

It is the intent of the Lapwai School District that all Indian Children of school age have equal access to all programs, services and activities offered within the school district. The District is dedicated to consulting with local Tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures, general education programs, and activities. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not adequately being met

TRIBE'S PREFERRED METHOD(S) OF COMMUNICATION

The Tribe's preferred method of communication will be hand delivery and parent's preferred method is sent home to Preschool through 12th grade. The district will also distribute information and documentation to all Nez Perce Tribe employees and parents via email, website and meetings.

Policy 1: The **Lapwai School District** will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the LEA's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34CFR222.94 (a)(1)]

Procedure 1:

The District Administrator/designee will disseminate in October, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but not later than five (5) days in advance of any meeting, by hand delivering the tribe a copy of the following documents:

- Current Impact Aid application;
- Assessment/Evaluation of Equal Participation in all Educational Programs;
- Indian Policies Procedures (IPPs); and,

A copy of the education programs including any programs to be added or eliminated.

A summary of the documents will be emailed and/or sent home with children for parents of Indian children. The summary will include information on how to access the documents on our webpage.

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings related to equal participation, the content of the educational program, the Impact Aid application and the IPPs by including information about meeting times and locations in the questionnaire to be disseminated in the Fall. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted Board meeting, advertising in local media serving the tribe, and any specific invitations will be hand

delivered to tribal members at least five (5) days in advance of any meeting on these topics.

POLICY (2): Lapwai School District will provide an opportunity for the Tribe and parents of Indian children to provide their views on the District's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and how the District may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities. [34CFR222 .94(a)(2)] As a part of this requirement, the LEA will-

- (i) Notify tribes and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribe's preference for method of communication, and
- (ii) Modify the method of and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of tribes and parents of Indian children.

Procedure 2:

2.1 The LEA will make the following opportunities available for the tribe and parents of Indian Children and tribes to provide input on the educational program and activities:

- Annual Fall Impact Aid Questionnaire
- Annual October Impact Aid Meeting
- Fall and Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (November, January and April Annually)
- Monthly School Board Meetings (Third Monday of Every Month)
- Indian Parent Committee Meetings (Third Wednesday of Every Month)

2.2 Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given a minimum of a five (5) day notice of any and all meetings related to the content of the educational program. The dates and locations will be included in the parent questionnaire disseminated in the Fall. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be shared and posted in the same manner in policy 1. In addition, specific invitations will be sent to tribal members at least five (5) days in advance of any meeting on these topics.

2.3 The Nez Perce Tribe prefers all communication with the tribe and the parents of Indian children be disseminated via email and hand delivery. The superintendent or their designee will contact the Tribe annually to solicit their preference of communication.

2.4 If the preferred method of communication changes, the LEA will, to the extent possible, take it into consideration.

2.5 The Superintendent will utilize multiple methods of communication to reach the maximum number of parents as described in Policy 1. The Superintendent will also confer with the Nez Perce Tribe Education Department to select times for meetings that do not conflict with Tribal holidays and events. The LEA will make modifications to the method and time for soliciting Indian views, if necessary, to ensure maximum participation of Tribes and parents of Indian children.

POLICY (3): Lapwai School District will, at least annually, assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the District's education program and activities. [34CFR222.94 (a)(3)] As part of this requirement, the LEA will:

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in the LEA's education program and activities with tribes and parents of Indian children; and
- (ii) Allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity and time to review and comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children.

Procedure 3:

3.1 The Lapwai School District will take the following measures to annually assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the District's education program and activities. Should a discrepancy in participation be identified, the Superintendent will immediately notify the Board of Trustees for input on corrective action.

3.2 The Lapwai shall annually calculate from its records the ratio of Indian children compared to non-Indian children participating in all academic and co- curricular programs such as:

- Extended Learning/After School Programs
- Extracurricular Activities and Clubs
- Athletics
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Advance Placement/College and Career Readiness Activities
- All Other Programs and Activities

3.3 The Lapwai School District will disseminate its assessment of Indian children participation compared to non-Indian children and any other related data with the Tribes and parents of Indian children no later than February 1st annually utilizing the same communication methods as described in Policy 1.

3.4 Parents of Indian children, tribes and other interested parties may express their views on participation through the following methods:

- Annual Fall Impact Aid Questionnaire
- Annual October Impact Aid Meeting
- Fall and Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (November, January and April Annually)
- Monthly School Board Meetings (Third Monday of Every Month)
- Indian Parent Committee Meetings (Third Wednesday of Every Month)

3.5 If it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the Lapwai School District Board in consultation with tribes and the parents of Indian children, will modify its education program in such a way as to improve Indian participation.

POLICY (4): Lapwai School District will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CRF222.94 (a)(4)]

Procedure 4:

4.1 The Lapwai School District Board will schedule a meeting the 3rd Monday in October to discuss the content of the IPPs, equal participation, and educational program and activities. Parents of Indian children and tribes will be notified by including information about meeting times and locations in the questionnaire to be disseminated in the Fall. The location, date and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted Board meeting. Advertising in local media serving the Ute tribe. In addition, specific invitations will be sent to tribal members at least five (5) days in advance of any meeting on these topics.

4.2 The Lapwai School District Board of Trustees with input welcome from the Nez Perce Tribe Education Department and Lapwai School District Indian Parent Committee will evaluate all recommendations for changes to these IPPs.

4.3 The Lapwai School District Board of Trustees will decide on all recommended revisions to these IPPs.

4.4 Any changes by the Board will become effective immediately upon adoption.

4.5 The Lapwai School District will disseminate copies of the revised IPPs to the tribe and parents of Indian children within 30 days of adoption by the school board. The tribe will receive hand delivered copy of the revised IPPs by email. A notice to parents will be sent home with students with instruction on how to obtain a copy or the revised IPP.

POLICY (5): Lapwai School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to the tribe and parents of Indian children prior to the submission of the IPPs by the LEA. [34CRF222 .94(a)(5)]

Procedure 5:

5.1 The Lapwai School District will annually keep track of and assemble all comments and suggestions received through the various consultation processes by ensuring the minutes of the quarterly Indian Parent Committee, School Board Meetings, and the annual meeting in October capture the comments, questions and concerns raised through the consultation process. The school district will respond in writing to direct communications with the school district that are sent in writing.

5.2 The Lapwai School District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by emailing the written responses to the tribe and sending a summary to parents with instructions on how to obtain the entire document via the student.

POLICY Lapwai School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CR F222.94 (a)(6)]

Procedure 6:

6.1 The Lapwai School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the tribe by email prior to submitting the Impact Aid Application. The preferred method is hand delivery in December.

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