

PUBLIC HEARING Script for Title VI, Indian Education Grant Application

The hearing is an annual event, held to explain the Title VI section of the Berryhill Indian Education program, and to receive feedback from the community. It is one of several requirements before submitting our grant application for the **2024- 2025** school year.

This program, like its counterparts, was funded under the Indian Education Act of 1972 & Amendments of 1988, authorizing the US Department of Education to make grants to local educational agencies to carry out programs to meet the special educational & culturally related academic needs of IE students.

Berryhill Indian Education currently provides academic tutoring for elementary and secondary students by providing 2 certified tutors and 2 tutoring assistants. It also provides college and career guidance and counseling resources, a part time certified program coordinator, a full time Cultural Resource Specialist, a full time Indian Education Assistant, cultural lessons/activities/field trips, family night cultural events, and summer camps for Native American students.

Unallowable costs for project budgets include:

- Student banquets, dinners, ceremonies or other similar social occasions;
- Student incentives, stipends, scholarship or personal articles/items;
- Parental costs or stipends;
- Basic transportation costs of students for the school/LEA
- Vehicle purchases; or
- Other costs which are not specifically related to an approved project objective or identified as an administrative cost.

The final authority for the Indian Education program rests with; the LEA (local education authority) which is Berryhill Public Schools, with input from a Title VI Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

The **2023-2024** per student funding by Title VI was approximately **\$226.00**. The student count was **359**; therefore, the grant award was **\$81,229**. These funds were expended on: **Tutors, remediation resources, cultural enrichment activities for students/families, cultural education, instructional resources, summer camps, field trips, ACT classes, supplies, and personnel.**

For the **2024-2025** proposal, our count stands at **398** students. The allocation for next year's program as determined by the student count is **\$90,648, an increase** / an increase of **-\$9,419 brought about by a \$1/student increase in per pupil funding from the federal government as well as a 39 student increase in Berryhill's Native American Student Count.** The per pupil expenditure is approximately **\$227**. Please keep in mind this is a tentative budget. In our proposal, these funds will be expended on: **Tutors, supplies, personnel (part time program director and grant director, full time cultural resource specialist coordinator and Indian Education assistant), cultural enrichment activities, cultural education and field trips, instructional resources, and cultural STEM summer camps for Native American students** all which help achieve the Berryhill Indian Education Program goals listed below:

- 1) Increase Knowledge of Cultural Identity and Awareness**
- 2) Increase Academic Achievement**

These goals are developed based on results of the Oklahoma state testing program, student program participation and eligibility, and stakeholder survey input collected during March of 2024.

(Provide a brief explanation of our academic data and survey results using needs assessment presentation)

Thank you for taking the time to be present tonight. Your input is invaluable so please feel free to leave comments and input on the cards at your tables for committee and LEA review. This concludes the public hearing for the Berryhill Title VI program. Are there any questions?