



Yoncalla Indian Education Program

The Yoncalla School District has had an Indian Education Program since 2004. During that time, the program has enrolled a total of 183 students of Indian heritage. And currently, we have 73 students enrolled, K-12.

Each year we ask parents to take advantage of the services offered by the program. We've seen and documented how our program benefits students of Indian heritage.

Our funding is provided by a grant from the Office of Indian Education and these funds enable us to work with Indian students to provide academic assistance and meet the cultural needs. We do this in three important ways:

- The program employs a tutor/instructional aide to specifically work with ANY student K-12 who is enrolled in the program. This is done by small group tutoring or one-on-one assistance when needed. The tutor/instructional aide carefully tracks each program student to ensure satisfactory progress with school work.
- After school cultural classes are offered weekly so that enrolled students may learn traditional Native drumming, singing, dancing and arts.
- The program offers each enrolled student, grades 4-12, the opportunity to attend a one-week cultural residence camp during July. This camp is free of charge to any qualifying student. The camp is in its 43rd year and provides teachings in American Indian arts, music, language, outdoor lore and storytelling in a beautiful outdoor setting along the Rogue River.

The enclosed flyer, "Does Your Child Have Indian Heritage" explains how to enroll your child in the Indian Education Program. ANY child who has Indian heritage can be a part of the program if the parent/guardian fills out the form called a "506 Form," also enclosed.

If your family has Indian heritage from ANY tribe in the U.S., please fill out the form and return it to your child's teacher or the office of Yoncalla Elementary.

If you have any questions about the program or concerns about your child's academic needs, please call:

TAYLOR OLINSKI Tutor/Instructional Aide
(619) 592-6714

Or

ESTHER STUTZMAN Indian Education Program Coordinator
(541) 580-3810



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE INDIAN HERITAGE?

The Yoncalla Indian Education program works in the school with students of American Indian heritage. With group and one-on-one assistance from our Indian tutor, the program tracks your child's academic progress throughout the year.

In addition, Indian students are invited to meet weekly to learn authentic drumming, dancing and other cultural teachings. From time to time, the program will also transport Indian students to attend nearby Pow Wows and cultural gatherings.

A free one-week summer residence camp is also offered to each 4-12 grade student, who participates regularly in the program.

Any K-12 child of Indian heritage can be a part of this program

If your child has Indian heritage, please help us make this program a success by filling out what is called a "506 Form". This form is the document the program uses to verify how many children of Indian heritage are enrolled in the school. No information on the form is made public and is considered confidential and only for internal Indian Education staff use.

Although the 506 Form has the appearance of requiring an unnecessary amount of information..... this is what is actually required:

- The parents, grandparents, or any ancestor must be identified as a member of a tribe.
- It is **NOT** necessary for the child to have an enrollment number.
- It is also **NOT** a requirement that the child have a certain amount of Indian blood.
- The only information required on the 506 Form is:
 1. the child's name, date of birth, grade and school
 2. tribe
 3. parents' dated signature, contact information and date when signed
 If you know the other information on the form, you, of course, may fill that out too.

The forms may be returned to the office of your child's school.

For more information or to discuss how the program can assist your child, please call the Indian Education Program Coordinator

Esther Stutzman at (541) 580-3810.

Thanks for your help.



Since 1972, the Office of Indian Education has sponsored federally funded Indian Education Programs nationwide to assist with the needs of Indian children in school districts. In 2004, the Yoncalla School Board granted approval to start a Title VII program in Yoncalla. The program is now funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education. A Parent Committee of local Indian parents gives direction for the program. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let us know.



**U.S. Department of Education
Office of Indian Education
Washington, DC 20202
TITLE VI ED 506 INDIAN STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FORM**

Parent/Guardian: This form serves as the official record of the eligibility determination for each individual child included in the student count. You are not required to complete or submit this form. However, if you choose not to submit a form, your child cannot be counted for funding under the program. **This form should be kept on file and will not need to be completed every year.** Where applicable, the information contained in this form may be released with your prior written consent or the prior written consent of an eligible student (aged 18 or over), or if otherwise authorized by law, if doing so would be permissible under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and any applicable state or local confidentiality requirements.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of the Child _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
(As shown on school enrollment records)
Name of School _____

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Name of the individual with tribal enrollment: _____
(Individual named must be a descendent in the first or second generation)

The individual with tribal membership is the: _____ Child _____ Child's Parent _____ Child's Grandparent

Name of tribe or band for which individual above claims membership: _____

The Tribe or Band is (select only one):

- _____ Federally Recognized
- _____ State Recognized
- _____ Terminated Tribe (Documentation required. Must attach to form)
- _____ Member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect October 19, 1994. (Documentation required. Must attach to form)

Proof of enrollment in tribe or band listed above, as defined by tribe or band is:

- A. Membership or enrollment number (if readily available) _____ OR
- B. Other Evidence of Membership in the tribe listed above (describe and attach) _____

Name and address of tribe or band maintaining enrollment data for the individual listed above:

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ATTESTATION STATEMENT

I verify that the information provided above is accurate.

Name Parent/Guardian _____ Signature _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email Address _____ Date _____