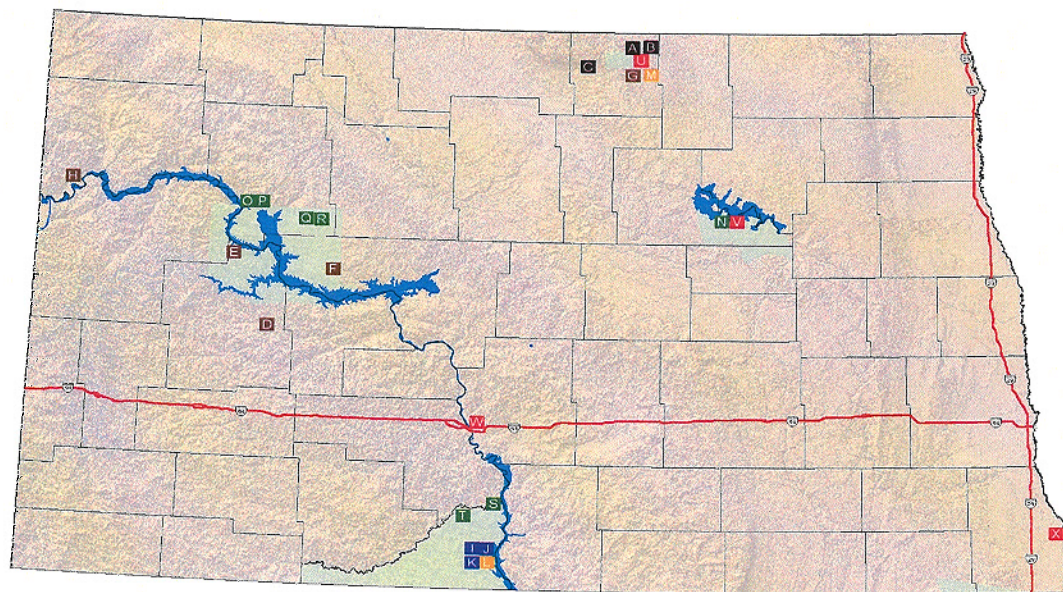


## NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOLS THAT SERVE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS

Unlike other states, American Indian children in North Dakota are dispersed in school districts throughout the state. Of the school districts in the state, American Indian children are present in all but one (1) district. Of the 433 school plants, American Indian children are present in 336 schools or 78% of school buildings.



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| <b>N</b> Four Winds Community High School (9-12)         | <b>D</b> Twin Buttes Elementary School (K-8)               |
| <b>E</b> Edwin Loe Elementary School (K-6)               | <b>E</b> Mandaree Public Schools (K-12)                    |
| <b>P</b> New Town High School (7-12)                     | <b>F</b> White Shield Public School (K-12)                 |
| <b>S</b> Parshall Elementary School (K-6)                | <b>G</b> Turtle Mountain Community High School (9-12)      |
| <b>R</b> Parshall High School (7-12)                     | <b>H</b> Eight Mile Public School (K-12)                   |
| <b>S</b> Cannon Ball Elementary School (K-6)             | <b>A</b> Turtle Mountain Community Elementary School (K-6) |
| <b>S</b> Solen Public School (7-12)                      | <b>B</b> Turtle Mountain Community Middle School (7-8)     |
| <b>I</b> Ft Yates Middle School (K-8)                    | <b>C</b> Dunseith Day Elementary School (K-8)              |
| <b>J</b> Standing Rock Community Elementary School (K-6) | <b>U</b> Ojibwa Indian School (K-8)                        |
| <b>K</b> Standing Rock Community High School (9-12)      | <b>V</b> Tate Topa Tribal School (K-8)                     |
| <b>L</b> St Ann's Catholic School (K-6)                  | <b>W</b> Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (K-8)         |
| <b>M</b> St Bernard Mission School (K-6)                 | <b>X</b> Circle of Nations School (K-8)                    |
| <b>P</b> Public School Districts on Reservations (PSD)   | <b>C</b> Cooperative School Districts (CPSD)               |
| <b>J</b> Consortia of Schools (JPA)                      | <b>B</b> Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools (BIA)            |
| <b>N</b> Non-Public Schools                              | <b>T</b> Tribal Schools                                    |

Contact information for each school system noted above are available on the North Dakota Department of Public Instructions' Web site at <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/> . Click on school district profile.

