



The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Roster

About Membership

Per [Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, subdivision 3](#), *The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee must be composed of parents or guardians of American Indian children eligible to be enrolled in American Indian education programs; American Indian secondary students; American Indian family members of students eligible to be enrolled in American Indian education programs; American Indian language and culture education teachers and paraprofessionals; American Indian teachers; American Indian district employees; American Indian counselors; adult American Indian people enrolled in educational programs; and American Indian community members. The majority of each committee must be the parents or guardians of the American Indian children enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in the programs.*

About the Roster and Sign-in Sheet

The AIPAC roster is for committee members only. This form is electronic and fillable. You must include the committee member's name, email, and phone in the first column. Subsequent columns contain a drop-down menu option. Select the best option for each particular committee member.

The sign-in sheet for district, charter, or Tribal contract school employees is also fillable. School personnel often participate in committee meetings and serve as a bridge between the committee and the district, charter, or Tribal contract school, helping to navigate school processes while furthering the goals and initiatives of the committee members. Employee participation levels vary depending on the district, charter school, or Tribal contract school. If an employee identifies as American Indian, they are eligible to serve as a voting committee member and may be included on the roster, rather than the district, charter school, or Tribal contract school sign-in sheet.

Submission

Fall: For districts, charter schools, or Tribal contract schools participating in the American Indian Education Aid program: MDE.AIEA@state.mn.us

March 1: As part of the AIPAC and district, charter school, or Tribal contract school Annual Compliance process: MDE.AIEA@state.mn.us

Annual Compliance/Vote of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence

District, Charter, or Tribal School Name: St. Louis Park Schools

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Vote

The AIPAC Issued a Vote of Concurrence

Date of Concurrent Vote: January 30, 2025

Date the AIPAC presented to the school board: _____

The AIPAC Issued a Vote of Nonconcurrence

A vote of nonconcurrence requires the AIPAC to provide specific written recommendations for improvement to the school board. The school board is required to respond in writing to each recommendation within 60 days of the recommendations being put forth. The school board must provide this written response to both the AIPAC and to the Office of Indian Education.

Date of Nonconcurrent vote: _____

Date the AIPAC presented to the school board: _____

Date the written response from the school board is due: _____

The District/School Does Not Have an AIPAC

The district has not yet formed an AIPAC, but recognizes the need to do so in order to remain compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78. By signing below, the district/school leadership commits to working with the Office of American Indian Education on committee formation.

Required signatures

**Digital signatures are accepted*

School Board Chairperson Date

Superintendent of Charter/Tribal School Director Date 2/4/2025

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AIPAC Chairperson Date

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Resolution

WHEREAS, the school board or district has an AIPAC composed of parents/guardians of American Indian children who are eligible for Indian education programs, American Indian language and culture teachers and paraprofessionals, American Indian teachers, American Indian counselors, American Indian adults enrolled in educational programming, and American Indian representatives from community;

WHEREAS, the school board or district affords the AIPAC the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school(s) and program(s); and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC is directly involved with and advises the school board and district staff on Indian Education program planning; and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC develops and submits recommendations to the school board and district staff pertaining to the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIPAC concurs that the school board and district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, and that the school board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.

X We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a **Vote of Concurrence**. We attest that the school board and/or district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are meeting the needs of American Indian students; or,

_____ We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a **Vote of Nonconcurrence**. We attest that the school board and/or district are not compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are not meeting the needs of American Indian students. We have provided written recommendations for improvements to the school board, and we acknowledge that the school board has 60 days from the receipt of these recommendations in which to respond, in writing, to each recommendation.

AIPAC Chairperson Printed Name and Signature
Scott Shoemaker
Signed by:
Scott Shoemaker
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2/4/2025
Date

American Indian Education Aid Program Plan Review

This document serves as the foundation for how your district is fulfilling the measurable goals of the program plan, reviewed and approved by the Office of American Indian Education at the Minnesota Department of Education. This document is necessary to submit with your compliance documentation and eligibility for American Indian Education Aid next year.

[Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.81, subdivision 3](#). Additional requirements.

Each district receiving aid under this section must each year conduct a count of American Indian children in the schools of the district; test for achievement; identify the extent of other educational needs of the children to be enrolled in the American Indian education program; and classify the American Indian children by grade, level of educational attainment, age and achievement. Participating schools must maintain records concerning the needs and achievements of American Indian children served.

Directions

This document should be shared with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) and district staff that work primarily with American Indian students. Both the AIPAC and district staff will meaningfully and authentically collaborate to complete this document which will be uploaded with your compliance documentation due to the Office of American Indian Education on March 1, 2024. Ultimately, this document is a portion of the Compliance documentation submitted to the Office of American Indian Education as required by [Minnesota Statutes 2022, 124D.78, subdivision 2](#).

Using the approved American Indian Education Aid application that was submitted Fall 2023, communicate how the district has progressed towards all the goals outlined within each narrative that was provided for areas 1-6. Data should be shared with the AIPAC in order for the AIPAC to concur with the district plan. Additionally, the [Self-Assessment Rubric](#) for districts is another useful tool for AIPACs to understand programming and to vote on concurrence.

Measurable Goals

These program details must align to [Minnesota Statutes 124D.81, subdivision 2](#).

Focus Area 1: Support postsecondary preparation for pupils

Focus Area 2: Support the academic achievement of American Indian students

Focus Area 3: Make curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian pupils

Focus Area 4: Provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils

Focus Area 5: Develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff

Focus area 6: Supplement (not supplant) state and federal educational and co-curricular programs

Focus Area	Measurable Goal	Progress towards Goal	Is Progress sufficient for concurrence?
Support postsecondary preparation for pupils	Out of the 6 American Indian students at the High School this year. only 3 is	Yes	Yes
Support the academic achievement of American Indian students	The goal of this area is to continue to increase attendance for American	Yes	Yes

Focus Area	Measurable Goal	Progress towards Goal	Is Progress sufficient for concurrence?
Make curriculum relevant to the needs, interests, and cultural heritage of American Indian pupils	Recommendations and material purchases will be made to the District in collaboration with the district's American Indian Parent Advisory	Yes	Yes
Provide positive reinforcement of the self-image of American Indian pupils	The American Indian Intertribal Youth Council (AIYC) has met three times so far this year and will continue to meet	Yes	Yes
Develop intercultural awareness among pupils, parents, and staff	We hope to see at least 75 non-Indigenous families attend districtwide	Yes	Yes
Supplement (not supplant) state and federal educational and co-curricular programs	St. Louis Park is aligning and adjusting social studies standards connecting to Minnesota's	Yes	Yes

Signed by:
Approval
 Scott Shoemaker
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2/4/2025

AIPAC Chairperson
Freida Bailey

Date

Feb. 3, 2025

Director of Indian Education

Date

Contact us

For more information, please visit our website at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/indian/parent/>

Please submit this documentation to: MDE.AIEA@state.mn.us

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Member Roster

Committee Member Name, Email, and Phone	American Indian	Committee Member Role	Primary Area of Representation
Scott Shoemaker myaamia@slpschools.org 952-747-6364	Yes	Chair	Parent/Guardian of an American Indian Student
Samantha DeFoe sammijodefoe@gmail.com 715-319-1791	Yes	Vice Chair	Parent/Guardian of an American Indian Student
Tahra Bielous bielous.tahra@slpschools.org 612-979-6511	Yes	General Member	Parent/Guardian of an American Indian Student
Debra Probst probst.debra@slpschools.org 952-928-6555	Yes	General Member	American Indian School Employee
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District, Charter, or Tribal Contract School Employee Sign-in Sheet

Employee Name, Email, and Phone	Employee Title
Freida Bailey, bailey.freida@slpschools.org 952-928-6062	Principal on Special Assignment
Patrice Howard howard.patrice@slpschools.org 952-847-0533	Director of Community Services