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U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education



2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

National Indian Education Study

The Office of Indian Education, in partnership with the Institute of Education Sciences, is continuing the National Indian Education Study, which will describe the condition of education of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) fourth and eighth grade students in reading and mathematics and their educational experiences. The Study includes students attending public, nonpublic, and BIA schools. The study has been designed to provide information to help education agencies, schools, and parents develop education programs that ensure AIAN students meet the same challenging academic standards as all other students in this country. Results will be reported for AIAN students for the nation, regions and states having a high proportion of AIAN students in two parts in the spring of 2006.

National Conference

The President's Executive Order (13336) directed the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with a Federal Interagency Working Group, to convene a national conference on the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The Office of Indian Education hosted the National Conference on Indian Education April 6-7, 2005, at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. It brought together over 600 representatives from the Working Group, federal agencies, state education agencies, tribal education agencies, and local level officials to collaborate on the strategies to improve the education for AIAN students. The Report of the National Conference on Indian Education is in its final review phase in the Department of Education and develops the framework to begin activities that enhance communication, collaboration, and cooperative strategies to improve the education of AIAN students attending federal, state, tribal, and local schools.

NACIE

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education, a 15-member council comprised of American Indian members appointed by the President, is authorized through fiscal year 2007. The primary purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Education on the funding and administration of programs for American Indian children and adults. The Council submitted its annual report to Congress on June 29th, which addresses the recommendations of the council for the improvement of Indian education programs.



Formula Grants for Local Education Agencies

On June 30th, the Office of Indian Education provided over \$95 million to support almost 1,300 LEAs (urban and rural) serving over 470,000 American Indian and Alaska Native students, including more than 40,000 students in BIA schools, to address the unique educational and culturally related needs of Indian children. The Office of Indian Education also conducted four regional technical assistance workshops to assist grantees on program issues and to gain grantee input on the development of a new electronic application for FY 2007 programs.

Discretionary Grants for Indian Children and Professionals

The Office of Indian Education was the first program office in the Department to require all discretionary grant applicants to use the grants.gov system and the first program office to complete all new and continuation awards for discretionary grant programs as recognized by the Under Secretary's office.

Demonstration Grants for Indian Children

On June 30th, the Office of Indian Education awarded approximately \$2 million to support new projects that promote kindergarten readiness for Indian preschool children and projects that will assist with the transition from secondary to postsecondary education for American Indian and Alaska Native students.

Professional Development Grants

On June 30th, the Office of Indian Education awarded approximately \$4 million to support training high quality Indian education personnel through the Teacher and Administrator Corps programs.

American Indian Teacher Corps - Funding will continue the American Indian Teacher Corps initiative, which trains Indian individuals to become teachers, places them in schools with concentrations of Indian students, and provides professional development and in-service support as they begin teaching. Over 900 new American Indian teachers have been trained through the Teacher Corps program.

American Indian Administrator Corps - Funding is being provided to train American Indian professionals as school administrators. Over 200 professionals have been trained through the Administrator Corps program.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Office of Indian Education has worked closely with the Under Secretary's office on the program and administrative improvements to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in meeting the accountability requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. The Office of Indian Education rewrote BIA's draft improvement plan to reflect the specific issues of each ED program office and other administrative improvements to enhance BIA's ability to address student achievement and accountability.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/oese/oie/index.html>
or www.indianeducation.org.