

Nome Public Schools Land Acknowledgment

Nome Public Schools respectfully acknowledges and celebrates that we are on the traditional lands of the Inupiat people. We honor the Indigenous peoples who have lived, learned, and thrived in this region since time immemorial, and we recognize their deep spiritual and cultural connections to this land.

We specifically acknowledge the four Indigenous nations currently based in Sit̕nasuaq (Nome):

- *Nome Eskimo Community*
- *King Island Native Community*
- *Native Village of Council*
- *Village of Solomon*

We also recognize that Central Yup'ik and St. Lawrence Island Yupik peoples have made their homes here and are vital members of our community and schools. These lands are shared, lived on, and cared for by many Indigenous peoples whose histories and cultures are part of the living fabric of our region.

Because of this history and connection, Nome Public Schools is committed to supporting Native education, uplifting Indigenous voices, and fostering respectful relationships with Native nations. We strive to create inclusive, affirming spaces for Indigenous students, staff, and families, and to integrate Indigenous knowledges, histories, and languages into our learning environments.

We believe that building and maintaining strong relationships with Alaska Native families and communities creates a healthier, more united, and more resilient future for all in Nome. This land acknowledgment is one step toward honoring the sovereignty and ongoing contributions of Indigenous peoples, and toward building a future grounded in respect, equity, and cultural understanding.