Native Education State Profiles
Louisiana

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

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<td>Jeff Landry</td>
<td>Governor</td>
<td>The Governor does not appoint the Superintendent of Education</td>
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<td>Cade Brumley</td>
<td>Superintendent of Education</td>
<td>The Louisiana Superintendent of Education is appointed by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.</td>
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<td>Chandler Vidrine</td>
<td>Office of Indian Affairs, Executive Director</td>
<td>The Native American Liaison advises the Superintendent of Public Instruction.</td>
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District Snapshot

Number of School Districts: 203

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Where Do Native Students Attend School?

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 3,771 students

Louisiana State and Federally Recognized Tribes

- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe

Federally Recognized Tribes

- Adai Caddo Indians of Louisiana
- Bayou Lafourche Band of Biloxi-Chitimachas
- Choctaw-Apache Tribe of Ebarb
- Clifton Choctaw Tribe of Louisiana
- Four Winds Cherokee
- Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi Chitimacha

State Recognized Tribes

- Jean Charles Choctaw Nation
- Louisiana Band of Choctaw
- Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana
- Pointe-au Chien-Indian Tribe
- United Houma Nation
### Louisiana Native Education Legislation

#### 1972

Executive Order to create the Governor's Commission on Indian Affairs.

#### 2018

Relative to the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs; to provide for the creation of the Native American Commission within the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs; to provide for the membership, duties, governance, compensation, and powers of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

#### 2022

Revised the Native American Commission is hereby created within the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. The commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs.

### Louisiana Student Profile

#### Young Children

- **21.7%** of the American Indian & Alaska Native population are under the age of 18.
- **6.1%** of American Indian and Alaska Natives in Louisiana are under the age of 5.

#### Higher Education

- **0** Tribal College serve Native students in Louisiana.
- **26.1%** of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Louisiana have a Bachelors degree or higher.

#### Connectivity

- **6%** of American Indians living in Louisiana do not have access to a personal computer.
- **83%** of American Indian households in Louisiana have access to a broadband Internet subscription.

### Sources


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

### ESSA Working Groups

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

**Website:** www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/about-us/every-student-succeeds-act-(essa)

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