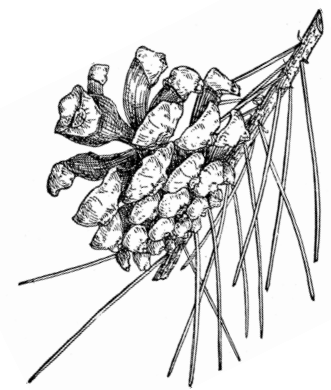


WCSD INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM



ABOUT US

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** 2
- PROGRAMMING DECISIONS** 2
- PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS** 2
- ADVISEMENT SERVICES** 3
- PAIUTE CLASSES** 3
- FEE PAYMENT INFORMATION** 3
- BE COUNTED!** 4

The Washoe County School District Indian Education Program is intended to meet the *unique academic and cultural needs* of American Indian and Alaska Native students enrolled in WCSD schools.

Utilizing funding from the Title VII grant and other sources, the Indian Education Program will be providing the following programs and services during the 2011-2012 school year.

- After School Programs at Jesse Hall , Hidden Valley, and Natchez Elementary Schools
- Paiute Language Classes at Spanish Springs, North Valleys, and Reed High Schools

- Academic advisement to students at traditional middle and high schools in greater Reno-Sparks
- WCSD WOLF and Summer School 50% Fee Payment Certificates
- ACT/SAT Fee Payments
- Student events
- Parent activities

These programs and services were determined in partnership with the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). If you have ideas for future programming or activities, please come to our monthly PAC meeting.

FAST FACTS

- There are over 1300 eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students involved in the WCSD Indian Education Program.
- 60% of the students are from Great Basin tribes: Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe
- Over 90 tribal groups are represented

MEET YOUR COORDINATOR

How mu? Lynn Manning me nanea. Nu Newe-Numa. Nu Dokabadeewaetu.

How are all of you? My name is Lynn Manning. I am Shoshone-Paiute and am from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

I am honored to be starting my 5th year as the Coordinator of

the WCSD Indian Education Program. I've been in the field of education since 1998 and involved specifically with Indian Education since 2005.

My primary responsibilities as the Coordinator of the WCSD Indian Education Program is to carry out the provisions of the

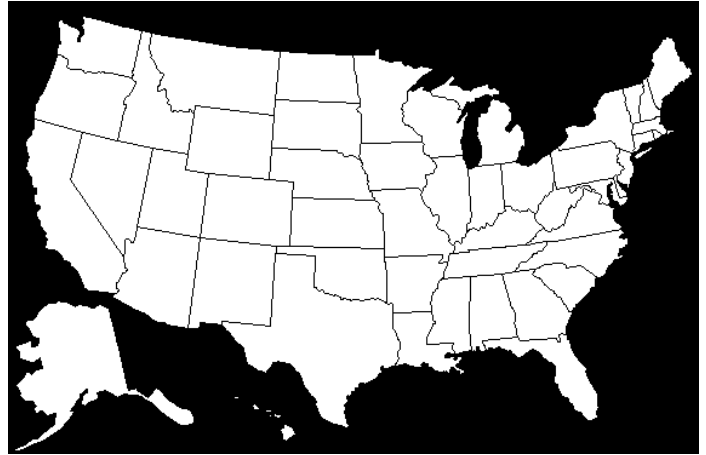
Title VII grant. I also work with the local tribes, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and Nevada Urban Indians, Inc. to help meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students in WCSD.

lmanning@washoeschools.net

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order for students to be eligible for programs and services offered by the WCS D Indian Education Program, a student must meet all three of the following criteria:

- ◇ Current WCS D student
- ◇ Enrolled member of a United States-based state or federally recognized tribe or a descendant of an enrolled tribal member
- ◇ Have a complete and valid Student Eligibility Certification Form on file with the WCS D Indian Education Program



HOW PROGRAMMING IS DETERMINED

Programming is a team process with representatives from WCS D and parent representatives from each of the local tribal communities: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and Nevada Urban Indians. The team is known as the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

Utilizing student achievement data, survey information, and

input from a variety of sources, the PAC decides which programs and services the Indian Education Program will offer and will allocate funds to support the programming.

The PAC is always open to suggestions. Programming decisions are made 6 months to 1 year in advance so it is important to make your voice heard early in the school year

in order to have your suggestions considered for implementation during the next school year.

Parents/guardians of eligible students are welcome to submit their suggestions to the PAC and to attend PAC meetings. To become a voting member of the PAC, interested parents should contact their tribe if PLPT or RSIC, or NUI for all other tribes.

Utilizing student achievement data, survey information, and input from a variety of sources, the PAC decides which programs and services will be offered.

PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

Who Can Participate

Program participation is restricted to those who have a documented history of tribal enrollment in a United States based state or federally recognized tribe. Students who do not have a documented history of tribal enrollment cannot participate. Students whose tribes are from out-

side the United States are also ineligible for participation.

What Can Be Offered

Program offerings are limited to activities and services that are academic and/or cultural in nature. The Program does not distribute money or provide funds for school clothes,

school supplies, medical or housing expenses. The only approved services and activities are those that are specifically stated in the grant application and described on page 1 of this newsletter. Additionally, the Program cannot duplicate services that are already offered by schools or other departments.



