

**INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF SOUTH KOOCHICHING-RAINY RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #363,
ENSURING TRIBAL AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING**

Board Adopted:

Proposed Version

2020-2021 School Year Application

(Revised)

It is the intent of the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District that all Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services and activities offered within the school district. To this end, the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will consult with local tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs), general education programs, and activities. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met.

Attestations

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in section 7004 of the Impact Aid Law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands.

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District attests that it has provided a copy of written response to comments, concerns and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian children through the Indian Policies and Procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of their Federal Title or Impact Aid applications.

Indian Policies and Procedures

The following Indian Policies and Procedures become effective upon School Board approval.

POLICY (1): The LEA will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the LEA's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34CFR222.94(a)(1)]

Procedure 1:

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings related to equal participation or the content of the educational program by including information about meeting times and locations in emails and direct mailings to families. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted School Board meeting.

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will disseminate information by mailing and seek timely input regarding the educational programs.

The completed applications, evaluations, and program planning will be made available by email and mailings to parents of Indian children, tribal officials, and the Title VI Indian Parent Committee and a summary will be prepared and disseminated at least two weeks in advance of a public hearing held in the fall to afford all interested parties the opportunity to review the documents with sufficient time to provide thoughtful input at the public meeting. The hearing will be publicly advertised by public posting, the District website at <http://www.wisd363.org>, and the Native Studies website at <https://www.northome.k12.mn.us> to allow all interested parties to attend. In addition, representatives from the District and Title VI Indian Parent Committee will schedule meetings with the tribe(s) to seek input.

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials, the Title VI Indian Parent Committee and any other interested persons can review assessment data to help develop or modify educational programs and services allowing for the participation of Indian students on an equal basis in the district.

Minutes from the Title VI Indian Parent Committee meetings will be posted on the Native Studies website for all patrons and Tribal officials to review. This will allow for ongoing dissemination of information.

POLICY (2): The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will provide an opportunity for the tribes by mail, and/or posting at tribal offices, if we have documented children in our school district with these tribal affiliations, as well as the parents of Indian children to provide their views on the Districts educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and on how the District may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities. [34CFR222 .94(a)(2)]

An amendment was added to the 2019-20 student handbooks explaining the process of eligibility for Indian Education. Information will be included in student enrollment packets regarding Indian education opportunities as well as enrollment certification forms for Title VI.

The District and Title VI Indian Parent Committee representatives will schedule meetings with local Tribes to discuss ongoing programming goals if needed.

POLICY (3): The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the District's education program and activities. [34CFR222.94(a)(3)]

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in the LEA's education program and activities with tribes and parents of Indian children; and
- (ii) Allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children.

Procedure 3:

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District shall annually analyze participation rates of Indian children compared to other children in all aspects of the educational program and school sponsored activities.

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District's Superintendent and school staff, in conjunction with the Title VI Indian Parent Committee, will annually review data and comments gathered from families and students.

The results of the data will be shared with all interested parties in the district at an open public hearing over the summer. The evaluation will be mailed out at least two weeks in advance. At this meeting, feedback will be taken from the tribes and parents of our Native students. In addition, comments and/or suggestions brought forth from these conversations will become part of the Title VI Indian Parent Committee approved minutes at <http://northome.k12.mn.us>.

This data will be utilized to develop appropriate supports for various programs.

If it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board in consultation with the Title

I. Notify tribes and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for method of communication (email and/or direct mailing), and

II. Modify the method of and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents of Indian children.

Procedure 2:

The Title VI Indian Parent Committee of the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will meet monthly for the purpose of addressing comments and concerns of parents of Indian children regarding the District's educational programs and activities. The meeting agendas are posted to our Native Studies website at <http://northome.k12.mn.us> and all meetings are open to the public allowing for tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for consideration. The meeting dates for the school year will be posted on the school's Facebook page.

A School Board representative will be added to the Title VI Indian Parent Committee during the fall of 2020. If the representative is Title VI eligible, by being an enrolled member or a 1st or 2nd generation child of an enrolled member, they may vote. If the representative is not Title VI eligible, they would be a non-voting member of the Title VI Indian Parent Committee. This representation allows for the discussion of the needs of the students and ideas to be brought forward to both the Title VI Indian Parent Committee as well as the School Board.

At each of the monthly school board meetings, a section of time is set aside for "Public Participation." The schedule of the meetings will be posted on the school website and through social media. This is a time to offer comments and suggestions regarding all School District programs and activities including programming for Indian students. In addition, one public hearing is scheduled in the fall which is specifically devoted to addressing questions regarding federal programs and other Indian education funding sources. Tribal officials, Indian parents and community members are able to hold meaningful discussions at the meeting. Input based upon suggestions through preferred methods of communication (email and/or direct mailing), from tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children will be seriously considered. Modifications to maximize participation, will be made as needed.

At the annual "Family Fun Night," an Indian Parent "Needs Assessment" questionnaire will be provided requesting feedback on Indian Education and Programs. The questionnaire is provided to all students, parents, family members, Indian tribal officials and school staff. They are all asked to complete the survey.

VI Indian Parent Committee and tribal officials, will modify its education program in such a way as to help improve Indian participation.

Parents can express their opinions through the survey that we send out and also during our monthly open meetings.

POLICY (4): The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CRF222.94(a)(4)]

Procedure 4:

During the summer public hearing of the Title VI Indian Parent Committee, the Indian Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised if necessary. The Title VI Parent Committee, on recommendation from Indian parents, and tribal officials will revise the IPP. Once this has happened, the document will be forwarded to the South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board. If necessary, the Title VI Indian Parent Committee may suggest revisions at other times of the year as appropriate. Any changes to the IPP will be implemented on acceptance by the school board. Parents of Indian children and tribal officials will be made aware of any changes by notice on the Native Studies website, and email, mailings, within 30 days of adoption by the South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board.

POLICY (5) : The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the LEA. [34CRF222.94(a)(5)]

Procedure 5:

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by the Title VI Indian Parent Committee, tribal officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by mail to the parents of Indian children, email to tribal offices, and the School District website, and the Native Studies website, with a week of consultation, prior to the submission of the

IPPs by the District. In this way we will reach our intended audience. A newsletter will be sent out by mail, at least once a year.

POLICY (6): The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CR F222.94 (a)(6)]

The South Koochiching-Rainy River School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures in email by October 31st, to the Red Lake and Leech Lake Tribes by mail, and/or posting at Tribal Offices, if we have documented children in our school district with these Tribal affiliations.

Board Approval Date: