

# Consultation with American Indian Nations and Tribal Communities

There are tremendous potential benefits to be gained from mutually supportive partnerships between American Indian nations, tribal communities, and local education agencies (LEAs) in Wisconsin and the United States. American Indian nations and tribal communities have resources, specialized knowledge, and greater access to parents/guardians, families and communities; similarly, schools have resources, programs, and access to students.

Many such partnerships already exist, both in Wisconsin and across the United States, and can serve as examples of productive ways to support and nurture these important relationships and maintaining partnerships. Whether an LEA has such a partnership with a local American Indian nation or tribal community or is considering developing one, written agreements can help promote clarity, accountability, and mutual understanding for all parties involved in an agreement.

The [Developing Agreements between Local Education Agencies and American Indian Nations and Tribal Communities: A Wisconsin Perspective](#) is an example of a resource educators can use to understand an effective collaborative process that help to support and develop relationships with the American Indian nations and tribal communities throughout Wisconsin.

## **ESSA Requirement**

Section 8538 of ESSA requires local educational agencies (LEAs), who serve educate students who are American Indian, to consult with tribal nations and communities or with organizations, approved by the tribal nations, located in the area served by the LEA, prior to submitting a plan or application to the United States Department of Education.

LEAs should conduct their consultation with tribal nations in Wisconsin in advance of making significant decisions regarding their ESSA LEA Plan to ensure meaningfully contributions are made.

The following list of LEAs are required to submit documentation in WISEgrants demonstrating consultation occurred. These LEAs were identified as needing to meet this requirement as they received \$40,000 or more of Title VI Indian Education funds in Wisconsin during 2017. The \* denotes the LEAs that have 50 percent or more of its student enrollment made up of American Indian/Alaskan Native students.

Documentation may include any of the following:

- A letter, memo, or email from the American Indian nation(s) and tribal communities or tribal organizations approved by the nations located in the area served by the LEA stating meaningful consultation occurred.
- A formal agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the entities describing their collaboration to support students who are American Indian.
- A work plan developed by the LEA and the American Indian nation(s) and tribal communities or tribal organizations approved by the nations located in the area served by the LEA to develop a formal agreement or MOU between the entities.
- ESSA LEA Plan consultation meeting minutes.

Documentation may not exceed four pages.

<b>LEAs Required to Submit Documentation in WISEgrants Demonstrating Consultation</b>	
<b>Title VI Indian Education Recipient Name</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Green Bay Area Public Schools	\$341,359
Milwaukee Public Schools	\$198,366
Menominee Indian School District*	\$181,311
Shawano School District	\$150,235
Hayward Community School District	\$125,702
Lac Du Flambeau School District*	\$111,683
School District of Ashland	\$100,935
School District of Black River Falls	\$91,590
Seymour Community School District	\$87,384
School District of Bayfield*	\$75,234
School District of Crandon	\$75,234
St Croix Chippewa Indians Of Wisconsin	\$54,673
School District of West De Pere	\$47,665
Ashwaubenon School District	\$44,159
School District of Bowler	\$40,655
Madison Metropolitan School District	\$40,421

\* The list above does not include the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Schools, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, or Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin from the grant award recipient list in Wisconsin. Note, these three grant recipients of the Title VI or Indian Formula Grants in Wisconsin are used for the three Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded schools in Wisconsin. These schools include Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School, Menominee Tribal Schools, and Oneida Nation Schools.

\*\* The St Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin is listed as a grantee recipient, but their students are educated in the following school districts: Cumberland School District; Siren School District; Shell Lake School District; Spooner School District; Webster School District; and Unity School District.

The Wisconsin LEA listed below also receive Title VI Indian Education funds, but did not exceed the \$40,000 grant floor. DPI encourages these LEAs to consult with their local

tribal nations and/or communities in advance of making significant decisions regarding the ESSA LEA Plan, to ensure meaningful contributions are made. However, these LEAs are not required to upload documentation regarding consultation to their LEA plan.

Recipient Name	Award Amount
Gresham School District	\$38,786
Howard-Suamico School District	\$33,178
Wisconsin-Dells School District	\$31,542
Lakeland Union High School	\$28,505
Siren School District Inc	\$27,337
Tomah Area School District	\$25,234
Pulaski Community School District	\$24,767
Appleton Area School District	\$22,898
School District of Wabeno Area	\$21,963
Unity School District	\$19,160
Freedom Area School District	\$18,458
Wausau School District	\$17,057
Eau Claire Area School District	\$15,654
Wisconsin Rapids Public School System	\$14,954
Superior School District	\$14,252
Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Joint School District 1	\$14,252
School District of Nekoosa	\$12,617
School District of Mauston	\$12,150
School District of Lacrosse	\$9,579
Laona School District	\$5,140
Winter School District	\$4,000

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[US Department of Education Frequently Asked Questions: LEA and American Indian Nation Consultation](#)