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# Eastside Native American Education Program

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April 27, 2025

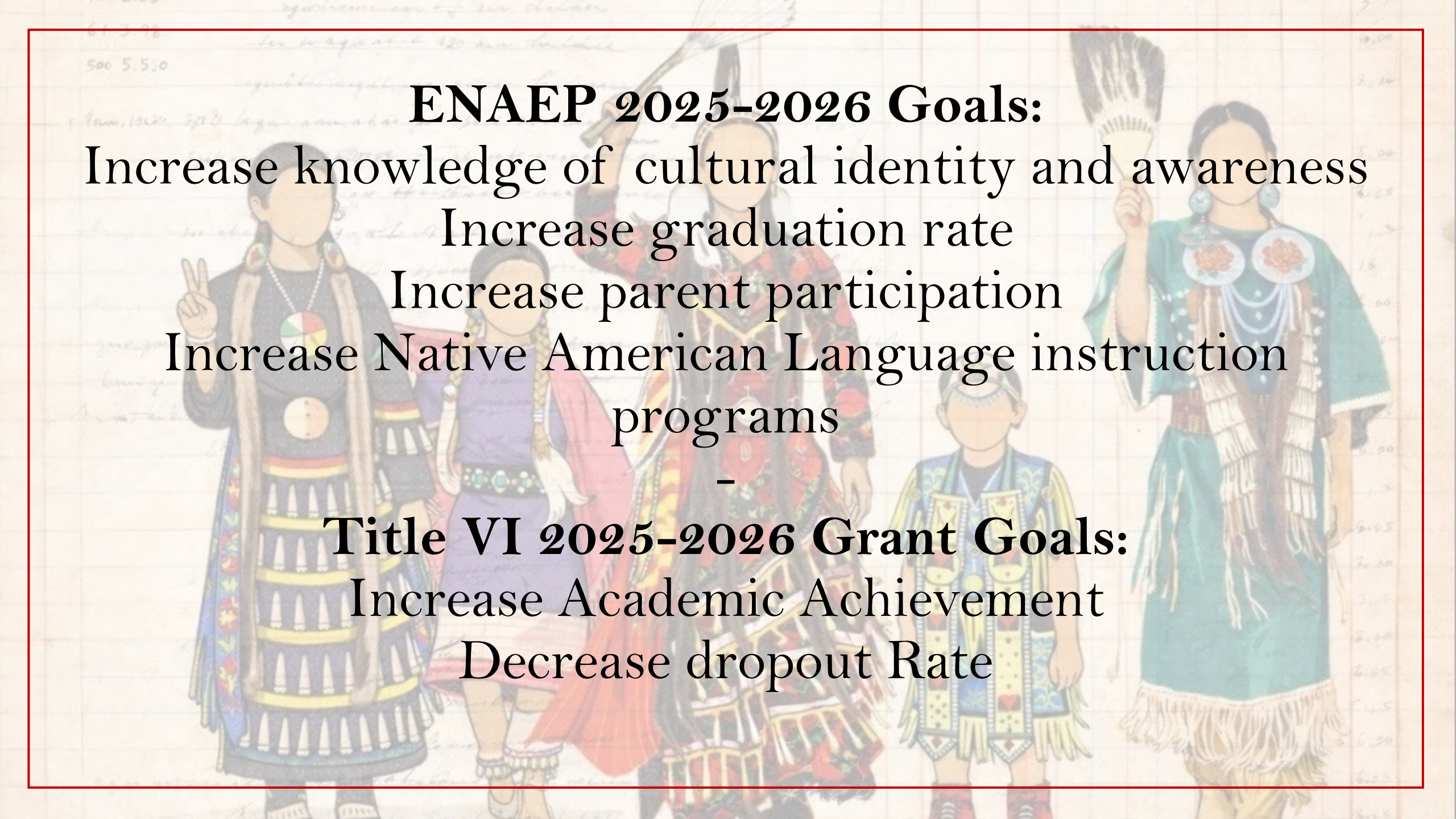


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# Eastside Native American Education Program Coordinator Lauren Nabahe

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3<sup>rd</sup> year in this  
Position

An illustration of four Native American women in traditional dress. The woman on the far left is wearing a dark blue dress with a large circular medallion and is making a peace sign. The woman next to her is wearing a purple dress with a red shawl. The woman in the center is wearing a red and black patterned dress with a feathered headdress. The woman on the far right is wearing a green dress with a white fringed skirt and is holding a fan. The background is a light-colored grid with faint handwritten text.

**ENAEP 2025-2026 Goals:**

Increase knowledge of cultural identity and awareness

Increase graduation rate

Increase parent participation

Increase Native American Language instruction programs

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**Title VI 2025-2026 Grant Goals:**

Increase Academic Achievement

Decrease dropout Rate

**Increase knowledge of cultural identity and awareness** – Weekly Culture Nights, Field trips, Events, Ceremonies and annual Pow-Wow. Collaborating with the district and Snoqualmie tribe to support further implementation of STI and additional Curriculum.

