

Indian Policies and Procedures L'Anse Area Schools

It is the intent of the L'Anse Area Schools that all Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services and activities offered within the school district. To this end, L'Anse Area Schools will consult with local tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs), general education programs, and activities. These will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met.

ATTESTATIONS

L'Anse Area Schools attests that it has established Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) as required in Section 7004 of the Impact Aid law for any children claimed who reside on eligible Indian lands. The IPPs have been adequately disseminated to the KBIC Education Department to share with tribal officials and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures will be attached to the Impact Aid Application each year. Additionally, a copy of the current policies and procedures can found on the district website at, <https://lanseschools.org/district-aipp.php>.

L'Anse Area Schools attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns and recommendations received from tribal leaders and parents of Indian children through the Indian policies and procedures consultation process and disseminated these responses to tribal leaders and parents of Indian children via email by the end of the first week of December prior to the submission of their annual Impact Aid application.

Indian Policies and Procedures

The following Indian policies and procedures become effective upon school board approval.

Policy 1: The LEA 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 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) prefers email as the method of communication to the KBIC Education Director and KBIC Tribal President.

The LEA will disseminate, no later than one (1) month in advance of any regular board meeting, via email to KBIC Education Director and KBIC Tribal President a copy of the following documents:

- Impact Aid application
- Assessment/Evaluation of Equal Participation in all Educational Programs
- Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs)
- Any plans for District Educational programs

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings related to the above content by including information about meeting times and locations on the district website, <https://www.lanseschools.org>

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials, the KBIC Education Committee and any other interested persons can review assessment data to help develop or modify educational programs and services allowing for the participation of Indian students on an equal basis in the district.

POLICY (2): L'Anse Area Schools will provide an opportunity for KBIC 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 on how the District may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities. [34CFR222 .94(a)(2)]

(i) Notify tribes and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering the tribes 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:

The LEA surveys the parents of Indian children and KBIC officials via email/paper copy by May to allow the opportunity to make commentary concerning:

- (1) the needs of their children and the ways in which they can assist them in realizing the benefits of the education programs;
- (2) the overall operation of the District's education program; and
- (3) the degree of parental participation. The KBIC Education Committee, which includes Indian parents, will be given the opportunity to review the survey and make public comments during a scheduled board meeting.

The LEA will provide the KBIC Education Committee survey results for review of comments and concerns of parents of Indian children regarding the District's educational programs and activities. The board meeting agendas will be available at board meetings, and all meetings are open to the public allowing for tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for consideration.

L'Anse Area Schools has consulted with the tribe prior to the adoption of these board policies. The KBIC Indian Community prefers all communication with the tribe and the parents of Indian children be disseminated via email.

The LEA will, to the extent possible, take the tribe's preferred method of communication (email) into consideration for all correspondence with the tribe and the parents of Indian children for consultation on these IPPs and the educational program and activities.

If participation in the survey results in a low return rate or the established meetings yield low participation by the parents of Indian children and tribal officials, L'Anse Area Schools will re-evaluate its plan and consult with parents of Indian children and tribal officials on ways to improve and enhance participation in the consultation process. L'Anse Area Schools may relocate meetings or times to encourage participation.

POLICY (3): L'Anse Area Schools will 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)]

(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:

L'Anse Area Schools shall annually calculate from its records the ratio of Indian children compared to other children participating in academic and co-curricular programs.

Annually, the district administrator (or a designee), administrators, staff members, Indian parents, and Tribal officials will hold a meeting to assess Indian children's participation in educational programs. At the meeting, attendees will analyze the school data and Tribal/parental commentary to determine the extent of equality of Indian children's participation with other children.

L'Anse Area Schools will disseminate the results of the assessment of Indian participation to the KBIC Education Director and KBIC Tribal President within two weeks of publication by email but not later than one month in advance of the semester one meeting.

Parents of Indian children or tribal officials may comment in public, in writing or via email on the results at regularly scheduled school board meetings, KBIC Education Committee meetings, and directly to the school district by email or in writing. In addition, parents of Indian children and tribal officials may comment during any regular school board meeting

L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education has established an ad hoc committee of Indian parents, Tribal officials, and staff members to assist in the modification of educational programs in order to ensure the equal participation of Indian children. This committee shall make recommendations to the Board as to any needed modifications.

L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education shall give deference to the suggestions of the committee in voting on proposed modifications.

POLICY (4): L'Anse Area Schools 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:

L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education has scheduled meetings in December and April to discuss the content of the IPPs and educational programs and activities. The KBIC Education Director and KBIC Tribal President are notified via email regarding these meetings and their ability to submit comments. In addition, the parents of Indian children and tribal officials may recommend changes to the IPPs or the educational programs at any regularly scheduled KBIC Education Committee meeting, school board meeting, or in direct communication with the school district.

The KBIC Education Committee takes all public comments on changes to the IPPs, evaluates them and proposes changes to the L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education. L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education will vote on whether or not to adopt the recommended revisions to these IPPs. Any changes by L'Anse Area Schools Board of Education will become effective immediately upon adoption.

L'Anse Area Schools will disseminate via email copies of the revised IPPs to the KBIC President and the KBIC Education Director within 30 days of adoption by the Board of Education.

POLICY (5) : L'Anse Area Schools 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 KBIC Education Department prior to the submission of the IPPs by the LEA. [34CRF222 .94(a)(5)]

Procedure 5:

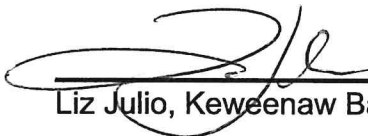
L'Anse Area Schools will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by the KBIC Education Department, KBIC Tribal President or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by email or for pick up at the KBIC Education Director's Office.

POLICY (6): L'Anse Area Schools will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. [34CR F222.94 (a)(6)]

L'Anse Area Schools will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the KBIC Education Director and KBIC Tribal President by email.

Board Approval Date: 1/23/25

For the purpose of this document, *Tribe and Tribal Officials*, means the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908


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