

<b>Oelrichs School District</b>	<b>Policy JA-A</b>
<b>Policy Manual</b>	

## **INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

It is the intent of the Oelrichs 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 Oelrichs School District will consult with local tribes 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 Oelrichs 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 2021 Impact Aid application.

The Oelrichs School District attests that it has provided a copy of written responses to comments, concerns and recommendations received from Oglala Sioux Tribal (OST) officials 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 2021 Impact Aid application.

### **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

***POLICY (1):*** *The Oelrichs School District will disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the District's education program and activities with sufficient advance notice to allow OST officials and parents of Indian children the opportunity to review and make recommendations. [34CFR222.94(a)(1)]*

### **Procedure 1:**

The Oelrichs School District will disseminate, as soon as reasonably possible after such information becomes available, but not later than fourteen (14) days in advance of any meeting, by posting it on the District website and published in the designated regional newspaper, to Indian parents and OST officials, a copy of the following documents:

- Impact Aid FY 2024 application;
- Assessment/Evaluation of Equal Participation in all Educational Programs;

- Indian Policies Procedures (IPPs);
- State and Federal mandated plans for District education programs;
- Consolidated Application to include Title I, Part A;
- Title VI Program.

Parents of Indian children and OST officials will be informed about the District website and designated regional newspaper through the school's monthly newsletter which is distributed in paper format.

Parents of Indian children, OST officials and stakeholders will be given notice of any and all meetings at least fourteen (14) days in advance related to the above documents (including IPPs) by posting to the District web site and published in the designated regional newspaper. This will allow parents of Indian children and OST officials time to review and provide comments on all documents and information received.

***POLICY (2):*** *The Oelrichs School District will provide an opportunity for OST officials 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 how the District may help those children realize the benefits of the educational programs and activities. [34CFR222 .94(a)(2)] As a part of this requirement, the Oelrichs School District will:*

- (i) Notify OST officials and the parents of Indian children of the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations, considering OST officials' 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 OST officials and parents of Indian children.

**Procedure 2:**

2.1 The Oelrichs School District will make the following opportunities available for parents of Indian Children and OST officials to provide input on the educational program and activities through the following methods: Parent Welcome Night held the first week of school; bi-annual Title I Parent meetings; host an annual meeting with the OST Education Agency; quarterly meetings of the Federal Programs Advisory Committee whose membership is comprised of a majority of parents of Indian children; and through public participation at monthly Board meetings. All meetings are hosted at the Oelrichs School Administration building and are typically held after school hours to best suit parental schedules.

2.2 Indian parents and OST officials will be given notice of any and all meetings noted above at least fourteen (14) days in advance through the District website and designated regional newspaper.

2.3 OST officials prefer all communication with the Tribe and the parents of Indian children be disseminated by phone messaging service (e.g. School Reach); District website and individual letters to parents of Indian children and OST officials.

Once the preferred method of communication has been decided, OST officials and parents of Indian children communication method will be used throughout the consultation process. Any changes to the method will happen through additional consultation with OST officials and parents of Indian children. The Oelrichs School District, will, to the greatest extent possible, take OST's preferred method of communication into consideration for all correspondence with the Tribe and the parents of Indian children.

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

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

- Consult with parents of Indian children and OST officials;
- Change communication method after conducting a new parent survey to determine communication preference(s);
- Change time of meeting;
- Contact OST officials and parents of Indian children by phone calls to ascertain preferred communication preference and time of meeting.

***POLICY (3):*** *The Oelrichs School District will, at least 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)] As part of this requirement, the Oelrichs School District will:*

- (i) Share relevant information related to Indian children's participation in Oelrichs School District's education program and activities with OST officials and parents of Indian children; and
- (ii) Allow OST officials 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 Oelrichs 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 Oelrichs 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 Oelrichs 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 OST officials by posting it on the District website and sharing the results with the Oelrichs School Board and members of the Federal Programs Committee. This information will be shared at least fourteen (14) days in advance of any meeting to discuss the extent to which Indian children participate with non-Indian children.

3.3 Parents of Indian children, OST officials and other interested stakeholders may express their views on participation through the following ways: Direct communication with the Superintendent, Principal and/or School Improvement Coordinator; Parent Welcome Night held the first week of school; bi-annual Title I Parent meetings; host an annual meeting with the OST Education Agency; quarterly meetings of the Federal Programs Advisory Committee whose membership is comprised of a majority of parents of Indian children; and through public participation at monthly Board meetings.

3.4 Within fourteen (14) days, if it is determined that there are gaps in Indian participation in the educational program or activities, the Oelrichs School Board in consultation with the Federal Programs Committee, OST officials and parents of Indian children, will modify its education program in such a way as to improve Indian participation.

***POLICY (4):*** *The Oelrichs School District 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:**

4.1 The Oelrichs School Board will schedule a meeting in July to discuss the content of the IPPs, equal participation, and educational program and activities. Parents of Indian children and OST officials will be notified via the District website and published in the school designated regional newspaper at least fourteen (14) days in advance regarding these meetings and their ability to submit comment.

4.2 The Oelrichs School Board and/or Federal Programs Committee will evaluate all recommendations for changes to these IPPs.

4.3 The Oelrichs School Board and/or Federal Programs Committee will decide on all recommended revisions to these IPPs.

4.4 Any changes by the Oelrichs School Board will become effective after the third reading as outlined in Oelrichs School Board policy.

4.5 The Oelrichs School District will disseminate copies of the revised and Board approved IPPs to OST officials and parents of Indian children by placing on the District website and providing hard copies to members of the Federal Program Committee at its next quarterly meeting.

***POLICY (5) :*** *The Oelrichs School District will respond at least annually in writing to comments and recommendations made by OST officials 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 Oelrichs School District. [34CRF222 .94(a)(5)]*

**Procedure 5:**

5.1 The Oelrichs School District will annually keep track of and assemble all comments and suggestions received through the various consultation processes by posting all approved minutes of the Oelrichs School Board on the District website and published in the school recognized regional newspaper within thirty (30 days) as mandated by South Dakota Codified Law. In addition, the approved minutes of the Federal Programs Committee held quarterly will be posted to the District website. The Oelrichs School District Superintendent, Principal and/or School Improvement Coordinator will also keep documentation (e.g hard copy or email) of all correspondence with parents of Indian children and OST officials.

5.2 The Oelrichs School District will at least annually respond in writing to comments and recommendations made by OST officials, or parents of Indian children, and disseminate the responses to all parties by email or mail. Comments and recommendations from stakeholders will also be presented at the Federal Programs Committee meetings held quarterly. The Oelrichs School District Superintendent, Principal and/or School Improvement Coordinator will also provide monthly updates to the Board about comments and recommendations from parents of Indian children and OST officials.

***POLICY (6):*** *The Oelrichs School District will provide a copy of the IPPs annually to OST officials. [34CR F222.94 (a)(6)]*

**Procedure 6:**

6.1 The Oelrichs School District will annually provide a copy of the current Indian Policies and Procedures to the OST officials by email prior to submitting the Impact Aid Application.

Legal References:

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