

How do students join the program?

Students who identify as having Native American Heritage on their enrollment paperwork are automatically enrolled in the program. Families have the opportunity to opt-out if they wish.

What does American Indian Education do?

- Elementary Support
- Secondary Support
- Family/Community Support
- Additional Program Support
- Staff/District Support

Who is American Indian Education?

- 1 (one) Program Coordinator
- 2 (two) Elementary Advisors
- 5 (five) Secondary Advisors
- 1,100+ Native American Students in the district supported by the program!



Elementary Support

each advisor supports around 230 students on average

- 2 cultural groups each month
- Act as a liaison between staff/school and families as needed
- Attend meetings including, but not limited to: student IEP, disciplinary, MTSS/SST, or any other general concerns that may occur
- Collaborate with building staff and students to create a presence of and safe space for our Native American Students

Elementary Advisors do not monitor grades/attendance/behavior. School staff should contact the advisors if there are concerns and/or when they themselves are struggling to connect with the family.

Secondary Support

each advisor supports around 120-170 students on average

- Monthly Cultural Group
- Monitor grades, attendance, and behavior
- Provide individual and group support to build skill sets for success: time management, self-care, goal setting, etc.
- Guide & assist with College & Career Preparation
- Attend meetings including, but not limited to: student IEP, disciplinary, MTSS/SST, or any other general concerns that may occur
- Collaborate with building staff and students to create a presence of and safe space for our Native American Students

Family/Community Support

- Bridge between home and school / general advocacy
- Connecting family with school and community resources
- Family Engagement & Student Recognition Events
- Cultural Events & Classes

Additional Program Support

- Cultural Field Trips
- College Visits
- Guest Speakers
- Scholarships for tutoring and ACT prep
- Connecting students/families with summer programming opportunities

Staff/District Support

- Answer questions & advise staff re: Culturally relevant/appropriate curriculum, lessons, and activities
- Provide Professional Develop in building and District Wide
- Collaborate with District Curriculum Teams
- Connect teachers with culturally appropriate resources and information

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The Purpose of the Anoka-Hennepin American Indian Education program is to encourage and inspire academic achievement, social and emotional development and cultural awareness of our American Indian students. The program will serve as a resource to review and recommend accurate curriculum; and to promote cultural diversity between community, staff and students.

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Elementary Schools

***Exception: River Trail Learning Students fall under the Andover/Alternative School Cluster*

ELEMENTARY CLUSTER 1

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- Andover Elementary
- Brookside Elementary
- Champlin Brooklyn Park Academy
- Crooked Lake Elementary
- Dayton Elementary
- Evergreen Park Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- Monroe Elementary
- Oxbow Creek Elementary
- Ramsey Elementary
- Rum River Elementary
- Wilson Elementary

ELEMENTARY CLUSTER 2

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- Adams Elementary
- Eisenhower Elementary
- Hamilton Elementary
- Hoover Elementary
- Jefferson Elementary
- Johnsville Elementary
- Madison Elementary
- McKinley Elementary
- Mississippi Elementary
- Morris Bye Elementary
- Sand Creek Elementary
- Sunrise Elementary
- University Elementary

Secondary Schools

ANDOVER/ALTERNATIVE CLUSTER

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- Andover High School
- Anoka-Hennepin Technical High School
- Bridges
- Compass Programs
- Oak View Middle School
- Pathways
- River Trail Learning Center
 - Including RTLC Elementary
- Teen Pregnancy Program

ANOKA CLUSTER

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- Anoka High School
- Anoka Middle School Fredmoore Campus
- Anoka Middle School Washington Campus
- Sandburg Regional High School

BLAINE CLUSTER

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- Blaine High School
- Northdale Middle School
- Roosevelt Middle School

CHAMPLIN CLUSTER

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- Champlin High School
- Jackson Middle School

COON RAPIDS CLUSTER

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- Coon Rapids High School
- Coon Rapids Middle School