

# State of Education Report 2014



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## **SWO History**

The Lake Traverse Reservation and its boundaries were established by the Lake Traverse Treaty of 1867. From 1884 until the 1913, the tribal government was based upon the concept of the Soldier's Lodge. Due to external pressures from federal Indian agents and religious missionaries, as well as internal turmoil, in 1913 the tribe created an advisory committee. It served as the basis of government until 1946.

In 1934 the federal government urged the tribe to adopt the provisions of the Wheeler-Howard Act, also known as the Indian Reorganization Act. By 1946 the tribe had reorganized, establishing the current system of bylaws and elected tribal government at Agency Village. It gained self-government again as the federally recognized Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. The authority was based in the Lake Traverse Treaty of 1867.

From 1946-2002, the federally recognized tribe was known as the Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. For a brief period in 1994, they identified as the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation. During their 2002 tribal general elections, they approved a measure changing the name to Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, the later word in the Dakota language meaning "people or nation".

As of December 5, 2013 the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate has 13,080 members with approximately 5,700 members residing on or near the reservation.

[www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

## **Geographical Area**



In June 2012 the SWO Council passed a motion for Resolution SWO-12-056 enacting the Board of Regents for the purpose of facilitating the development of/and approval of the Education Codes. In May 2013 Tribal Council adopted Chapter 66, The Education Codes, authorizing the creation of The Tribal Education Department. Following the adoption, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Tribal Education Director was hired.

### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Education Department to provide a comprehensive network of services for quality lifelong learning.

*Sisitunwan-Wahpetunwan Oyate wounspe ata awangwicayakapi toked yuha skanpte ka tuwe owas wicayuwitayapi oniciyapte ka heced tokatakiya tohanya yanig hehanya wowaste unspeniciyapte.*

