States should focus on the resourcefulness, resilience, and expertise of Native education.

Program Examples

**College Horizons**

- Pre-college access program for Native students
- Helps students navigate the college application process
- Instills confidence in students
- Success outcomes:
  - 99% of alumni enroll in college immediately after high school
  - 95% enroll in 4-year institutions
  - 85% graduate within 5 years
- By the end of the program, students:
  - Complete the common college application
  - Complete the FAFSA
  - Create a resume
  - Draft a college essay
  - List 10 schools that align with their goals

**Native Science Field Centers**

- Encourages STEM pathways in higher education
- Native scientists help communities:
  - Retain language, culture, and identity
  - Manage resources
  - Support political and economic development
  - Work with mainstream institutions
- Four goals:
  - Develop a model that other communities can replicate
  - Expand the STEM career ladder through community partnerships
  - Develop Native program evaluation tools and methodologies
  - Document best practices to inform future work
Indian Education for All (IEFA) in Montana

- Teaches Native history and the federal government’s responsibility
- Instills pride in cultural identity
- Requires schools to have written policy on how they will incorporate IEFA in all levels of education
- Provides roughly 600 Native-related workshops through the Office of Public Instruction

Lakota Circles of Hope

- Encourages healthy decisions through cultural and traditional values
- Runs from 2nd through 5th grade
- Includes 10 lessons per grade for 40 lessons total
- Places life decisions in the context of the Lakota values of generosity, fortitude, wisdom, and respect

- Successful outcomes:
  - 87% of educators and community members saw an increase in Lakota values and knowledge
  - 88% believed the lessons on substance abuse were effective
  - 90% believed more time should be dedicated to the program

Zuni Public School District

- First independent, Native-controlled public school system

Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District

- Relies on the community to provide culturally relevant content
- Asks the community to review materials and provide feedback

Kamehameha Schools

- Implements culturally congruent education for public schools in Hawaii

Denver Public Schools’ American Indian Focus Schools

- 6 schools, similar to magnet schools, within the public school system
- Emphasizes mentor relationships

Healthy & Empowered Youth Project

- School and community-based youth development program
- Uses the Students Together Against Negative Decisions (STAND) curriculum for healthy decisions

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