

# Native Education State Profiles

## North Carolina



### Report Summary

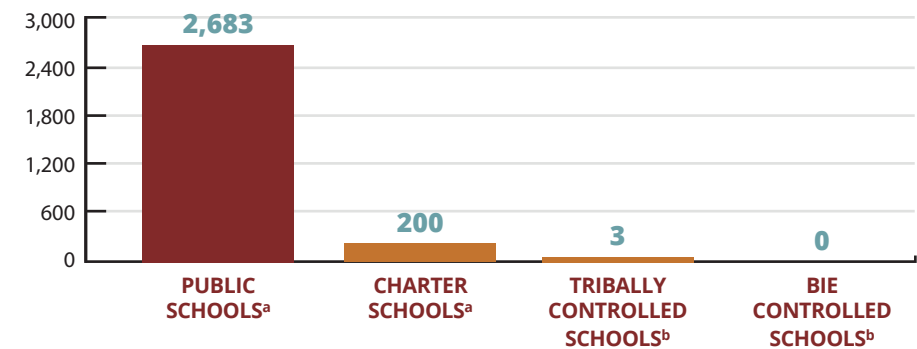
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready. 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

<b>Roy Cooper</b> <i>Governor</i>	The Governor appoints the North Carolina Board of Education.
<b>Catherine Truitt</b> <i>Superintendent of Public Instruction</i>	The North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction is publicly elected.
<b>Ms. Debora Williams</b> <i>Special Assistant, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</i>	The Special Assistant is the Indian Education contact in the Department of Education.

### District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 324<sup>a</sup>



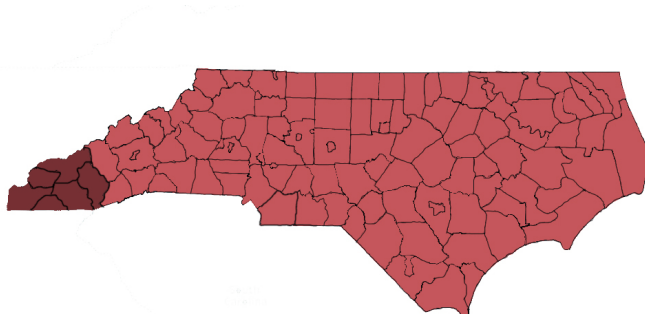
#### Where Do Native Students Attend School?<sup>c</sup>

**PUBLIC**  
**15,953**  
students

**CHARTER**  
**790**  
students

**BIE FUNDED**  
**1,243**  
students

### North Carolina School Districts



	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>	Student Enrollment <sup>c</sup>
<b>Native</b>	<b>17,986</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,514,920</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Federally Recognized Tribes

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

#### State Recognized Tribes

- Haliwa-Saponi
- Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
- Meherrin
- Sappony
- Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
- Waccamaw Siouan



# North Carolina Native Education Legislation

## 1971

The North Carolina legislature creates the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

## 1987

The North Carolina legislature establishes the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.

## 2017

North Carolina declares Indigenous People's Day as the second Monday in October and American Indian Heritage Month as the month of November.

## 2018

The Department of Education approves the North Carolina state plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.

## 2023

House Bill 166 was signed that would allow Native students graduating to wear their cultural objects at public school graduations ceremonies.

## Equal Opportunities

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

North Carolina Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools <sup>c</sup>	7	5	6	5	1
Students with Disabilities <sup>d</sup>	12	14	12	9	6
Children in Poverty <sup>e</sup>	32	32	32	11	11
Full-Time Teachers <sup>f</sup>	2	15	4	77	<0.5
High School Graduation Rate <sup>g</sup>	81	84	81	90	*

## Engage

### Language Immersion Programs

Kituwah Immersion Academy  
Cherokee, NC

### ESSA Working Groups

Find out more about how North Carolina is fulfilling ESSA requirements through its work on accountability, assessment, teacher quality, English learner, and school improvement.

**Website:** [www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/)  
**Phone:** (919) 807-3300

## North Carolina Student Profile

### Young Children<sup>h</sup>

**24%**

of the American Indian & Alaska Native population are under the age of 18.

**6%**

of American Indian & Alaska Natives in North Carolina are under the age of 5.

### Higher Education

**0**

Tribal Colleges serve Native students in North Carolina.<sup>i</sup>

**18%**

of American Indians\*\* in North Carolina have a Bachelors degree or higher.<sup>j</sup>

### Connectivity<sup>j</sup>

**11%**

of American Indians\*\* living in North Carolina do not have access to a personal computer.

**20%**

American Indian\*\* in North Carolina do not have a broadband Internet subscription.

### Percent Reading Proficiency Among...<sup>k</sup>

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
N. Carolina Native	16	18
N. Carolina	36	33
United States	35	34

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\* Indicates too few respondents for statistical significance.  
\*\* Indicates the measure includes multiracial AI/ANs.