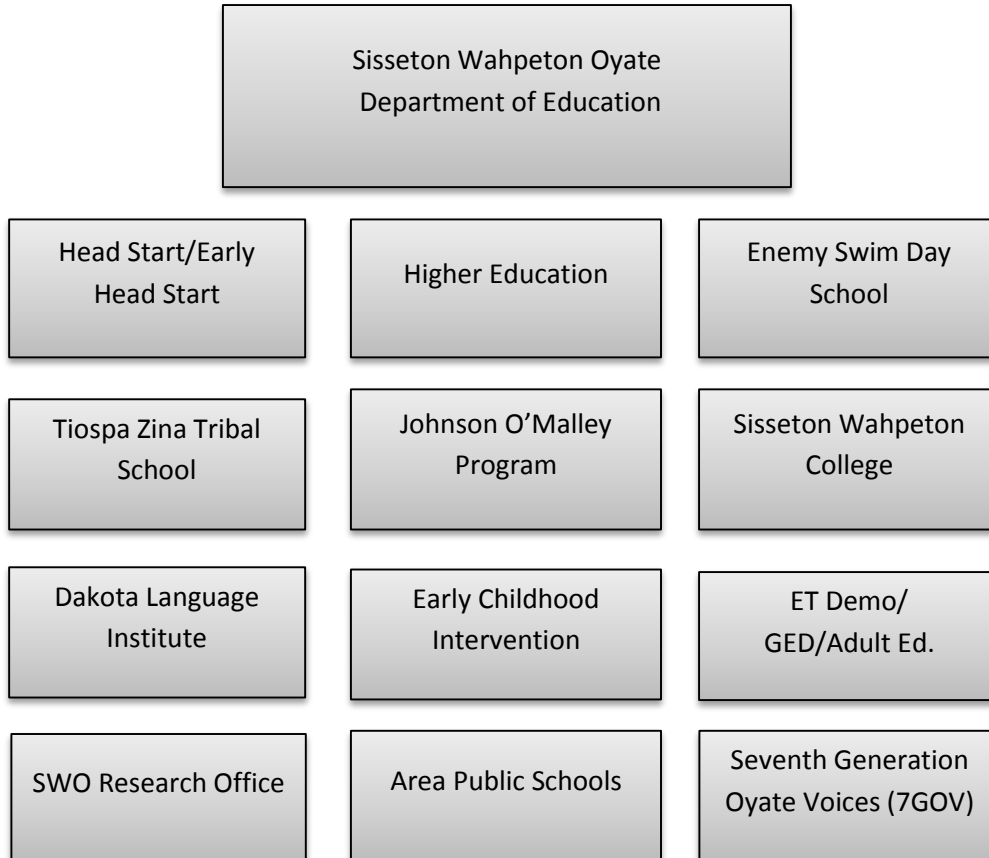
### **Purpose**

It is the purpose of the Education Department to work collaboratively with a network of partners, to educate and promote cultural awareness; preserve the Dakota language; strive for excellence in educational standards that meet or exceed state and federal standards; and develop strategies to increase persistence, retention, and graduation rates at all levels of education. Sisseton-Wahpeton Educational Department entities that provide lifelong learning services include: The Dakotah Language Institute, Early Childhood Intervention Program, SWO Head Start and Early Head Start, Enemy Swim Day School, Higher Education Scholarship Program, Johnson O'Malley, Sisseton-Wahpeton College, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, and public schools regarding JOM, Impact Aid, Title IX, and other Native American resources, programs and concerns.

## Goals

- Develop, establish and implement tribal accreditation for all Tribal education entities in the community.
- Develop and establish tribal teacher certification for all SWO educational entities
- Network with all public, private and tribal schools that serve Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate students.
- Be a liaison between Tribal schools, South Dakota State Department of Education, Federal Department of Education, BIE Education Office and other government entities.
- Develop a SWO Dakota Language revitalization and restoration strategic plan in conjunction with the educational entities.
- Identify needs and develop educational priorities, policies and procedures.
- Research available education scholarships, grants and other funding sources.
- Identify and recommend educational goals and objectives to enhance the education of tribal members and the planning for their educational needs to include educational conferences, seminars, workshops and college coursework.
- Coordinate the development of four year educational degree programs for the Oyate.
- Recommend education conferences, seminars, and workshops to provide educational enhancement of tribal members and educational staff
- Monitor state and federal legislation affecting Indian education.
- Conduct annual review of educational program activities for possible revisions and changes.
- Work with Higher Education Program, Job Placement Training Program, Johnson O'Malley, SWO Early Childhood Intervention, and other education program staff in drafting education policy and procedure manuals consistent with tribal priorities and federal requirements.
- Coordinate hearings on formal education appeals, grievances, and education related complaints.

## Department of Education Flowchart



In August 2013, the Tribal Education Department (TED) was officially recognized by the SWO Tribal Council and established its authority to promote public education, charity, and other services that will contribute to the social advancement of SWO members.

## **Adult Education (ET/Demo)**

MISSION STATEMENT: To assess, promote, and provide adult basic education and employment training services to our clients under the ET/Demo Program

<b>Services provided</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GED Classes</li><li>• Keyboarding</li><li>• Basic Computers</li><li>• Job Skills</li><li>• Life Skills</li></ul>

Goals/Objectives:

- Obtain a GED
- Obtain a certificate in a specific trade
- Develop training programs to fit the specific needs of our community
- Maintain a follow-up process to track success of gainful employment upon completion with our program

For the 2014 year, there have been 10 successful participants that received their GED and 1 credit recovery, for a total of 11 certificates. The GED program is currently undergoing construction regarding the GED

