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.

Federally Recognized Tribes

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town
- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
- Chickasaw Nation
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kaw Nation
- Kialegee Tribal Town
- Kiapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Osage Nation
- Otse-Missouria Tribe of Indians
- Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma
- Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma
- Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
- Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
- Shawnee Tribe
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
- Wyandotte Nation

Where Do Native Students Attend School?

- Public Schools: 1,787 students
- Charter Schools: 48 students
- Tribally Controlled Schools: 4 students

Student Enrollment

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Oklahoma School Districts

- American Indian reservations and tribal areas

State Leadership

- Mary Fallin
  Governor
  Appoints 6 of the 7 members of the State Board of Education.

- Joy Hofmeister
  Chief State School Officer
  The Superintendent of Public Instruction is elected.

- Lucyann Harjo
  Oklahoma Council for Indian Education, President
  OCIE is the primary state organization for advocacy on Native education issues.
Equal Opportunities

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**Language Immersion Programs**

Tsalagi Tsunadeloquasdi
(Cherokee Nation Immersion School)
Tahlequah, OK
www.cherokee.org/services/education/Immersion-School

**ESSA Working Groups**

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

**Website:** sde.ok.gov/sde/essa
**Phone:** (405) 522-5169

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OSDOE introduces the Oklahoma Indian Education Resource to guide lesson plans about tribal history.

1988
The OK legislature adopts the Indian Education Act, which addressed the needs of Native students.

2010
Lawmakers create the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education to advise the OSDOE.

2014
Oklahoma City Schools prohibit land run reenactments as part of the state history curriculum.

2016
Oklahoma begins to create state plans to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.

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