



DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIONS ON THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION



Tribal Education
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CSKT Tribal Education



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▶ COVERED IN THIS SESSION:

- Relationships
- CSKT Project AWARE
- Flathead Reservation Tribal Education Summit

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Vision

Tribal students are healthy, well and resilient as they lean on their strong sense of identity and where they belong.

Mission

To serve tribal students by facilitating and supporting education that is grounded in tribal ways of knowing.



CSKT TRIBAL EDUCATION CORE VALUES

Commitment

- We believe in making decisions and committing resources to support each student's success
- We believe in connecting with students, families and community
- We believe in embracing every person and highlighting the gifts they offer to community

Culture

- We believe in the beauty and strength of our people, culture, and language
- We believe in our tribal ways of knowing
- We believe in sharing and transferring knowledge with others

Connectedness

- We believe relationships are the foundation of our work
- We believe our success is based on strong, positive relationships
- We believe in building a strong sense of reciprocity in all
- We believe in teaming through internal and external partnerships



A People of Vision

RELATIONSHIPS

- Students
- Knowledge Keepers/Elders
- Parents
- Community Members
- Staff
- Administrators
- Teachers



▶ STUDENTS

- ▶ Staff In The Buildings
- ▶ Staff Engaging In School Activities
- ▶ Flathead Youth Initiative
- ▶ RISE
- ▶ Gift-based Events



KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS/ELDERS

- Monthly Elders Meetings
- KKIN
- Contracts With Knowledge Keepers
- Honorariums For Every Elder At Every Event
- Invitations To Every Event
- Insure Their Voices Are At The Table





Parents

- Indian Parent Committees
- Community Engagement Events
- Invitations To Every Event

TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

- Identify Needs/Try to Meet Them
- Community Engagement Events
- Invitations To Every Event



▶ SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF

- Invitations To Every Event
- Invitations To Professional Development Opportunities



SCHOOL ADMIN

- Quarterly Superintendents Meetings
- Monthly Meetings with Tribal Education Department Head
- Tribal PIR Day
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Flathead Regional Education Summit



MINI CHIEFS & MAIDENS PRESENT...

Native Strong Week
Nov 14 - 18, 2022



November is Native American Heritage Month!

Celebrate by asking a friend or family member to tell you more about their (or your!) culture. When you ask questions and observe carefully, you can learn more about yourself and others. Thank someone special in your life for sharing beliefs, values, or ways of life. Join us in our different activities to represent your culture during Native Strong Week!

Did You Know? Our Ronan School District represents 42 amazing tribes!



CSKT PROJECT AWARE



▶ FLATHEAD REGIONAL TRIBAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

Stakeholders gathered on Feb. 7 & 8, 2019 AND Nov. 3 & 4, 2022



▶ TRIBAL CONSULTATION STAKEHOLDERS

Tribal Leaders

Tribal Education Directors

Tribal Education Committees

Indian Parent Committees

Elders

School Board Members

District Administrators

Teachers

PTA's

Parents

Students

Community Members

Local Teacher Prep Programs

Community Resource Partners



▶ CONCLUSIONS

- Collaboration is VITAL to supporting tribal students
- Tribal people have our own ideas, solutions and voices and are completely able and willing to use them and need to be part of the solution by being at the table when ANYTHING related to our youth is being discussed
- We are making gains but there is a long way to go until there is true equity for our students



**TRIBAL YOUTH
RESOURCE CENTER**

www.TribalYouth.org

**What is something you still
have questions about?**

General comments?