### **ET/Demo Contact Information**

Phone: (605) 698-4400 ext. 8323 or 8304

Fax: (605) 698-3708

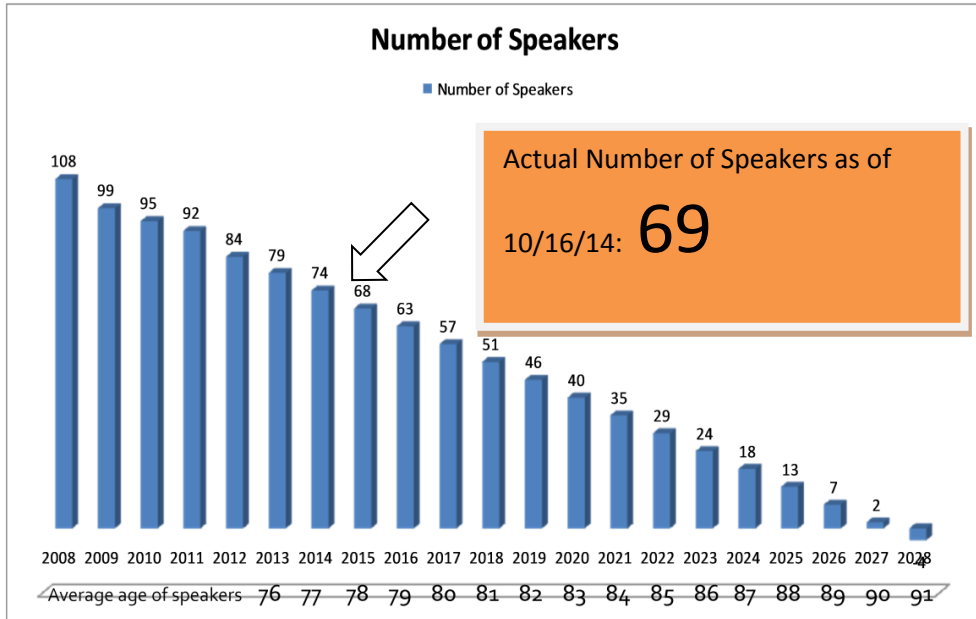
Lynette Bernard-Peters, Program Manager

Denise Kranhold, Adult Education

## **Dakota Language Institute**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of the Dakotah Language Institute is to assist in the teaching and learning of the Dakotah Language and to increase awareness of the language and therefore, the desire to learn the language.

**The State of Our Language** - At the time the graph below was created, it was based upon our rate of loss of speakers of our language. It was estimated that we would have 74 speakers at the end of 2014.



This chart represents a mathematical calculation of when we will no longer have speakers of our language based upon the rate of loss over the past five years. This chart DOES NOT take into account the advancing age of our speakers or the fact that we may actually lose them at a faster rate as their age increases. Thanks to SWO member, Dr. Nadine Eastman, who has a Masters Degree in Math, for creating this "linear progression" chart.

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The SWO Dakota Language Institute continues to work towards helping our community learn and our schools to teach the Dakota Language. In 2014, we completed work on the online learning system known as BYKI because many of our younger learners – as well as our schools – need this new technology for learning. We commenced work on creating iBooks in Dakota which people will be able to download from iTunes, some of which will be interactive and all of which will be narrated so that you can hear the Dakota language. We commenced work on a huge project of writing our own Dictionary of the Dakota Language as it is spoken by the people of the Sisitunwan-Wahpetunwan Oyate. Many different elders are working as groups on this project.

These projects will add to what we have created in the past: A Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum, over 120 illustrated children’s books, board games, online games, DVDs, CDs, various worksheets and puzzles and a website.

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## Early Childhood Intervention Program

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Early Childhood Intervention Program is committed to providing opportunities for normal growth and development during the first five years of life and early intervention as necessary for them to reach their full potential.

The ECIP, locates, identifies and evaluates all children from birth to five years old. For children identified with developmental delays and/or disabilities, Early Childhood Intervention Program coordinates the referrals for specialized services and intervention.

Services provided to clients:

- Home visits/screening
- Referrals
- Parental Education
- Financial Assistance, for qualified children for education resources, travel to medical referrals and appointments

Total number of children enrolled: 791

Total number of children screened for developmental delays/disabilities: 499

Total number of children identified with delays/disabilities on **IEP** and **IFSP**: 85

<b><u>Disability</u></b>	<b><u>Age 0-3</u></b>	<b><u>Age 3-5 years</u></b>
<b>Speech/Language Impairments</b>	6	43
<b>Visual Impairments</b>	1	3
<b>Emotional Disturbances</b>	0	1
<b>Other Health Impairments</b>	15	3
<b>Multiple Disabilities</b>	1	7
<b>Autism</b>	0	2
<b>Developmental Delay</b>	0	2
<b>Birth Deffects</b>	3	0
<b>Prematurity</b>	9	0

\*\*IEP: Individual Education Plan (for children ages 3-5 years old)

\*\*IFSP: Individual Family Service Plan (for children ages 0-3 years old)

### Early Childhood Intervention Contact Information

PO Box 509

Agency Village SD 57262

Phone: (605) 698-4400

Fax: (605) 698-4429

Yvonne Wynde, Program Manager



## Higher Education Endowment Program

The SWO Higher Education Endowment Program offers post-secondary incentive awards to eligible enrolled members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. The awards are available to undergraduate and graduate studies from accredited colleges, universities or vocational schools. The award is based on grade, credits, and level of studies.

