

Indian Policies and Procedures
Mountain View-Gotebo School District
2018-2019

It is the intent of the Mountain View-Gotebo School District that all Indian children of school age have equal access to all programs, services, and activities offered within the school district. To this end, the Mountain View- Gotebo School District 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 policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and revisions will be made within 90 days of the determination that requirements are not being adequately met.

ATTESTATIONS

The Mountain View-Gotebo School District 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 tribes and parents of children residing on eligible Indian lands. A copy of the current policies and procedures was attached to the FY 2020 Impact Aid application.

The Mountain View-Gotebo School District 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 prior to the submission of their FY 2020 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 [34CFR22.94 (a) (1)]

Procedure 1: The District Administrator/designee will, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but not later than two weeks in advance of any meeting, mail to Indian parents and Tribal officials a copy of the following documents:

- Impact Aid FY application;
- Evaluation of all education programs; and
- Plans for education programs the District intends to initiate or eliminate.

Parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the public will be given notice of any and all meetings related to equal participation or the content of the educational program by including information about meeting times and locations in local newspaper, website, letters, and school marquee. The location, date, and time of any meeting described above shall be posted in the same manner as a legally posted Board meeting.

POLICY (2): The Mountain View-Gotebo School District will provide an opportunity for the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, and Wichita Tribes 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' preferences 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 Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee) of the Mountain View-Gotebo School District will meet semi-annually for the purpose of addressing comments and concerns of parents of Indian children regarding the District's educational programs and activities. The meeting agendas are posted 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.

A school board representative is a non-voting member of the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee). This representation allows for the discussion of the needs of the students and ideas to be brought forward to both the Indian Education Committee as well as the School Board.

At each of the monthly school board meetings, a section of time is set aside for communications from the public. This is a time to offer comments and suggestions regarding programming for Indian students. In addition, two public hearings are scheduled in November and January which are specifically devoted to addressing questions regarding federal programs. Based upon suggestions, preferred methods of communication as well as ways to maximize participation from tribal officials as well as parents of Indian children will be seriously considered.

The District and Indian Education Committee representatives will send meeting information to the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, and Wichita Tribes to discuss ongoing programming goals.

POLICY (3): The Mountain View-Gotebo School District 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: The Mountain View-Gotebo School District shall annually analyze participation rates of Indian children compared to other children in all aspects of the educational program and school sponsored activities.

The Mountain View-Gotebo School District's Superintendent and school staff, in conjunction with the Indian Education Committee, will review these statistics gathered.

The results will be shared with all interested parties in the district. In addition comments and/or suggestions brought forth from these conversations will become part of the Committee's approved minutes.

This data will be utilized to develop appropriate supports for various programs.

During the public hearings in November and January, the school district will gather information relating to Indian children's participation in the LEA's education programs and activities. This information will also be made available to the parents of Indian children, tribal officials and the Indian Education Committee (Parental Advisory Committee via mail.).

If it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the Mountain View-Gotebo School Board in consultation with the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee) and tribal officials, will modify its educational program in such a way as to improve Indian participation.

POLICY (4): The Mountain View-Gotebo School District will modify the IPP's if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in this document. [34CRF222.94(a)(4)]

Procedure 4: During the organization meeting of the Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), the Indian Policies and Procedures will be reviewed and revised if necessary. Once this has happened, the document will be forwarded to the Mountain View-Gotebo School Board as well as the tribal officials and parents of Indian children for review and consideration. If necessary, the Indian Education Committee may suggest revisions at other times of the year as appropriate. Any updates will be sent to parents of Indian children and tribal officials within two weeks of adoption by the Mountain View-Gotebo School Board.

POLICY (5): The Mountain View-Gotebo 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: The Mountain View-Gotebo School District will at least annually respond in writing to comment and recommendations made by the Mountain View-Gotebo Indian Education Committee (Parent Advisory Committee), tribal officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by mail prior to the submission of the IPPs by the District.

POLICY (6): The Mountain View-Gotebo School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CRF 222.94(a)(6)]

Procedure 6: The Mountain View-Gotebo School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, and Wichita Tribes by mail.

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