**Increase graduation rate** – Run grade reports on students and step in to support students to get them on track graduate. HS credit for ENAEP culture nights

**Increase parent participation** – High level of Parent involvement in all aspects of the program, and an active Parent Advisory Committee. Monthly PAC meetings with 7 – 12 regularly attending. Also created a successful ENAEP Silent Auction Committee of Parents.

**Increase Native American Language instruction programs** - Culturally-responsive mentoring, Indian education, including language and history. Integrating language in most weekly culture nights. Built up Language Resources on the program website.

**Increase academic achievement** – Work with Title III, work with families, buildings, teachers, administrators etc. with referrals on a case-by-case basis.

**Decrease school dropout rate** – Work with Re-engagement Specialist and other staff to support struggling students. Create additional systems of support. Affinity groups and pushing STI and/or Tribally endorsed curriculum in classrooms.

# **ENAEF Funding**

**Title VI Grant - 243 506 forms**

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**Portion of LWSD EFE Dept. Funds**

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**5013c Parent Advisory Committee**

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**Snoqualmie Tribe Grant**

# ENAEF Title VI Funding

**#414 Allocated 2025 Amount: \$77,994**

Most of which utilized to fund the Indian  
Education Coordinator

# ENAEP EFE District Funding

ENAEP 2025-2026 projected budget	Cost
Culture Night facilitators x 12	\$3,500.00
Culture Night supplies x 20	\$1,000.00
ENAEP Pow-Wow	\$2,950.00
ENAEP Yearly Project Supplies	\$500.00
ENAEP Graduation Ceremony	\$1,200.
Sweat Ceremony Food x 4	\$800.00
Highline Native Student Success Field trip	\$300.00
UIATEC Literacy Field Trip	\$200.00
ENAEP End of Year Event	\$400.00
Eagle Feather Blessing and Graduation Keynote	\$800.00
Unkitawa Tipi Raising Field Trip	\$300.00
NIEA Conference	\$1,800.00
Total	\$13,950
Would Like	\$15,000.00

# ENAEF 2026 Grants

We are so thrilled and grateful to the Snoqualmie Tribe for their generous grant donation to our Program of **\$10,000!** This Grant was provided to cover the costs for providing funding for tutoring supports in partnership with the United Indians of All Tribes Education Coalition.

As this is a pilot program, some coordination is still occurring between the district and the Foundation, however, we are aiming to provide this resource next 2026-2027 school year.

# ENAEP 2026 Grants

In partnership with UW Seattle First Nations the Eastside Native American Education Parent Advisory Committee nonprofit will receive \$500 for supporting a cultural event on their campus.

Thank you ENAEP Grad Jaycee Williford for coordinating this partnership!



# ENAEP Highlights

- ❖ Over 80 tribes represented in the Program
- ❖ 30 total Weekly Culture Nights
- ❖ Continued Partnership with United Indians of All Tribes Foundation to promote Literacy in Native Youth
- ❖ Continued Collaboration with King County Career Launch Pad to have 4 wonderful interns this year with our Paid ENAEP Internship.
- ❖ Brought in over 10 community members to share their rich knowledge and wisdom with ENAEP.
- ❖ Meeting with Snoqualmie Tribe supporting their Tribally Endorsed Curriculum which has been piloted into Bellevue School District and soon the other two school districts.
- ❖ ENAEP's 2025-2026 Project: Regalia.
- ❖ Over 65 students who have indicated Native American and/or Alaskan Native heritage are graduating this year.
- ❖ Maintained Active Parent Advisory committee who provides valuable input, guidance and support.

# ENAEP Highlights

- ❖ Created a Parent led Silent Auction Committee that coordinated an incredible Silent Auction this year.
- ❖ Supporting schools with Land Acknowledgements, affinity spaces, Native American Heritage month, MMIR, Indigenous People's day, Thanksgiving and National Day for Truth and reconciliation. Professional Development for all three School Districts.
- ❖ Furthering Partnership with other community programs including Unkitawa, UIATE, Natoncks Metsu, Mother Nation, PNX and More!
- ❖ Building Partnership and Relations with Northshore School District, especially Leadership with a Listening session, Monthly Meetings, and Land Acknowledgement Videos.
- ❖ Created with Other Native Educators and Community Members an Indigenized Special Education Framework. Presented this Framework at NIEA and to SPS School District.
- ❖ Greatly expanded the website to include more resources, updates and pertinent information.

