

Indian Policies & Procedures In Compliance with Title VIII (Impact Aid Program) Procedure:

It is the intent of the **Wellpinit 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 **Wellpinit 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.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING

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. [34 CFR 222.94(c)2-3]

All changes become effective upon board approval.

Tribes' preferred method(s) of communication: USPS, district website.

Policy 1: The WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans, and information related to the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow tribes and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34 CFR 222.94(b)(1)]

Procedure 1: The Wellpinit School District will disseminate the following documents to the parents of Indian children and the tribe at Wellpinit School District one week (7 days) in advance of any meeting to discuss these documents. The documents will be disseminated using the tribes' preferred method of communication. The documents to be disseminated include:

- Current year Impact Aid application
- Assessment/Evaluation of Equal Participation
- Indian Policies Procedures (IPPs)
- Any Plans for District education programs
- Written responses to feedback from the consultation process

1.1 Parents of Indian children, tribes and the public will be given notice of any and all

meetings at Wellpinit 7 days in advance related to the above documents (Including IPPs) by USPS, district website.

- 1.2 Notices will be disseminated USPS, district website. This will allow parents of Indian children and tribes the time to review and provide comments on all documents and information received.

Policy 2: The WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will provide an opportunity for the tribe and parents of Indian children to provide their views on the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT's educational program and activities, including recommendations on the needs of their children and how the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT may help those children realize the benefits of the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT's education programs and activities. [34 CFR 222.94(b)(2)]

As a part of this requirement, the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will-

- (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:

2.1 The Wellpinit School District will hold two board meetings- one in December and one in May to allow the parents of Indian children and the tribe(s) to provide input on the educational program and activities.

2.2 The Wellpinit School District will give parents of Indian children, tribes, and the public notice of any meeting at the beginning of the school year via USPS, district website.

2.3 The Spokane Tribe prefers all communication with the tribe and the parents of Indian children be disseminated via USPS, SD Website, Rawhide, Tribal email, Program Heads

2.4 If the consultation participation by parents of Indian children and tribes is low, the Wellpinit School District will re-evaluate its consultation process.

2.5 Specifically, the Wellpinit School District will take the following measures to improve or enhance participation:

- Consult with parents of Indian children and tribes
- Change communication method; and/or

- Change time of meeting

Policy 3: The WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will, at Wellpinit School District annually, assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT's education program and activities. [34 CFR 222.94(b)(3)]

As part of this requirement, the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will:

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in the WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT'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 Wellpinit 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.

3.1 The Wellpinit School District shall annually calculate from its records the ratio of Indian children compared to non-Indian children participating in all academic and co-curricular programs.

3.2 The Wellpinit School District will disseminate its assessment of Indian children participation compared to non-Indian children and any other related data with the parents of Indian children and tribes by USPS, district website. This information will be shared at Wellpinit 7 days in advance of any meeting to discuss the extent to which Indian children participate with non-Indian children

3.3 The Wellpinit School District will hold two board meetings- one in December and one in May to allow the parents of Indian children and the tribe(s) to provide input on the educational program and activities. The School District will give parents of Indian children, tribes, and the public notice of any meeting at the beginning of the school year via USPS, district website.

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

Policy 4: The WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment or input described in paragraph (b) of this section (*this document*). [34CFR222.94(b)(4)]

Procedure 4:

4.1 The Wellpinit School Board will schedule two school board meetings in December and May to consult with the tribe and parents of Indian children on the content of the IPPs, equal participation, and educational program and activities.

4.2 Parents of Indian children and tribes will be notified via USPS, district website, Rawhide, Tribal email, program heads, regarding this meeting and their ability to submit comment.

4.3 The Wellpinit School Board will evaluate all recommendations and recommend revisions for changes to these IPPs.

4.4 The Wellpinit School Board and/or the Indian Education Committee will decide on all recommended revisions to these IPPs.

4.5 Any changes by the Wellpinit School Board will become effective upon formal adoption.

4.6 The Wellpinit School District will disseminate copies of the revised IPPs to the tribe and parents of Indian children via USPS, district website within 30 days of adoption by the Wellpinit School Board.

Policy 5: The WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT will respond at Wellpinit School District 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 WELLPINIT SCHOOL DISTRICT. [34CFR222.94(b)(5)]

Procedure 5:

5.1 The Wellpinit School District will annually keep track of and assemble all comments and suggestions received through the consultation processes by keeping minutes at the two school board meetings in December and May to discuss Impact Aid

5.2 The Wellpinit School District will at Wellpinit School District annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by tribes, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by USPS, district website, Rawhide, Tribal email, program heads.

Policy (6): The Wellpinit School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to the affected tribe or tribes. [34CRF222.94(a)(6)]

Procedure 6:

The Wellpinit School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the Spokane Tribe of Indians by mail, or through fact-to-face meetings with the tribe.

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