our vision
Gakina agegoo
ji-ni-minoozhiwebag
a balanced and productive future

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
Native American Support Coordinators serve as a liaison and academic resource for Native American Students.

Support Coordinators work to increase graduation rates among Native American students by:

- Encouraging student involvement in after school programs, academic clubs, or athletics, which are proven to support academic achievement
- Encouraging good learning habits
- Acknowledging good grades and good behavioral habits with positive reinforcement
- Facilitating personal goal setting
- Meeting with Native American students regularly to monitor their progress
- Working collaboratively with students, families, teachers, advocates, and principals
- Assisting students with the transition from elementary into middle school and middle school into high school.

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YOUR CHOICE STARTS HERE
The Native American education program is exclusive to Grand Rapids Public Schools and is a partnership between GRPS and the Title VI Federal Grant Program. The Grand Rapids Public Schools Native American Education Program is able to offer:

**POW WOW:**
Maampi-E-Oujijig Anishinaabe Binoojilinyag (Indian Children who Originate from Here). Native American students who attend the afterschool program have an opportunity to make regalia and dance in the annual spring Pow Wow.

**YOUTH DRUM GROUPS**
Students learn men’s Pow Wow songs during this weekly class.

**SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS/ASSEMBLY**
Native American Education Program staff deliver age-appropriate presentations on Native American culture to students in grades K-12.

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**
The afterschool program provides cultural education, tutoring, and homework help to students in grades K-12.

Parent meetings are held four times per year. Parents, grandparents, and community members of Native children are welcomed and encouraged to attend to give their input on educational and culturally relevant activities. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer for activities and family events.

**my reason**
The NAEP program provides critically important cultural enrichment and responsive services for my Native children and our family.

Stacy Stout
PARENT

**my choice**
GRPS

**experience**
CULTURALLY RELEVANT ACTIVITIES