<b>2014 Incentives Awarded</b>	
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Associates</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bachelors</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Doctorate</b>	<b>0</b>

There were 37 graduate level students and 331 undergraduate level students that participated in the program's award incentives during fiscal year 2014.

### Higher Education Contact Information

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 Fax: (605) 742-0140  
 Janell Williams, Program Director

## **Johnson O'Malley Program**

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Johnson O'Malley Program provides learning experiences for eligible Native American students by implementing educational programs designed to promote academic success through improved self-esteem and the development of the student's native culture and language. The SWO JOM serves the Aberdeen, Browns Valley, Sisseton, Waubay, and Wilmot School Districts. Tiospa Zina JOM is direct funded and operates independently of SWO JOM program.

<b><u>JOM 2014 Student Count</u></b>	
<b>Schools Served</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>
Aberdeen School District	183
Sisseton School District	433
Browns Valley School District	41
Wilmot School District	26
Waubay School District	89

JOM Contact Information

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Robin Robertson, Program Director

**SWO Research Office**

The newly formed Research Office has the main focus of providing oversight to all research projects on the Lake Traverse Reservation. The mission is to establish a Research Office, utilizing a Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) grant, tasked with approving, monitoring and reporting all research projects done on the Lake Traverse Reservation via the development of SWO Code Chapter 77 "SWO Research Code", the creation of a Local Research Review Board for human subjects research, and associated research procedures in accordance with SWO Tribal Council Resolution No. SWO-14-055.

Research Office Contact Information

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Nicolette Knudson, Research Specialist

**Seventh Generation Oyate Voices (7GOV)**

Developing the skills of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Youth to become agents of change in their home community and globally. With the passion and drive of the youth the future will be guided by engaged and informed members of society that hold their indigenous values dear to them. The Seventh Generation Oyate Voices (7GOV) have seen the struggles and perseverance of their relatives who have gone before them; as the youth council and Ambassadors for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate they are creating a place of strength. Participating in evidence-based, practice-based and culturally based prevention and intervention the Seventh Generation Oyate Voices engage many different age groups with broad number of topics covered.

7GOV Contact Information

(605) 698-3917 ext 119

Swo.7gov@gmail.com

## **SWO Early Head Start & Head Start**

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Head Start program is administered by the Office of Head Start through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. The Head Start Program focused on providing services to primarily low-income families, and children with disabilities. Early Head Start and Head Start Programs aid to promote school readiness, parent/family involvement, healthy child development, and healthy family functioning. Part of the Head Start philosophy is that parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, Head Start provides opportunities for parents to be actively involved with their children's educational experience. Opportunities include classroom and center activities and events, volunteering, Parent Committee, Policy Council and more. Head Start and Early Head Start also serve families by helping them to set and accomplish goals through Family Partnership Agreements, parent training, and making referrals to other community programs.

There are three Head Start centers and one Early Head Start center located on the Lake Traverse reservation that serves the Oyate's Native American children. The SWO Head Start is regulated by the National Head Start Performance Standards set by the Office of Head Start, as well as other federal, state, and tribal guidelines. They operate from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:30 pm.

A child must be at least two months old to be eligible for the Early Head Start Program and at the age of 3 years-old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for the Head Start program.

Priorities for enrollment in the SWO Head Start programs include:

- Low-income families
- Children with special needs/disabilities
- Children who are 4 years old
- Children who have a sibling/s in a Head Start program

<u>October 1,2014</u>	<b>SWO Head Start Center</b>	<b>Enemy Swim Head Start</b>
<b>Early Head Start</b>	40 children	0 children
<b>Head Start</b>	123 children	20 children

Head Start Contact Information  
 Phone: (605) 698-3103  
 Fax (605) 698-3503  
 Kathryn Akipa, Program Manager  
 Kim Pratt, Family Services

## Enemy Swim Day School

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Enemy Swim Day School, a Dakota community investing in our children, families and education, is to provide opportunities to maximize academic potential while fostering cultural identity to promote lifelong learning.

