



CAUCUS GOALS

GOAL 1 Recognize the positive effects of early childhood education on improving a child's opportunity to be successful in school and support programs that will serve children and parents to strengthen their readiness for entry into K-12 schools. The Caucus also recognizes that schools need to be ready for children. Bilingual/bicultural children should have the same opportunities to succeed as monolingual/monocultural children.

GOAL 2 Eliminate the academic achievement gap for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students.

GOAL 3 Increase the four-year high school completion rate of Native American students to 90 percent.

GOAL 4 Include Native American history and culture as an integral, sustainable component in our preschool through higher education systems.

GOAL 5 Restore and revitalize our Native languages as part of our educational systems.

GOAL 6 Provide state funding (at an equitable level with ongoing funding for state two-year colleges) for students attending the tribal colleges who do not qualify for the tribal college federal funding.

GOAL 7 Include urban Native American students in state policy, funding and other efforts to close the achievement gap and increase the high school completion rate.

GOAL 8 Support the lifelong learning of Native adult learners through GED programs, adult basic education, workforce training and other skill building programs to support Native families both on- and off-reservations.

GOAL 9 Ensure that all states with a significant enrollment of Native students in their preschool through higher education systems provide an annual report to their respective state education leaders, educational boards/commissions, and tribal education leaders.

GOAL 10 Reduce to an equitable level the disproportionate representation of Native Students in special education programs in our schools.

GOAL 11 Reduce to an equitable level the disproportionate number of Native children who are expelled or suspended from our public schools.

GOAL 12 Reduce poverty in Native American communities through educational opportunities that increase the achievement level of students through high school and college graduation rates.

GOAL 13 Encourage early and frequent collaboration between tribes, states and districts that results in mutually agreed upon policies for Indian education.