

Annual Compliance Overview

[Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78](#) requires Minnesota districts, charters, and Tribal schools with 10 or more American Indian students to have an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC), and cites that school boards and American Indian schools must provide for the maximum involvement of parents and children enrolled in education programs, programs for elementary and secondary grades, special education programs, and support services.

In order to be in compliance with this statute, districts, charters, and tribal schools are required to submit annual compliance documents by March 1.

**If you do not have an AIPAC and/or are new to this process, its expectations, and requirements, please contact the Office of Indian Education: 651-582-8280.*

Submission checklist

Each of the following items must be filled out and submitted by **March 1**:

- ✓ The Annual Compliance Documentation page (pg. 2)
- ✓ The AIPAC Resolution page (pg. 3)
- ✓ The AIPAC Representative Roster (separate attachment/available for download on the [Office of Indian Education webpage](#))

Submission remittance

Scan and email to: mde.indian-education@state.mn.us

Mail to: Minnesota Department of Education, Attn: Office of Indian Education, 1500 Hwy 36 W., Roseville, MN 55113

Tips for a successful submission

- Include the district/school name and identifying number.
- Indicate with a checkmark **CONCURRENCE** (Option 1) OR **NON-CURRENCE** (Option 2) OR **Does Not Have an AIPAC**.
- Include dates in **all** of the required areas.
- Obtain proper signatures.
- Submit all required items together.

Annual Compliance Documentation

District/School Name and Number: _____

AIPAC Resolution Vote

**Please indicate with a checkmark how the AIPAC voted by choosing Option 1 or Option 2.*

Option 1: A vote of Concurrence

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee issued a vote of Concurrence: _____

Date of Concurrence vote: _____

Date the AIPAC presented the resolution to the school board: _____

OPTION 2: A VOTE OF NON-CONCURRENCE

The American Indian Parent Advisory Committee issued a vote of Non-Concurrence: _____

A vote of Non-Concurrence requires the AIPAC to provide specific recommendations for improvement to the school board. The school board is required to respond in writing to each recommendation within 60 days of the recommendations being put forth. The school board must provide this written response to both the AIPAC and to the Office of Indian Education.

Date of Non-Concurrence vote: _____

Date the AIPAC presented the resolution **and** recommendations to the school board: _____

Date the school board response is due: _____

THE DISTRICT/SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE AN AIPAC

Our District/School does not have an AIPAC _____ (indicate with checkmark)

Our district has not yet formed an AIPAC, but recognizes the need to do so in order to remain compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78. The district superintendent will contact the Office of Indian Education to receive guidance on this process, its expectations and requirements.

Required signatures

**Please include a printed name along with your signature.*

School Board Chairperson

Date

Superintendent

Date

AIPAC Chairperson

Date

Due annually on March 1

WHEREAS, the school board or district has an AIPAC composed of parents/guardians of American Indian children who are eligible for Indian education programs, American Indian language and culture teachers and paraprofessionals, American Indian teachers, American Indian counselors, American Indian adults enrolled in educational programming, and American Indian representatives from community;

WHEREAS, the school board or district affords the AIPAC the necessary information and the opportunity to effectively express their views concerning all aspects of American Indian education and the educational needs of the American Indian children enrolled in the school(s) and program(s); and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC is directly involved with and advises the school board and district staff on Indian Education program planning; and,

WHEREAS, the AIPAC develops and submits recommendations to the school board and district staff pertaining to the needs of American Indian students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIPAC concurs that the school board and district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.78, and that the school board and district are meeting the needs of American Indian students.

We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a **Vote of Concurrence**. We attest that the school board and/or district are compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are meeting the needs of American Indian students; **or**,

We, the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee, issue a **Vote of Non-Concurrence**. We attest that the school board and/or district are not compliant with Minnesota Statutes and that the school board and/or district are not meeting the needs of American Indian students. We have provided written recommendations for improvements to the school board, and we acknowledge that the school board has 60 days from the receipt of these recommendations in which to respond, in writing, to each recommendation.

AIPAC Chairperson Printed Name and Signature

Date