Enemy Swim Day School (ESDS) serves the educational needs of the students on the Lake Traverse Reservation. Enemy Swim Day School is a Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade Bureau of Indian Education P.L. 100-297 Grant School Chartered by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate operated through an elected School Board. ESDS was originally established in 1938 and built by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; it is one of a handful of day schools that still exist in the nation. Presently, ESDS students reside in all seven political districts of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and in rural South Dakota towns. The new school facility built in 2005 is located seven miles north of the city of Waubay, South Dakota. Approximately 79% of the students reside further than one mile from school and ride the bus to school. Currently, there are 225 students at ESDS (birth-8<sup>th</sup> grade).

ESDS operates a Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Education Program accredited by Advanced Ed (formally North Central Association on Accreditation) and the South Dakota Department of Education. ESDS operates a three - four year old Early Childhood Classroom through the Family and Child Education (FACE) Program. The FACE Program, accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children, additionally provides early childhood education in the home by trained Parent Educators for Birth through Three Years Old. The Afterschool Program, accredited through the Coalition on Accreditation, operates a K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Monday through Thursday academic, enrichment, and athletic programs.

The Common Core Standards for Reading and Math, South Dakota Department of Education Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, Essential Understandings and the Oceti Sakowin Oral Language Standards have been adopted by the ESDS board for guiding instruction. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Positive Behavioral Supports, and Conscious Discipline guide the social emotional environment of the school.

<b>2014 ESDS Enrollment</b>	
<b>FACE (birth-2yrs)</b>	29 kids/24 adults/10 waiting list
<b>FACE (3-4yrs)</b>	12 kids/5 adults-full/8 adults-part
<b>K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades</b>	69
<b>3-5<sup>th</sup> grades</b>	71
<b>6-8<sup>th</sup> grades</b>	39
<b>2013-14 Attendance Rate 94.88%</b>	

**NWEA Reading Percentage of Students (Proficient or Advanced)**

<b><u>Grades</u></b>	<b><u>Fall 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Winter 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Spring 2014</u></b>
K-2	18%	15%	28%
3-5	12%	14%	12%
6-8	5%	7%	6%

**NWEA Math Percentage of Students (Proficient or Advanced)**

<b><u>Grades</u></b>	<b><u>Fall 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Winter 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Spring 2014</u></b>
K-2	23%	28%	35%
3-5	9%	9%	11%
6-8	5%	3%	6%

**Enemy Swim Day School Contact Information**

Phone (605) 947-4605

Fax (605) 947-4188

Toll Free (888) 825-7738

Virginia Dolney, Principal

Deb Rumpza, Business Manager

## Tiospa Zina Tribal School

**MISSION STATEMENT:** This mission of Tiospa Zina, as a Dakota school created from the vision of a few, is to nurture our children, honor the past, embrace the present, and contribute to the future of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, empowering students to be self-directed achievers, creative thinkers, balanced individuals, effective communicators, enlightened representatives, and global citizens in a diverse and changing world.

Tiospa Zina Tribal School (TZTS) is a pre-Kindergarten through high school Bureau of Indian Education P.L. 100-297 Grant School chartered by the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and operated by a School Board elected through the seven districts of the tribe. The school is accredited through the State of South Dakota Department of Education and Advanced Ed (formerly North Central Association on Accreditation). The school is also certified to operate an Alternative Learning Center within the school structure. The school board has adopted the Common Core Standards for Reading and Math.

The TZTS operates a full schedule of middle and high school activities and events and has regular after school activities program. The school is a community based educational center that readily opens its doors to youth and adults for various activities.

The Common Core Standards for Reading and Math, South Dakota Department of Education Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Art, Essential Understandings and the Oceti Sakowin Oral Language Standards have been adopted by the school board for guiding instruction. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Positive Behavioral Supports, Systematic Supervision, Check In and Check Out Process and Conscious Discipline guide the social emotional environment of the school.

<b>October 2014 TZTS Enrollment</b>	
Alternative Learning Center	13 students
Baby FACE	43 students
K-2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	113 students
3-5 <sup>th</sup> grades	115 students
6-8 <sup>th</sup> grades	100 students
9-12 <sup>th</sup> grades	207 students
<b>Total</b>	<b>545 students</b>

Tiospa Zina Contact Information

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Dr. Nadine Eastman, Superintendent

**Sisseton Wahpeton College**

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide higher education, research, vocational, technical education and continuing education, to the members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, of the Lake Traverse Reservation and others within the historical lands of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. SWC will preserve and extend Dakota culture, language, and history while contributing to economic development through the provision of human capital and other resources.

