **Minnesota Indian Education Association (MIEA) Conference** is an annual professional learning event focused on supporting Native students, educators, and culturally responsive practices.

It is attended by **NAPAC members, district staff, and other education professionals**, offering opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and learning about best practices in Native education. The conference provides sessions, workshops, and networking to strengthen cultural understanding and student success across the district.



Staff Professional Development



Anton Treuer (Waagosh)
Professor of Ojibwe, Bemidji State University



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Upcoming Events for Students and Families

Native American Storytelling

- Saturday Feb. 21th, 2026

Round Dance at Apollo High School for Native Families around the state

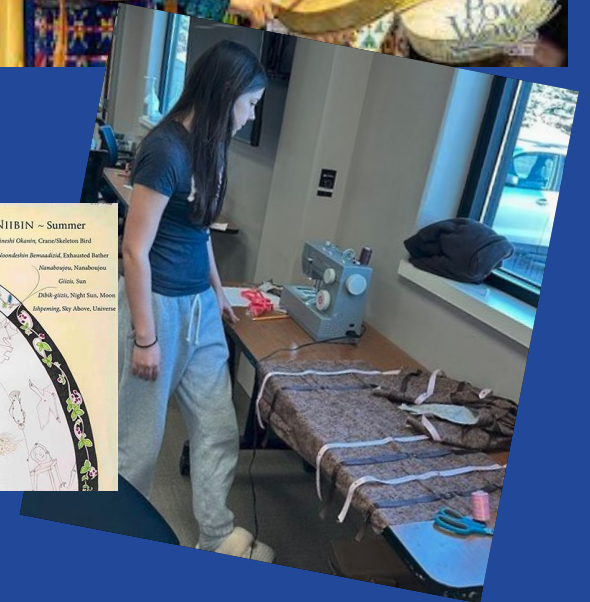
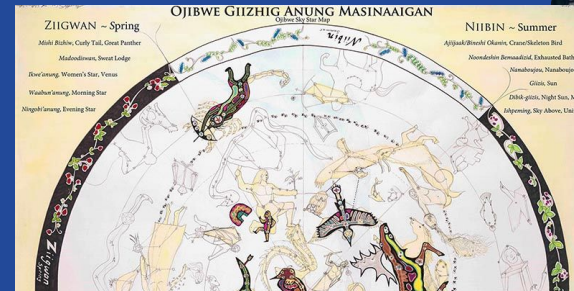
- Saturday Feb. 28th, 2026

Native American Drum Making

- Saturday March 7th, 2026

More that we are in the middle of scheduling:

- Ojibwe/Dakota Skywatch with SCSU
- Nature walk
- In school beading and sewing circles
- Ojibwe Language with Elementary Students





Thank you!

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Native American Parent Advisory Committee (NAPAC)

Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 1, states that any school district with 10 or more American Indian students must establish an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. To ensure inclusivity for all Native Americans, the board voted to change the name from the MDE wording “American Indian” to **Native American**.

Committee Officers:

- Chair: Cora Chinander
- Vice Chair: Lindsay Teller
- Secretary: Melyssa Hager
- Treasurer: Ian Chinander

Committee Meetings:

- Meets a minimum twice per trimester
- 8–10 parents and students typically attend each meeting.

Annual Responsibilities:

- Compliance with the Resolution of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence
- Provide recommendations to the District.

Thank you!

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