

Native Education State Profiles

California



Report Summary

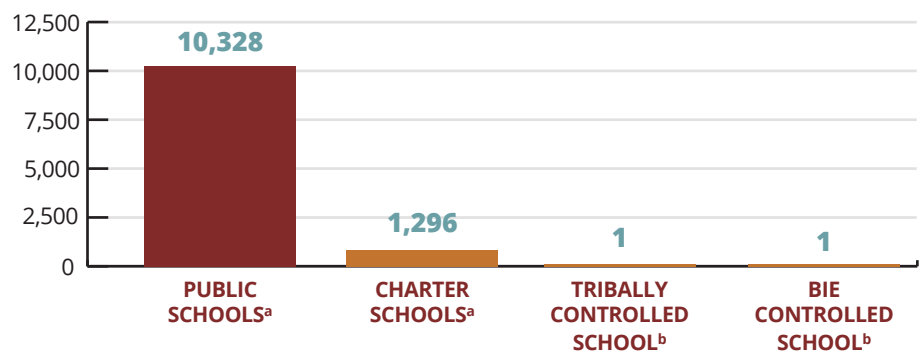
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. As the only national organization advocating for improved educational opportunities for Native students, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) supports and builds partnerships between Native and allied stakeholders that provide opportunities for Native students to thrive in the classroom and beyond. This state profile is available to NIEA membership, tribal leadership, educators, and allies to provide important information and highlight available resources that may be of assistance in advocacy work.

State Leadership

Gavin Newsom <i>Governor</i>	Appoints all members of the State Board of Education.
Tony Thurmond <i>State Superintendent of Public Education</i>	The California Superintendent of Public Education is publicly elected.
Nicole Lim <i>American Indian Education Oversight Committee, Chairperson</i>	The AIEOC is tasked with providing input and advice to the Superintendent of Public Education on issues of American Indian education.

District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 1,993^a



Where Do Native Students Attend School?^c



PUBLIC
24,705
students



CHARTER
3,401
students



BIE FUNDED
326
students

California School Districts



	Student Enrollment ^c	Student Enrollment ^c
Native	28,642	.5%
Total	6,001,695	100%

Federally Recognized Tribes

There are 109 federally recognized tribes in California, with nearly 100 reservations and rancherias. In addition, California has a large urban Native population due to federal policies that moved Native peoples from across the country to urban centers under the Indian Relocation Act of 1956.



California State Native Education Legislation

1976

California establishes Indian Education Centers to strengthen educational resources for Native students in public schools.

1982

American Indian Education Council at the California Department of Education publishes an Indian education handbook for teachers.

2017

The Governor signs a law to develop a curriculum in Native studies for school districts and charter schools that serve high school students in California.

2017

California submits a state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act to the Department of Education.

2021

California passes two laws protecting Native students who participate in cultural and ceremonial practices during the school year and at graduation.

Equal Opportunities

National Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools ^c	24	3	2	9	1
Students with Disabilities ^d	15	15	13	12	7
Children in Poverty ^e	31	32	26	11	11
Full-Time Teachers ^f	0.5	7	9	79	2
High School Graduation Rate ^g	74	80	82	89	93

California Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools ^c	5	<0.5	<0.5	1	<0.5
Students with Disabilities ^d	8	15	12	9	6
Children in Poverty ^e	27	27	22	8	10
Full-Time Teachers ^h	1	4	21	61	6
High School Graduation Rate ^g	75	77	82	88	94

Engage

ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how California is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its working committees on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learner, and school improvement.

Website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/>

Phone: 916-319-0843

**Indicates that the measure includes multiracial AI/ANs.*

California Student Profile

Young Childrenⁱ

23%

of the American Indian and Alaska Native population is under the age of 18.

5%

of the American Indian population is between the ages of 0 and 5.

Higher Education

2

Tribal Colleges serves students in California.^j

22%

of American Indians* in Minnesota have a Bachelors degree or higher.^k

Connectivity^l

6%

of American Indians* in California do not have access to a personal computer.

13%

of American Indians* in Minnesota do not have a broadband Internet subscription.

Percent English/Language Arts Proficiency Among...^m

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
California Native	24	31
California	41	47
California White	54	59

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