The Sisseton Wahpeton College was established in August of 1979, the college received its initial accreditation in 1990.

SWC is presently accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. (AIHEC). Although the State of South Dakota does not provide support for non-native students who attend SWC, they are served along with tribal members.

	<b>Fall 2013</b>	<b>Spring 2014</b>	<b>Fall 2014</b>
<b>Total Headcount</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Indian Students</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>Lineal Descendent</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Non-Indian Students</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Student Enrollment**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>2010-11</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>70</b>

In September of this year SWC became a certified Pearson Vue Test Center. This distinction allows us to administer certification tests on the computer under secure, proctored conditions. Currently we only offer the GED on computer utilizing Pearson Vue and it has been very well received by clients who have taken the tests. This method offers immediate test results for four of the five exams. The writing test takes three to five days because the essay is submitted for review before the score can be calculated. A new version of the GED will be launched in 2014 and this test will employ: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies, and we look forward to the opportunity to accommodate the testing needs of the community.

In addition, our association with Pearson Vue enables us to facilitate academic, information technology, government, and professional testing systems. The next time your department needs testing services administered through Pearson Vue, we would be honored to assist you. If you have questions about how the system works, please call Jane Johnson at 605-742-1134.

**Sisseton Wahpeton College Contact Information**

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Harvey DuMarce, President

Dr. Jeanette Gravdahl, Academic Dean of Instruction/Vice President

**Browns Valley Public School**

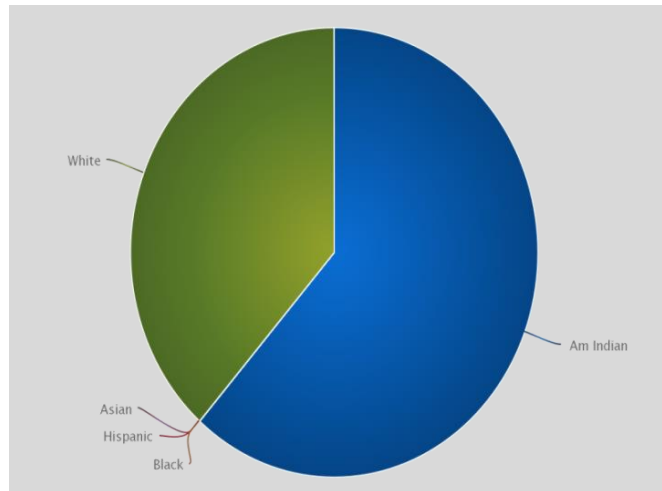
**MISSION STATEMENT:** Working in partnership with family and community to create a safe environment and to educate responsible, lifelong learners.

Browns Valley School District is a K-8 grade school that is located on the Minnesota side of the reservation. The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate work with the Browns Valley School District through our Johnson O'Malley program, Browns Valley is a Title I school that is 56% Native American, they teach the Dakota Language to both Native American and Non-Native students.

<b>2014 Enrollment</b>		
<b>Grades</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Native</b>
<b>PreK-2</b>	62	35
<b>3-5</b>	19	14
<b>6-8</b>	29	10
<b>Total</b>	110	59

