

Barriers Faced by Native Students

Societal Barriers



31% of Native students attend 'high poverty' public schools.



Native youth suffer from alcohol and drug abuse rates higher than any other racial group.



Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death of Native youth, violence is the 1st.



Native youth are 1.5x more likely than white peers to be incarcerated and then referred to the adult criminal system.



Native women are 2.5x more likely to be sexually assaulted than any other race.



Natives have limited access to healthcare and suffer from increased rates of diabetes, heart disease, and obesity.



Native students often live in isolated, rural areas and travel distances of up to 320 miles to and from school.



>33% of BIE schools were in 'poor' condition by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in 2003. In 2011, BIA estimated fixes would cost \$1.3 billion.



60% of BIE schools don't have adequate digital broadband access, to be aligned with college/career readiness standards.



Native students are least likely to attend a school with AP classes.



<10% of Indian Country has access to Broadband internet technology.

Equal Opportunities

Native Students Have The Highest Rates Of School Discipline

Culturally diverse students receive more severe punishment than white students for the same behavior.



4X

Native students in MONTANA: 4x more likely to be expelled than white peers.



7.5X

Native students in UTAH: 7.5x more likely to be expelled than white peers.



Racial group most likely to be mislabeled as Special Needs (SPED).

3% While only 1% of the general population, Native students make up 2% of out of school suspensions and 3% of expulsions.

Native male SPED students = greatest % of out of school suspensions.



SPED students are 3x more likely to be physically restrained.

Impact Of Barriers On Student Achievement

2X

Native kindergarten students held back at a rate 2x higher than white peers.

17%

17% of 8th Grade Native students score 'proficient' or 'advanced' in math *nat'l average 35%.

22%

22% of Native 25yr + have not completed High School.

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Only 22% of 4th Grade Native students meet 'proficient' or 'advanced' levels in math.

Only 39% of Native students enrolled in a 4 yr post-secondary institution in 2004 completed a BS program by 2010.

67%

HS grad rate for Native students is 67% in public schools, 53% in BIE schools. *nat'l average 80%.