

# Frequently Asked Questions



## Title VI - Indian Education and Johnson-O'Malley Program Participation Data Collection

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### When must Title VI - Indian Education and Johnson-O'Malley program participation data be reported?

Program participation data must be reported beginning with the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) Fall 2024 General Collection. A student reported as a participant in a Title VI or Johnson-O'Malley program at any time during the school year will be considered participating for the full year.

### Who must submit Title VI - Indian Education and Johnson-O'Malley program participation data?

**Single District Programs:** All LEAs operating either a Title VI program or a Johnson-O'Malley program must submit program participation data identifying students participating in one or both programs.

**Consortium Programs:** LEAs participating with other LEAs as part of a Title VI LEA consortium application must submit Title VI participation data for students enrolled within their LEA.

**Tribal-Led Programs:** When an individual tribe is an applicant or contractor serving students in an LEA, LEAs are encouraged to develop cooperative relationships with the tribe operating the program in the region served by their LEA. Based on the depth of those relationships and each tribe's data-sharing policies and procedures, LEAs should submit participation data on students enrolled within their LEA for each program where the tribe has elected to share that information with the LEA.

### What students should be reported as program participants?

All students within an LEA who have been documented as being eligible and participating in a Title VI or Johnson-O'Malley program should be reported as program participants for the program in which they are participating. A student who is eligible and participates in both programs should be reported as a program participant in each program.

## How do LEAs know if a student is eligible for Title VI - Indian Education or Johnson-O'Malley programs?

Please see the student eligibility sections within the **program summaries**. Each program has specific requirements for determining which students are eligible and requires additional documentation to support a student's eligibility. When reporting program participation for a tribally run program, LEAs do not need to independently verify student eligibility as the tribe responsible for the program would maintain that information. For additional information about program eligibility, please contact the program office responsible for each program or the Michigan Department of Education's Indigenous Education Initiative team at [mde-indigenized@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-indigenized@michigan.gov).

## Should LEAs modify their enrollment processes to collect program participation data?

There is no requirement to modify enrollment or registration processes to collect program participation data. Data submission is based on program participation by eligible students. LEAs operating Title VI or Johnson-O'Malley programs or working directly with tribes operating such programs will utilize their existing processes to determine student participation eligibility and track current program participants. Districts operating one of the impacted programs may want to consider modifying their processes to identify eligible participants to ensure alignment with the MSDS Fall General Collection and support reporting of the program participation data.

## Where do I go if I have additional questions about this data collection?

For questions about the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and technical questions about submitting data, please contact the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) at [cepi@michigan.gov](mailto:cepi@michigan.gov) or 517-335-0505 x3.

For questions about Title VI or Johnson-O'Malley programs, please contact the program office responsible for each program (Office of Indian Education or the Bureau of Indian Education) or the MDE's Indigenous Education Initiative team at [mde-indigenized@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-indigenized@michigan.gov).

For questions about a tribally run program, please contact the Tribal Education Department (TED) of the tribe responsible for providing the program within your LEA. Please visit the [Tribal Government webpage](#) for links to each tribe's official website.

# Program Summary

## Title VI- Indian Education Program

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Title VI is administered by the US Department of Education's Office of Indian Education (OIE). The purpose of this program is to support the efforts of local educational agencies (LEAs), Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities:

- 1) to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of Indian students so that such students can meet challenging State academic standards;
- 2) to ensure that Indian students gain knowledge and understanding of Native communities, languages, tribal histories, traditions, and cultures; and
- 3) to ensure that teachers, principals, other school leaders, and other staff who serve Indian students have the ability to provide culturally appropriate and effective instruction and support to such students.

## Application Information

A voluntary application is available each February for eligible applicants to submit student count data to determine the total award available for each applicant. After establishing the award amounts, the applicant will submit detailed budgets later in the spring.

## Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include local educational agencies (LEAs), tribes, or tribal organizations applying individually or as a consortium. Each eligible applicant must have ten or more eligible students unless they are within 50 miles of a tribal reservation. Additional eligibility rules exist for tribes or tribal organizations to apply in lieu of an LEA. These rules require the tribe or tribal organization to represent a certain percentage of the eligible applicants in a district.

## Student Eligibility

Eligible students must be enrolled in or up to a second-generation descendant (grandchild) of an enrolled member of a state-recognized, federally-recognized, or terminated tribe.

## Preferred/Primary Applicant

LEAs are the primary applicants for Title VI programs and can apply individually or join other LEAs to apply as a consortium. If an LEA does not apply on behalf of students in their district, tribes may apply in lieu of the LEA if 50% or more of the students attending the LEA are members or descendants of members from their tribe.

# Program Summary

## Johnson-O'Malley Program

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This federal contract program is administered by the US Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). The purpose of this program is to support efforts to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible Indian students, including supplemental programs and school operational support, where such support is necessary to maintain established State educational standards.

## Application Information

Tribal organizations, states, public school districts, and Indian corporations can request a contract from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) with funding amounts determined based on the number of participating eligible students. For additional details about requesting a contract from the BIE, please see [25 CFR Part 273, Subpart E](#).

## Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include tribes, tribal organizations, local educational agencies (LEAs), and state educational agencies (SEAs). Due to limited funds, the BIE is currently not approving new contracts with previously unserved LEAs or SEAs. LEAs looking to provide Johnson-O'Malley program services in their schools should contact the tribes in their area to determine if the tribe is able to extend services to students attending schools in the LEA.

## Student Eligibility

Eligible students must be enrolled in or up to a second-generation descendant (grandchild) of an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or have at least one-fourth degree of Indian blood.

## Preferred/Primary Applicant

Tribes are the primary contractors for Johnson-O'Malley programs and can choose to subcontract with LEAs or run their programs independently from LEAs. If students from an LEA are not being served by a tribally run program, LEAs or the state educational agency may request a contract to serve those students; however, at this time, the BIE is not approving additional contracts with non-tribal entities.