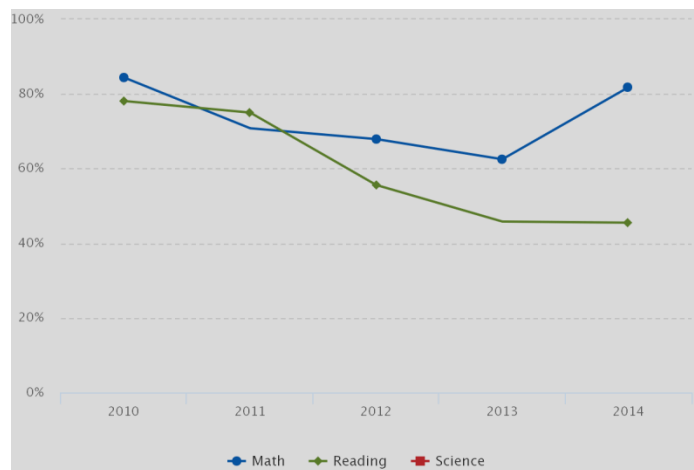


## 2014 Enrollment by Ethnicity

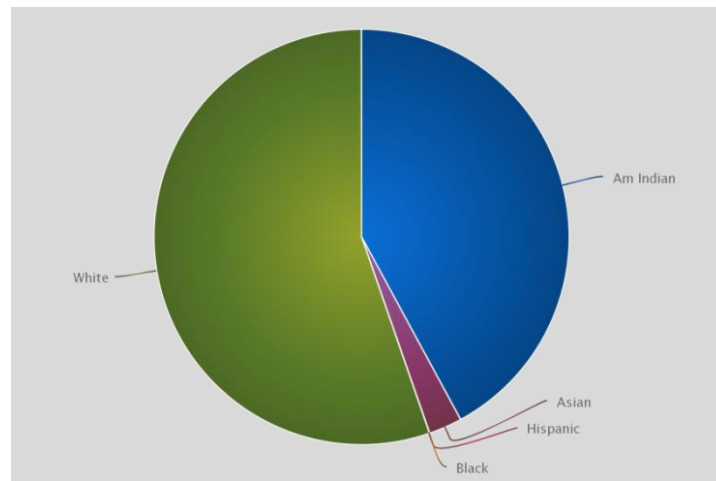


<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
American Indian/Alaskan Native	32	61.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
Black, not of Hispanic Origin	0	0.0%
White, not of Hispanic Origin	20	38.5%
<b>All Students</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2014 All Elementary School Students Tested (Proficient/Advanced)

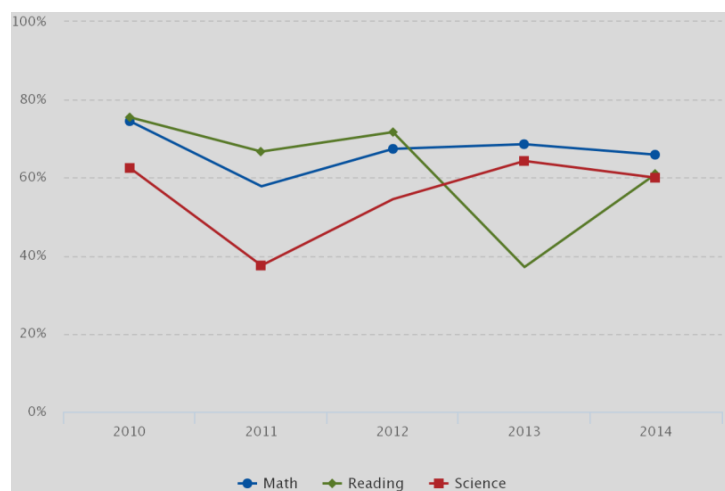


## 2014 Middle School Enrollment by Ethnicity



<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Percent</u>
American Indian/Alaskan Native	16	42.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	2.6%
Hispanic	0	0.0%
Black, not of Hispanic Origin	0	0.0%
White, not of Hispanic Origin	21	55.3%
<b>All Students</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2014 All Middle School Students Tested (Proficient/Advanced)



Browns Valley School District Contact Information

Phone: (320) 695-2103

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Brenda Reed, Superintendent

**Sisseton Public School District**

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Sisseton School District 54-2 is to involve educators, parents, community members, and students to insure that students acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to become responsible citizens; develop the desire to become life-long learners; acquire essential skills needed for employment in a technologically changing world; perpetuate and improve the democratic process; develop culture literacy to utilize reading, writing, and speaking skills to enlarge their understanding of the nation and the world.

<b>2014 Sisseton Enrollment</b>		
<b>Grades</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Native</b>
<b>PK-2</b>	303	198
<b>3-5</b>	220	164
<b>6-8</b>	181	106
<b>9-12</b>	250	111
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>579</b>

\*\*\*Note: South Dakota has a waiver; no reporting will be done this year due to a changing of the accountability system.

Sisseton School Contact Information

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Dan Yost, Elementary Principal

Tammy Meyer, Middle School Principal

Jim Frederick, High School Principal

Dr. Stephen Shulte, Superintendent

**Waubay Public School**

MISSION STATEMENT: The Waubay School Board and staff believe that education is a continuous process of learning as a lifelong endeavor, to develop each student's needs, and their physical, social, aesthetic and emotional potential. The Waubay school board and staff will strive to provide stimulation and assistance so that each student develops his or her individual abilities, interest and potential so that they will develop into wholesome, decision making, happy young citizens, competent and productive human beings in our society.

