

SPS Native American Education

Hello SPS Families-

The SPS Native American Education Department is rolling out a new digital **506 Indian Student Eligibility form** for enrollment in Title VI services. This form should be filled out by new or current Native students who have not previously enrolled in Title VI.

What is Title VI?

Title VI is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Civil Rights Act guarantees,

§2000d Prohibition against exclusion from participation in, denial of benefits of, and discrimination under federally assisted programs on ground of race, color, or national origin

(Section 6102) It is the purpose of this part to support the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities-1) to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of Indian students so that such students can meet the challenging State academic standards 2) to ensure that Indian students gain knowledge and understanding of Native communities, languages, tribal histories, traditions, and cultures; and 3) to ensure that teachers, principals, other school leaders, and other staff who serve Indian students have the ability to provide culturally appropriate and effective instruction and supports to such students.

Who is Eligible for Title VI?

Native students who have tribal membership or who have a parent or grandparent with tribal membership in a federally recognized US tribe are eligible to receive Title VI services and support through the Native American Education Department (Canadian First Nations are not eligible).

How Does a Student Enroll?

Enrollment is completed by submitting a **506 Form- Indian Student Eligibility Certification**. This form only needs to be filled out one time and will remain with your student while they are in the SPS district. The new digital form is easily accessible on a computer, iPad, or cell phone and is completely confidential and secure. All information given on the 506 Form will not be shared without the consent of the parent or guardian. The paper forms are still available online or at your school's main office if you are unable to fill out the digital version.

To access the online 506 form, please scan the QR code:



For more information on the Native American Education Program and the work we do, please see our website: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/native-american-education/>

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