## LEGEND:

Education of American Indian children in the North Dakota System of schools is complex both in governance and financing.

- **Cooperative School Districts (Labeled for the purposes of this report only - CSPD)**  
Schools which are governed by public school district boards and jointly financed under Public Law 100-297- Bureau of Indian Education, formerly BIA- OIEP and state foundation aid.
- **Non-Public Schools:** privately financed schools or schools operated by religious groups.
- **Public School Districts on Reservations**
- **Tribal Schools: funded under Public Law 100-297.**

## AMERICAN INDIANS IN NORTH DAKOTA

American Indian peoples in North Dakota today are the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, the Yanktonai, Sisseton, Wahpeton, Hunkpapa and other Dakotah/Lakota (commonly known as the Sioux) tribes, along with the Pembina Chippewa, Cree and Métis.

## NORTH DAKOTA TRIBAL NATIONS

Five tribes operate within North Dakota. Each tribal government elects its own chairperson and council members. Each tribal government along with each tribal headquarters are as follows:

Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, New Town, North Dakota  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt, North Dakota  
Spirit Lake Nation, Fort Totten, North Dakota  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota.  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyaté, Agency Village, South Dakota.

## AMERICAN INDIANS IN NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

In the 2006-2007 school year, 10,251 American Indian students were enrolled in schools in North Dakota and comprise 9.88 % of the enrolled student population of the state. By type of school, enrollments range as follows:

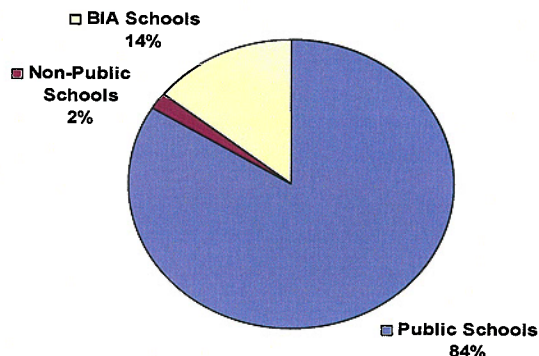
Public/Cooperative School Districts – 8,214 or 8.59%.

BIA/Tribal schools – 1,497 or 99.60%

Non-public schools - 507 or 7.79%

State Institutions – 33 or 35.48%

All schools 10,251 or 9.88%



## **COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION**

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction administratively supported an Office of Indian Education from 1984 to 1991. In 1991, funding was sought to support FTE's for an Office of Indian Education, and a Native American Curriculum. The State Legislature appropriated funding of an American Indian Curriculum. From 1991 through 2001 the curriculum was developed, published and made available to the schools of North Dakota. That program is currently administered out of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission.

The 60<sup>th</sup> North Dakota State Legislative Assembly authorized a new staff position in the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission to serve as an American Indian Education Specialist. The intent of this position will be to work with school systems to address the low achievement scores of American Indian students.

The Commission, statutorily authorized in 1949, and throughout its 58 year history has been committed to advancing state and tribal relations. Under this new initiative the Commission will work toward establishing partnerships with the North Dakota education community to better address the educational outcomes for American Indian students in North Dakota.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**For further information, contact the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission at (701)328-2432.**

**[ckulas@nd.gov](mailto:ckulas@nd.gov)**.

**North Dakota School Demographic Data**  
**Data for all schools by type**  
**2005-2006**

**All Schools**

- 105,381 all students
- 10, 392 American Indian students.
- 7,756 American Indians enrolled in Public Schools.
- 428 American Indians enrolled in Non-Public parochial or other schools.
- 1,540 American Indian students enrolled in Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal Grant Schools.
- 9.9% of North Dakota's k-12 school population is American Indian
- 71% (seventy-one percent) or 7,307 of North Dakota's American Indian students are enrolled in schools located on or near Indian reservations;
- 24% or 2,427 are enrolled in "urban" or rural North Dakota schools; and
- 5% are enrolled in non-public and or parochial schools.

**Enrollment of American Indian students in North Dakota's MSAs:**

Bismarck Public Schools	628
Grand Forks Public Schools	436
Fargo and West Fargo Public Schools	428
Mandan Public Schools	231
Minot Public Schools	418
Dickinson Public Schools	<u>56</u>
Subtotal	2,197

**NON- PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

Prairie Learning Education Center	21	
Ojibwa Indian School (K-8)	272	Tribal
St Ann's Catholic School (K-6)	28	Parochial
St Bernard Mission School (K-6)	81	Parochial
Dakota Memorial High School	16	
St Josephs Elem School	<u>10</u>	
Subtotal	428	

**BIA SCHOOLS:**

Tate Topa Tribal School (K-8)	392	Tribal
Theodore Jamerson Elem School (K-8)	169	Tribal
Circle of Nations School (K-8)	210	Tribal
Dunseith Day Elem School (K-8)	163	BIA
Standing Rock Comm Elem School (K-6)	360	JPA
Standing Rock Comm High (9-12)	<u>246</u>	<u>JPA</u>
Subtotal	1540	

**All other Public Schools with enrollments of 10 or more Am. Indian students**

138 schools	7756
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**On Or Near Reservation Schools in N.D. - American Indian Student Enrollment**  
**For School Year 2005-06**

**Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa**

Dunseith High School	181
Dunseith Elem School	198
St John Public School	266
Mt Pleasant Public School	102
Turtle Mt Comm Elem School	607
Turtle Mt Comm Middle School	351
Turtle Mt Comm High School	581
Rolette Public School	40
Dunseith Day Elem School	163
St Ann's Catholic School	28
Ojibwa Indian School	272

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**Mandan Hidatsa & Arikara Nation**

Edwin Loe Elem School	285
New Town High School	371
Parshall Elem School	117
Parshall High School	68
Watford City High School	25
Watford City Elem School	10
Mandaree Public School	202
Underwood Public School	10
Bob Callies Elem School	15
Garrison High School	17
White Shield Public School	119
Beulah High School	12
Beulah Middle School	16
Beulah Elem School	15
Killdeer Public School	33
Halliday Public School	12
Twin Buttes Elem School	36
New Rockford Public School	12
Sheyenne Public School	57

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**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**

Standing Rock Comm Elem School	360
Standing Rock Comm Grant High School	246
Cannon Ball Elem School	96
Solen Public School	74
Ft Yates Middle School	219
Selfridge Public School	39
St Bernard Mission School	81

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**Spirit Lake Nation**

Minnewaukan Public School	130
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Oberon Elem School	44
Warwick Public School	189
Four Winds Comm High School	158
Devils Lake High School	125
Central Middle School	169
Minne H Elem School	39
Prairie View Elem School	86
Sweetwater Elem School	59
Tate Topa Tribal School	392

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**On Or Near Reservations - American Indian Enrollment**

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## Selected Cities in N.D. - American Indian Student Enrollment 2005-06

### **Bismarck**

Bismarck High School	117
Centennial Elem School	17
Century High School	15
Dorothy Moses Elem School	19
Grimsrud Elem School	12
Horizon Middle School	21
Jeannette Myhre Elem School	60
Robert Place Miller Schol	27
Northridge Elem School	22
Pioneer Elem School	12
Riverside Elem School	50
Roosevelt Elem School	11
Saxvik Elem School	37
Simle Middle School	59
Solheim Elem School	18
South Central Alt High School	29
Wachter Middle School	72
Will Moore Elem School	13
Theodore Jamerson Elem School	169

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### **Fargo**

Agassiz Middle School	11
Ben Franklin Middle School	21
Discovery Jr High School	31
South High School	21
Jefferson Elem School	19
Eagles Kindergarten	14
Lincoln Elem School	19
Madison Elem School	15
McKinley Elem School	20
North High School	18
Roosevelt Elem School	15
Eastwood Elem School	17
L E Berger Elem School	19
Cheney Middle School	33
South Elem School	17
West Fargo High School	47

