

Native Education State Profiles

North Dakota



Report Summary

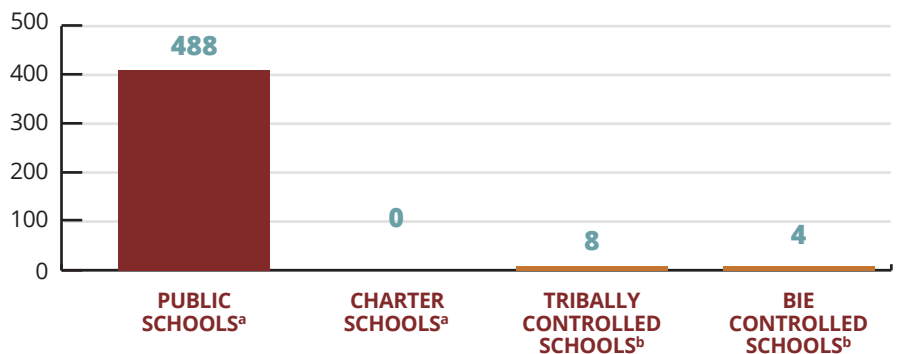
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides tribes and states an important opportunity to advance tribal sovereignty and create positive and inclusive learning environments for Native students. Schools and Native communities must collaborate to ensure students are college, career, and community ready.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

Doug Burgum <i>Governor</i>	Does not appoint any members of the State Board of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Kirsten Baesler <i>Chief State School Officer</i>	The Superintendent of Public Instruction is elected.
Lucy Fredericks <i>Office of Indian/Multicultural Education, Director</i>	The Director of the Office of Indian/Multicultural Education works with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction on Indian education issues.

District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 173^a



Where Do Native Students Attend School?^c



PUBLIC
7,394 students



CHARTER
0 students



BIE FUNDED
3,193 students

North Dakota School Districts



American Indian reservations and communities

	Student Enrollment ^c	Student Enrollment ^c
Native	12,678	10.7%
Total	118,148	100%

Federally Recognized Tribes

- Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (Three Affiliated Tribes)
- Spirit Lake Nation
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians



North Dakota Indian Education Legislation

1995

North Dakota authorizes the Superintendent to develop and implement an Indian education curriculum for public schools.

1995

Legislators include certification of Native language instructors into state code governing public education.

2014

The Department of Public Instruction hosts the first annual North Dakota Indian Education Summit for Native students and educators.

2016

North Dakota begins work to develop and implement a state plan to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act.

2021

North Dakota passes a law that requires all public and private schools to include Native American tribal history in their curriculums.

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

North Dakota Statistics (%)					
	AI/AN	Black	Hispanic	White	Asian
Attend Rural Schools ^c	67	5	26	27	8
Students with Disabilities ^d	16	21	17	12	7
Children in Poverty ^e	39	39	18	6	19
Full-Time Teachers ^f	3	*	*	95	<0.5
High School Graduation Rate ^g	72	81	74	92	*

Engage

Language Immersion Programs



SBC Lakhól'iyapi Wahóhpi:
Lakota Immersion Nest
Fort Yates, ND
sittingbull.edu/immersion-nest/



ESSA Working Groups

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

Website: www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SSI/ESSA/
Phone: (701) 328-2284



North Dakota Student Profile

Young Children^h

36%

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

8%

American Indians under the age of 5 live in North Dakota.

Higher Education

5

Tribal Colleges serve just 1,502 students in North Dakota.ⁱ

15%

of American Indians** in North Dakota have a Bachelors degree or higher.^j

Connectivity^k

11%

of American Indians in North Dakota do not have access to a personal computer.

15%

of American Indians in North Dakota do not have access to an Internet subscription.

Percent Reading Proficiency Among...^l

	4th Grade Students	8th Grade Students
North Dakota Native	15	15
North Dakota	34	32
United States	35	34

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