Indian Policies and Procedures

Lake & Peninsula School District
2023-24 School Year

It is the intent of the Lake and Peninsula School District that all Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services and activities offered within the school district. To this end, the Lake and Peninsula School District will consult with local tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs), general education programs, and activities. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met.

ATTESTATIONS

The Lake and Peninsula School District attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in section 7004 of the Impact Aid law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures was attached to the FY 2024 Impact Aid application.

The Lake and Peninsula School District attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian children through the Indian policies and procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of their FY 2024 Impact Aid application.

INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following Indian policies and procedures become effective upon school board approval. Tribes' preferred method of communication is email.

POLICY (1):

The LEA will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the LEA's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34CFR222.94(a)(1)]

Procedure 1:

The district designee will, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but not later than one week in advance of applicable meeting, mail, e-mail or handout to Indian parents and Tribal officials a copy of the following documents:

- Impact Aid FY 2024 application;
- Evaluation of all educational programs; and
- Plans for education programs the district intends to initiate or eliminate.

- Educational programs will be evaluated to insure equal participation of all students.

In addition, information regarding these materials will be publicly posted on the district's website, distributed at site meetings of the Local School Advisory Committee and emailed to Tribes, and posted locally at each school.

The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted Board meeting.

POLICY (2):

The Lake and Peninsula School District will provide an opportunity for regional tribes and parents of Indian children to provide their views on the district's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and on how the district may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities. [34CFR222 .94(a)(2)]

> (i) Notify tribes and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for method of communication, and
> (ii) Modify the method of and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents of Indian children.

Procedure 2:

In order to allow Indian parents and tribal officials to make commentary concerning, (1) the needs of their children and the ways in which they can assist them in realizing the benefits of the education programs; (2) the overall operation of the district's education program; and (3) the degree of parental participation allowed in the same, the Board will request Local School Advisory Committee's solicit and provide their input and recommendations in the spring and will thereafter hold an annual Board meeting where such commentary may be reviewed by Indian parents, Tribal officials, and the Board.

Indian parents and Tribal officials will be given notice of any and all meetings by providing to each Local School Advisory Committee information as to the location of legally posted Board notices. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted Board meeting.

The Lake and Peninsula School District may re-locate meetings or re-schedule times to encourage participation based on Tribal feedback. Parent meetings and board meeting notices are distributed to school to post locally and include in newsletters or social media, posted on district social media sites and distributed via email to tribal contacts.

Tribes may change their method of contact at any time by contacting the federal programs director via email or phone.

POLICY (3):

The Lake and Peninsula School District will annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the district's education program and activities. [34CFR222.94(a)(3)]

(i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in the LEA's education program and activities with tribes and parents of Indian children; and
(ii) Allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children.

Procedure 3:

The Lake and Peninsula School District will take the following measures to annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the district's education program and activities. Notification of the equal assessment evaluation shall be distributed via email to Indian parents and Tribal officials no later than one week in advance of applicable meeting to allow the opportunity to review and make recommendations.

A. The Lake and Peninsula School District will monitor Indian student participation in all academic and co-curricular activities.

B. School district officials will review school data to assess the extent of Indian children's participation in the district's educational programs on an equal basis.

C. The Lake and Peninsula School District will share its assessment of district funding, Indian student participation, related academic achievements and other related data will be shared with the parents of Indian children and tribal officials primarily by email, and additionally posted to the district website, Local School Advisory Committees, social media, posting at tribal offices, etc.

D. Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and other interested parties may express their views on participation through direct communication by email with the school district, at any school board meeting, at any Local School Advisory Committee meeting or to the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee).

E. Copies of annual reports will be provided to tribal officials by email.

F. 30-days shall be given for review, comments can be provided at any time to the school board, superintendent, federal programs director, LSAC and other district administrators in writing, via email, fax or phone.

POLICY (4):

The Lake and Peninsula School District will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CRF222.94(a)(4)]

Procedure 4:

During an annual Indian Education committee meeting, Indian Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised if necessary. Once reviewed/revised, the document will be forwarded to the Lake

and Peninsula School Board as well as the tribal officials and parents of Indian children for review and consideration. If necessary, the Indian Education Committee may suggest revisions at other times of the year as considered necessary. Any updates will be publicly shared with parents of Indian children and tribal officials at least annually by distribution at schools in February.

The Committee will review the effectiveness of the district's methods of gathering the input of Indian parents and Tribal members; calculate the number of Indian suggestions which were actually implemented; permit Indian parents and Tribal officials to suggest more effective ways of communicating their views. If necessary, the Indian/Parent Committee shall make recommendations to the Board to modify its policies and procedures.

The Lake and Peninsula School District will annually in February provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to regional tribes by email, distribution to schools LSACs for public comment. Comments shall be submitted in writing to the Federal Programs contact 30 days after distribution. Comments will be compiled and reviewed by the committee at the spring meeting, recommendations for changes and comments will be presented at the regular December school board meeting.

POLICY (5) :

The Lake and Peninsula School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the LEA. [34CRF222 .94(a)(5)]

Procedure 5:

The Lake and Peninsula School District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by the Lake and Peninsula Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), tribal officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties prior to the submission of the IPPs by the District. Responses will be posted to the district's website for all patrons and Tribal officials to review and emailed to tribal contact list. This will allow for ongoing dissemination of information.

POLICY (6):

The Lake and Peninsula School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CR F222.94 (a)(6)]

Procedure 6:

The Lake and Peninsula School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to regional tribes by email, post to the district's website, posting at schools and tribal offices.

Board Approval Date: