



PORT TOWNSEND
School District
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DISTRICT AND TRIBE AIM TO INCREASE ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR NATIVE STUDENTS

Port Townsend School District and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe are in the planning stages to apply for a Federal Grant called Title VI (Six) Part A—Indian Education. This grant will allow the District to develop an Indian Education program for providing educational support to American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) students. If the District is successful, the program will begin in Fall 2022. This is an exciting next step in partnership between the District and Tribe! To apply for the grant, the District must do a count of all AI/AN students within the District. This program is completely voluntary for AI/AN students and families.

Who is Eligible?

- Students in grades K-12 that are enrolled at a school within the District; and
- Student, or student's parent/guardian, or student's grandparent must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Tribe within the United States;
- *Note:* If you have more than one AI/AN student in your home, please fill out one form per student.

How do I get my student counted for the program?

- Please fill out and sign the attached "506" form with this letter, and either mail, or scan and email it back to the District at srubenstein@ptschools.org.

What Benefits will this Program Create?

- One-on-one in-classroom assistance to guide learning and assignment work, or one-on-one assistance with a student in a safe, separate learning area to work on daily assignments;
- Tribal staff person to attend Individual Education Plan, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and/or Truancy meetings;
- Act as a connection between students' parents and teachers, connection to cultural events;
- Formation of a Native Education Parent Advisory Committee;
- Make referrals to tribal or other providers for financial, food, rental, and utility assistance, employment and higher education assistance, and mental health counseling or substance use disorder counseling.

What if My Student Does Not Want these Services?

Not a problem! Filling out the "506" form does not obligate your student to receive any services. It does, however, increase the amount of financial support available for the program to benefit all children in all schools. Increasing cultural knowledge, breaking down negative stereotypes and providing a forum for you, the parent, to express your concerns and ideas about your child's education benefits everyone. It is a "win-win" scenario.

If You Have Questions or Need Assistance with the "506" Form, Please Contact Either:

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