

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION – PART 2

NEW: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY – (MN Statutes 120A.42)

- “**Indigenous People’s Day**” replaces “Columbus Day” on the list of holidays that schools **MAY** conduct school *on the second Monday of October*.
- **Observance** - **at least one hour** of the school program day must be devoted to observance of the day.
- **Topics for Professional Development of teachers/staff or Instruction to students:**
 - the history of treaties between the United States and Indigenous peoples
 - the history of federal boarding schools for Indigenous children
 - Indigenous languages
 - Indigenous traditional medicines and cultural or spiritual practices
 - the sovereignty of Tribal nations
 - the contributions of Indigenous people to American culture, literature, and society
 - current issues affecting Indigenous communities

NEW: AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE / LANGUAGE CLASSES – (MN Statutes 124D.74)

- A participating school that conducts American Indian education programs must provide American Indian culture and language classes if:
 - **Five percent** of the students enrolled are American Indian students
 - **One hundred or more** students are American Indian students

Identified by the October 1 enrollment count of the previous school year.

NEW: DEDICATED PROGRAM COORDINATORS – (MN Statutes 124D.76)

- A participating school that conducts American Indian education programs with 100 or more American Indian students must employ one or more full-time or part-time **dedicated American Indian education program coordinators**.

NEW: AMERICAN INDIAN PARENT COMMITTEE – (MN Statutes 124.74)

- The committee must meet to discuss whether they concur with the educational offerings offered by the school. A process for voting concurrence or non-concurrence is defined.

EFFECTIVE DATE – AUGUST 1, 2023