

American Indian Language and Culture K-12 License Process

The process to obtain the American Indian Language Licensure through Eminence Credentials with the State of MN:

1. Contact your home tribe/band or local tribe/band to learn their process for granting Eminence Credentials to teach a tribal language (Ojibwe, Dakota)
2. Formally request Eminence Credentials from your home tribe/band (or local tribe/band) following their process. You may need to be assessed or write a letter, consider following the letter with an email with the attached letter, to the Tribal Council (or whichever board or person each tribe utilizes for this process) stating your qualifications and request that Eminence Credentials be granted.
3. The tribe/band (or designated board or person of the tribe) will or will not grant the eminence credentials through their process (commonly a board resolution).
4. Obtain a copy of the resolution.
5. Request a letter of recommendation to support the American Indian Language licensure from the local American Indian Parent Committee.
6. Complete the licensing application from the State of MN PELSB website (link → [MDE - PELSB](#)), and complete sections 1-5.
7. Print out the application and include copies of the tribal resolution, the parent committee letter, and appropriate payment.
8. Send these items in the mail to the address on the licensing application.

For an initial license, the fingerprint card, background check, etc., will need to be completed as well. Instructions for this are on the PELSB website.

This license is designed for someone to teach American Indian Language and Culture K-12 (similar to other World Languages). Consult your local Human Resources department for teachers who are teaching other content (math, science, social studies, etc.) as part of an Immersion Program or other type of educational setting.

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