<b>Waubay Native Student Enrollment 2014</b>	
<b>Grade</b>	<b># of Students</b>
PK-2 <sup>nd</sup>	22
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	17
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	19
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	23

**K-12 Total – 79 Native Students out of 154 Students = 51%**

\*\*\*Note: South Dakota has a waiver, no reporting will be done this year due to a changing of the accountability system\*\*\*

Waubay School District Contact Information

Phone: (605) 947-4529

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Dean Jones, Superintendent

**Impact Aid**

The Impact Aid Program is designed to directly compensate local school districts for: (1) local revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned, and therefore tax-exempt, property and (2) costs incurred due to "federally connected" students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military base. Unlike most other forms of educational assistance, Impact Aid disburses roughly \$1.2 billion annually in unrestricted federal funds directly to local school districts rather than through state agencies.

Established in 1950, the Impact Aid Program was a major general aid source for 1,192 school districts nationwide in 2011, or approximately 9 percent of all districts. For some school districts, Impact Aid supplies as much as 75 percent of the local education operating budget.

**Basic Support Payments**

Impact Aid Basic Support payments are distributed to school districts through a formula based on the number of students served who meet certain "federal connection" qualifications.

Generally, school districts receive payments if they educate students who have a parent who works for the federal government or who live on federal property. Federally connected students include those who:

- Have a parent in the United States military;
- Are Native American;
- Live on federal property, including an Indian reservation or in public housing; or
- Have a parent who works on federal property.

School districts are eligible to receive Basic Support Payments if at least 400 of their students, or 3 percent of their enrollment, are federally connected. The 1,192 school districts that received Basic Support payments in 2011 educated over 12 million students, 950,000 of whom are federally connected.

In addition to regular Basic Support payments, some school districts are eligible for additional funding through Heavily Impacted District Payments. A district is eligible for these payments if it is located on a military installation; has a combination of high enrollment of federally connected students, high tax rates, and low per-pupil revenues; or meets certain other criteria. Twenty-three school districts serving 52,000 students received these payments, which accounted approximately 18% percent of all Basic Support payments in fiscal year 2011.

### **Payments for Property**

Impact Aid also provides Payments for Property to compensate school districts for loss of local property taxes on federally owned land. Payments for Federal Property are targeted toward local districts that encompass: (i) military bases, (ii) Native American lands, or (iii) other areas of federal land that are exempt from property taxes. School districts receive Impact Aid payments to compensate for the presence of federal property regardless of whether any school-age children live on exempted lands. In this respect, Payments for Property differ from other forms of Impact Aid, which are based on the children enrolled within a relevant school district.

A local school district qualifies for a property payment if federally exempted lands constitute at least 10 percent of all assessed value within the school district. Payments are based on the assessed value of the exempted lands and the local property tax rate.

Funding Received/Anticipated:

<b>School District</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
<b>Sisseton Public School</b>	<b>Refused to provide</b>	<b>Refused to provide</b>
<b>Waubay Public School</b>	<b>\$226,946</b>	<b>Unknown</b>

### **Title VII**

## **SEC. 701. INDIANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION**

## STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the United States to fulfill the Federal Government's unique and continuing trust relationship with and responsibility to the Indian people for the education of Indian children. The Federal Government will continue to work with local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

## TITLE VII PURPOSE.

PURPOSE- It is the purpose of this part to support the efforts of local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, so that such students can meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards as all other students are expected to meet.

(b) PROGRAMS- This part carries out the purpose described in subsection (a) by authorizing programs of direct assistance for —

- (1) meeting the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives;
- (2) the education of Indian children and adults;
- (3) the training of Indian persons as educators and counselors, and in other professions serving Indian people; and
- (4) research, evaluation, data collection, and technical assistance.

### Title VII Funding received by schools:

Schools	2013 -2014	2014-15
Enemy Swim	\$31,630	\$32,634
Waubay	\$16,911	\$17,600
Sisseton	Refused to provide	Refused to provide
Tiospa Zina	\$115,622	\$102,853

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