Native Student School Attendance

- 8% in Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) or private schools
- 90% in public schools

126 of 183 BIE schools are tribally operated

Federal Obligations to Native Education

- Between 1778 and 1871, 378 treaties or treaty supplements were made with tribes
  - 174 contain educational provisions
- The first treaty was with Oneida in 1794 and the last was with Nez Perce in 1868

Boarding Schools

- 2 types
  - Missionary: Meant to convert Native people to Christianity
  - Federal: Focused on “civilizing” Native children

By 1913

- 69 mission schools
- 328 government schools
  - 217 day schools
  - 76 reservation boarding schools
  - 35 off-reservation boarding schools

Tribal Educational Rights

- to determine who will represent them in all governmental consultations
- to educate their citizens
- to educate non-Native people about their tribe

Common Tribal Educational Values

- Language
- Culture
- Educational decisions consider:
  - Surrounded environment
  - Other tribes
  - Plants
  - Animals
  - Mother Earth
  - Cosmos
  - Ancestors
  - Future generations
  - Spiritual world

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