

Office of Native Education RCWs & WACs

Native Education in Washington State

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has supported the education of Native students in Washington since the mid-1960s.

- In 2011, the Legislature formalized the Office of Native Education (ONE) within OSPI (Revised Code of Washington ([RCW 28A.300.105](#))).
- 1989 Centennial Accord and [RCW 43.376](#) describe government-to-government relations.
- Facilitating the development and implementation of curricula and instructional materials in Native languages, culture and history, and the concept of tribal sovereignty, pursuant to [RCW 28A.320.170](#).
- Teaching Washington's Tribal History, Culture, and Government in Teacher Preparation Programs: [RCW 28B.10.710](#) and Washington Administrative Code ([WAC 181-78A-232 \(subsection 5\)](#)).
- Coordinating the implementation of State-Tribal Education Compact schools pursuant to [RCW 28A.715.010](#) and [WAC Chapter 392-800](#)
- Students' Right to Wear Tribal Regalia at School Events ([House Bill \(HB\) 2551 \(2019-2020\)](#)). In addition, school districts and institutions of higher education are required, when necessary, to update relevant policies or procedures in accordance with this law.

First Peoples' Language

- [RCW 28A.410.045](#)—First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certification program—Established—Rules.
- [WAC 181-78A-700](#)—First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certification program—Findings, purposes and intent—Definitions—Program established—Tribal eligibility to participate—Program requirements—Assignment of teachers—Reports.
- [WAC 1818-79A-140 \(subsection 3\)](#)—Certificate Roles—First peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions.