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ADVISING

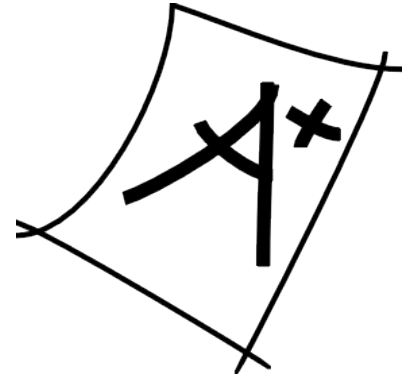
Through a partnership with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and Nevada Urban Indians, the WCSD Indian Education Program offers academic advisement to eligible students and every traditional middle and high school throughout greater Reno-Sparks. Each traditional middle and high school is assigned by the Indian Education Program to be served

by one of the entities: RSIC serves those schools that are the zoned-schools for their communities (Vaughn/Wooster, Shaw/Spanish Springs), PLPT serves those schools that are the zoned schools for students coming from Wadsworth (Mendive/Reed), and NUI serves all other schools. Advisors are prepared to serve all eligible students at their assigned schools, no matter the stu-

dent's tribe-of-enrollment.

The advisor program is a choice that parents/guardians must opt-in for their student to participate.

Advisors will send out Consent Forms to be filled out and returned to the Indian Education Program. *Only once the Consent Form is returned, will the student begin receiving services from the advisor.*



PAIUTE LANGUAGE CLASSES IN WCSD

The WCSD Indian Education Program began offering Paiute Language Classes at Spanish Springs High School in the 2006-07 school year. Since that time the program has expanded to North Valleys and Reed High Schools. With the implementation of the Paiute language class into the WCSD curriculum came a name change for the "Foreign Language" department which had to change its

name to "World Languages."

The Paiute classes are instructed by speakers of the Paiute language who have Great Basin Language endorsements from the Nevada Department of Education. The instructors are accompanied by highly-qualified licensed teachers who ensure that the curriculum meets district and state standards.

Any student at any of the

selected high schools may register to take the Paiute Language class offered there. Successful completion of the class meets the Language requirement towards graduation. Students who successfully complete 2 years of Paiute class (Paiute 1-2 and Paiute 3-4) meet the Language requirement towards receiving an Honors Diploma.

Students who successfully complete 2 years of Paiute class meet the Language requirement towards receiving an Honors Diploma

FEE PAYMENT INFORMATION

ACT/SAT Fee Payments

This service is available to eligible Juniors and Seniors. Students need to register for the tests on-line, answering all questions, and saving their information before making the payment. The student's User Name and Password, requested testing date and location should then be

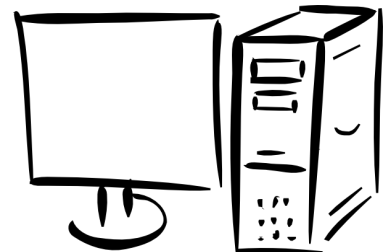
emailed to lmanning@washoeschools.net so that payment can be made by the Program.

50% Fee Payment Certificates

Students wishing to take classes through the WCSD Supplemental Credit office, WOLF or Summer School, are

eligible providing the class is needed for promotion to the next grade or meets graduation requirements. Contact Lynn for more information.

Requests for fee payments for class fees, books, tuition to non-WCSO programs, etc. will be denied.



Check us out on the web:

Indianed.mywebzilla.com

Washoe County School District
Indian Education Program

Mailing Address: 425 E. Ninth Street, Reno,
NV 89502

Physical Address: Brown Center, 14101 Old
Virginia Road, Room 6, Reno, NV 89520



**Washoe County
School District**

The WCSD Indian Education Program is committed to the District's motto of "Every Child, by Name and Face, to Graduation" and will work to meet the District's American Indian and Alaska Native students' "unique academic and cultural needs" throughout their education in WCSD.

BE COUNTED!

New federal ethnic and racial designations are in full effect this school year. Under the new system, there is a variety of options to describe a student's racial and ethnic background.

While eligibility in the WCSD Indian Education Program is based on tribal enrollment and not how a student is ethnically/racially identified, the academic achievement data used by the Program is gathered from those who self-identify as American Indian/Alaska Native.

There is only one way for a student to be counted as an American Indian/Alaska Native for data purposes:

- * **Is the student Hispanic:
No**
- * **What is the student's race: American Indian/
Alaska Native only.**

Any other selection will result in the student not being counted as American Indian/Alaska Native.

The impact of the new federal ethnic and racial designations was immediately felt in when the number of self-

identified American Indian/Alaska Native students went from 1599 in 2009-10 to 1160 in 2010-11, a 25% decrease. Of the Program's 1353 eligible students, 176 students self-identify as something other than American Indian/Alaska Native. These students' data counts towards another ethnic/racial group.

It is this Program's hope that eligible students will want to be counted as American Indian/Alaska Native so will make their ethnic/racial selections accordingly.

