

Key Developments in American Indian Education

This document provides a high-level overview of significant legislative and policy developments related to American Indian education throughout the 2024 year. Additionally, this document aims to support Tribal communities, and those supporting American Indian education efforts.

2024 Milestones



Jan 2024 | **BIE Strategic Direction**

Beginning of consultations to develop a strategic plan aimed at improving educational outcomes for Native students, emphasizing collaboration with Tribal governments and other federal agencies.



July 2024 | **Professional Development Program**

The Depart. of Ed proposed amendments to the Indian Education Discretionary Grant Programs, focusing on the retention of Indian educators.

July 2024 | **Boarding School Report Vol. 2**

Final volume of the DOI report, expanded on institutional details (deaths, burial sites, religious involvement, federal funding) and offers recommendations to support healing and redress for Indigenous communities and the nation.



Oct 2024 | **Formal Apology for Indian Boarding Schools**

Historic apology acknowledging the United States' role in American Indian boarding schools, recognizing the profound harm caused to Indigenous communities and reaffirming a commitment to healing and justice.



Dec 2024 | **Presidential Proclamation**

President Biden establishing the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument in Carlisle, Pennsylvania as the 432nd site in national park system.

Dec 2024 | **Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination**

President Biden signed historic Executive Order on Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations to Better Embrace The Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self Determination.

Dec 2024 | **Preservation of Native American Languages**

President Biden announced a comprehensive plan to revive Native American languages, expanding access to immersion programs and supporting community-led educational efforts.

The Department of Education's Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative catalyzed several historic milestones. While Volume 1 was released in 2022, the implications of Volume 2 proved instrumental in shaping the most significant actions of the year.

Over the past year, CIE and AIPI tracked 23 Congressional bills and 38 Federal Register notices related to American Indian education.



Federal Legislation

Total Education Related Bills:	23
Administration:	5
Appropriations:	2
Boarding School:	2
Funding:	5
Government:	3
Health Services:	3
Infrastructure:	1
*NACIE:	2

Of particular significance are the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2024 (H.R.7227, S.1723) and a resolution promoting "National Orange Shirt Week" (H.Res.1526).

*NACIE is the acronym for National Advisory Council on Indian Education

Federal Register Notice



Total Education Related Notices:	38
Final Rule:	2
Funding:	13
Notice:	7
Proclamation:	1
Comment Request:	15

Notably, on February 12, 2024, President Biden issued a proclamation honoring and celebrating Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).

