

American Indian Studies Wisconsin Act 31



What is Wisconsin Act 31?

- The 1989-1991 biennial budget bill addressed several educational needs and included provisions requiring the study of American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the eleven federally-recognized nations and tribal communities in the state of Wisconsin .
- This budget also appropriated funding for the American Indian Studies Program at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.



Wisconsin Act 31 Created the Following Statutory Sections

- s. 115.28(17)(d), Wis. Stats.
- s. 118.01(c)7-8, Wis. Stats.
- s. 118.19(8), Wis. Stats.
- s. 121.02(1)(h), Wis. Stats.
- s. 121.02(1)(L)4, Wis. Stats.



s. 115.28(17)(d), Wis. Stats. *Treaty Rights Curriculum*

The state superintendent shall:

In conjunction with the American Indian Language and Culture Education Board, develop a curriculum for grades 4 to 12 on the Chippewa Indian's treaty-based, off-reservation rights to hunt, fish, and gather.



s. 118.01(c)7-8, Wis. Stats. ***Human Relations***

**Each school board shall provide an instructional program
designed to give pupils:**

**7. An appreciation and understanding of different value
systems and cultures.**

**8. At all grade levels, an understanding of human relations,
particularly with regard to American Indians, Black Americans,
and Hispanics.**



s. 118.19(8), Wis. Stats. *Teacher Certification*

- **Beginning July 1, 1991, the state superintendent may not grant to any person a license to teach unless the person has received instruction in the study of minority group relations, including the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized tribes and bands located in the state.**



s. 121.02(1)(h), Wis. Stats. ***Instructional Materials***

Each school board shall:

**Provide adequate instructional materials, texts, and library services
which reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of
American society.**



s. 121.02(1)(L)4, Wis. Stats. *K-12 Social Studies Instruction*

Each school board shall:

Beginning September 1, 1991, as part of the social studies curriculum, include instruction in the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the federally recognized American Indian tribes and bands located in the state of Wisconsin at least twice in the elementary grades and at least once in the high school grades.



American Indian Studies Program – Activities and Services

- Presenting at conferences, workshops, and in-services.
- Organizing or assisting with planning of conferences, workshops, and trainings, including the annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute.
- Developing, acquiring, and/or disseminating instructional resources.



American Indian Studies Program – Activities and Services

- **Collecting and disseminating pertinent information and updates.**
- **Serving as DPI liaison to tribal communities, and other associations and organizations:**
 - **Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council (GLITC)**
 - **Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA)**
 - **Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations**



American Indian Studies Program – DPI Publications

Publications Relating to American Indian Education and Studies:

- American Indian Education in Wisconsin (2015)
- Classroom Activities on Chippewa Treaty Rights (1991)
- Classroom Activities on Wisconsin Indian Treaties and Tribal Sovereignty (Bulletin 1996)



American Indian Studies Program – DPI Publications

- **Developing Agreements between Local Education Agencies and American Indian Nations and Tribal Communities: A WISCONSIN PERSPECTIVE (2017)**
- **Promoting Excellence for All: A Report from the State from the State Superintendent’s Task Force on Wisconsin’s Achievement Gap (2014)**
- **Wisconsin Act 31 Survey Report (2014)**



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