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### **Grand Forks**

Phoenix Elem School	16
Century Elem School	29
Community Alt High School	14
Central High School	71
J Nelson Kelly Elem School	11
Lake Agassiz Elem School	76
Red River High School	26
Schroeder Middle School	17
South Middle School	17
Valley Middle School	46
Viking Elem School	14
West Elem School	22
Wilder Elem School	10
Winship Elem School	10
Larimore Elem School	13

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### **Mandan**

Ft Lincoln Elem School	37
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Lewis and Clark Elem School	21
Mandan High School	52
Mandan Jr High School	32

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#### Minot

Erik Ramstad Middle School	28
Jim Hill Middle School	39
Lincoln Elem School	18
Longfellow Elem School	11
McKinley Elem School	11
North Plains Elem School	10
Central Campus School	46
Magic City Campus High School	10
Lewis and Clark Elem School	24
Roosevelt Elem School	15
Souris River Campus Alt High School	67
Sunnyside Elem School	58
Washington Elem School	16
Nedrose Elem School	15
Burlington-Des Lacs Elem School	10
North Shore High	11

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#### Wahpeton

Central Elem School	18
Wahpeton Middle School	17
Wahpeton High School	22
Zimmerman Elem School	10
Circle of Nations School	210

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#### Williston

Lewis and Clark Elem School	26
Rickard Elem School	24
Wilkinson Elem School	27
Williston High School	74
Williston Middle School	34
Eight Mile Public School	120

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#### Selected Cities - American Indian Enrollment

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# Glossary of Terms

**Native American Language:** Means the historical, traditional languages spoken by Native Americans. (Section 103 of the Native American Languages Act of 1990).

**Native Language:** The term 'native language', when used in reference to an individual of limited-English proficiency, means the language normally used by such individual, or in the case of a child or youth, the language normally used by the parents of the child or youth.

**Public School:** The North Dakota Constitution provides, in part:

A high degree of intelligence, patriotism, integrity and morality on the part of every voter in a government by the people being necessary in order to insure the continuance of that government and the prosperity and happiness of the people, the legislative assembly shall provide for a uniform system of free public schools throughout the state, beginning with the primary and extending through all grades up to and including schools of higher education, except that the legislative assembly may authorize tuition, fees and service charges to assist in the financing of public schools of higher education. Article VIII Constitution of North Dakota, October 1, 1889.

**Non-public School:** 'Nonpublic school' means an educational institution which students attend in lieu of public school attendance wherein a resident of North Dakota may legally fulfill the compulsory instruction requirements of section 15-34.1-01. ND CC 15-34.1-00.1.

**Postsecondary School:** Any public or private education institution of higher education beyond the secondary level, including two-and four-year colleges, technical schools, and universities.

**Indian Reservation:** A reservation is an area of land "reserved" for an Indian band, village, or tribe (tribes) to live on and use. Title to the Indian-owned reservation land is held in trust by the United States for the benefit of said Indians. (Bureau of Indian Affairs 1968; Cohen, 1982). The term "reservation" is taken from the early practice whereby Indian tribes were enticed, coerced, or otherwise persuaded to relinquish, or "cede" the majority of their homelands by treaty to the federal government, while holding back or "reserving" a portion of their aboriginal lands for their own use. Practice goes back to at least 1640, when the Mohican Chief, Uncas, ceded a large part of the colony of Connecticut and retained a reservation for his tribe (Cohen 1947), in Utter 1993). The term applies to Indian reservations, public domain Indian allotments, former Indian reservations in Oklahoma, and land held by incorporated Native groups, regional corporations, and village corporations under the provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act [43 USCS, subsections 1601 et seq.].

**School:** Means a publicly supported institution, in whole or in part, by state funds wherein a resident of North Dakota may legally fulfill the compulsory instruction requirements of section 15-34.101.

**State Education Agency (SEA):**

An agency that oversees all public education within a state or territory, usually called a state department of education.

**Tribally Controlled School:** The term 'tribally controlled school' means a school, operated by a tribe or a tribal organization, enrolling students in kindergarten through grade 12, including preschools, which is not a local educational agency and which is not directly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (PL. 100-297- April 28, 1988, 102 STAT.395).

**Tribe:** The term 'tribe' means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. (Public Law 103-382, 1994, 108 STAT.4017).