# ENAEP Website

Eastside Native American Education

Program – Honoring those who came before

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# ENAEP EVENTS

**Sept 8, 2025** – Welcome back to school event

**Sept 22, 2025** – Lacrosse Event and Partnership with PNX

**Sept 29, 2025** – National Day of Truth And Reconciliation Event

**Oct 13, 2025** – Indigenous People's Day event

**Oct 17, 2025** – Career Pathways, Scholarships and College support event

**Oct 25, 2025** – ENAEP Powwow

**Oct 24, 2025**- ENAEP's Halloween Party

**Nov 23, 2025** - First ENAEP Sweat

**Nov 24, 2025**- Deconstructing Thanksgiving and Frybread night

**Dec 2, 2024**- Wild Lanterns Event

**Dec 15, 2024** – Winter Gathering including Toys for Tots giveaway

**Jan 5, 2026** – Listening Session with Northshore District Leadership

**Jan 28, 2026** – LWSD Leadership Breakfast with ENAEP opening

**Feb 2, 2026** – First culture night of our ENAEP Project

# ENAEP EVENTS CONTD.

**Feb 10, 2026** – ENAEP's Valentines Party

**Feb 21, 2026** – Gathering Grandpa's for Sweat Ceremony

**March 7, 2026** – Second ENAEP Sweat Ceremony

**March 15, 2026** – Third Sweat Ceremony

**March 21, 2026**- ENAEP's Silent Auction

**March 27, 2026** – Northshore Students of Justice Conference opening/Workshop

**April 20, 2026** – ENAEP's First ever Mini Powwow

**April 27, 2026** – Public Hearing

**May 4, 2026**- MMIR event

**May 16, 2026** – Final ENAEP Sweat Ceremony

**May 18, 2026** – ENAEP Graduates Eagle Feather Blessing Ceremony

**May 4, 2026** – End of year Sweat Ceremony

**May 31, 2026** – ENAEP Graduation Ceremony

**June 8, 2026** – End of Year celebration



# ENAEP Field Trips

**Oct 13, 2025** – Cascadia College Indigenous People's Day Event

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025** - NCAI Field trip at Daybreak

**February 16-18<sup>th</sup> 2026**- SIHB Gathering of Natives Conference

**April 2, 2026** – UIATEC Literacy Event At Daybreak Star

**May 12, 2026** – Highline Native Student Success Summit

**May 22, 2026** – Raising the Tipi Indigenous People Festival at the Seattle Center

# ENAEP Internship

Continued Collaboration with Career Launch Pad to provide a Paid Internship with ENAEP. Below are our four amazing 2025-2026 ENAEP Interns.



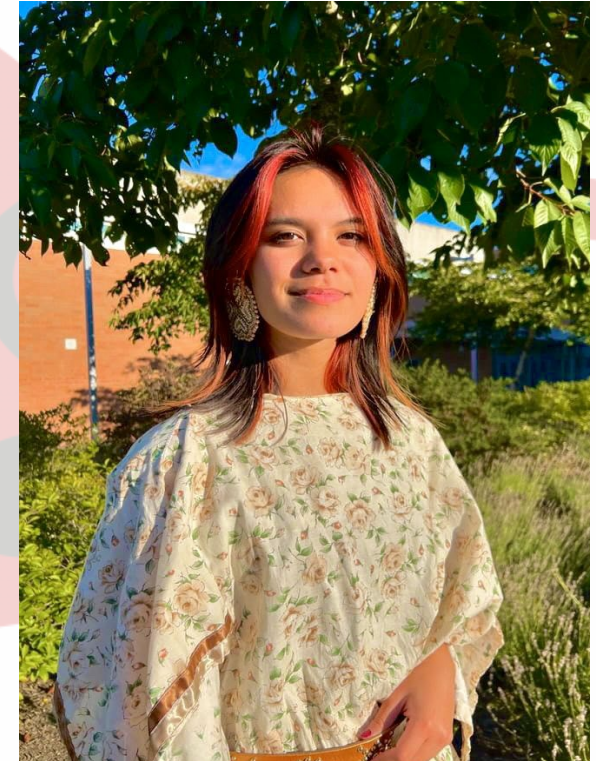
Aspen Balkman



Qwinn Currier



Anastasia Kanakasabesan



Veda Mattila

# ENAEP Pow-Wow

## Honoring our Youth

Oct 25, 2025

- Over 40 Dancers in attendance! The most Ever for the ENAEP Powwow.
- Our ENAEP Drum group -xpáy'uhc wiw'su (Cedar Youth) Drummed for the first time at a Powwow for the Tiny Toys. Got Recognized by Revered Drum Group Spearfish and gifted songs.

**ENAEP**  
**HONORING OUR YOUTH POWWOW**  
OCT 25, 2025  
JUANITA HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

FIRST 3 DRUM GROUPS PAID  
DANCE EXHIBITION PRIZES:  
1ST: \$200 2ND: \$100 3RD: \$50  
HOST DRUM: COLVILLE PEAK  
HC: TBA  
CO-HC: VERA HATTILA  
AD: TBA

VETERAN'S DINNER @ 3:00 PM  
POWWOW SCHEDULE  
GRAND ENTRY - 6:00 PM  
INTER-TRIBALS  
TINY TOTS  
GIRLS EXHIBITION (AGES 17-)  
BOYS EXHIBITION (AGES 17-)  
WOMEN'S EXHIBITION (AGES 18-)  
MEN'S EXHIBITION (AGES 18-)  
RAFFLE

POW-WOW FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  
ALL DANCERS & DRUMMERS WELCOME  
VARIOUS VENDORS ON SITE  
CONCESSIONS & FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

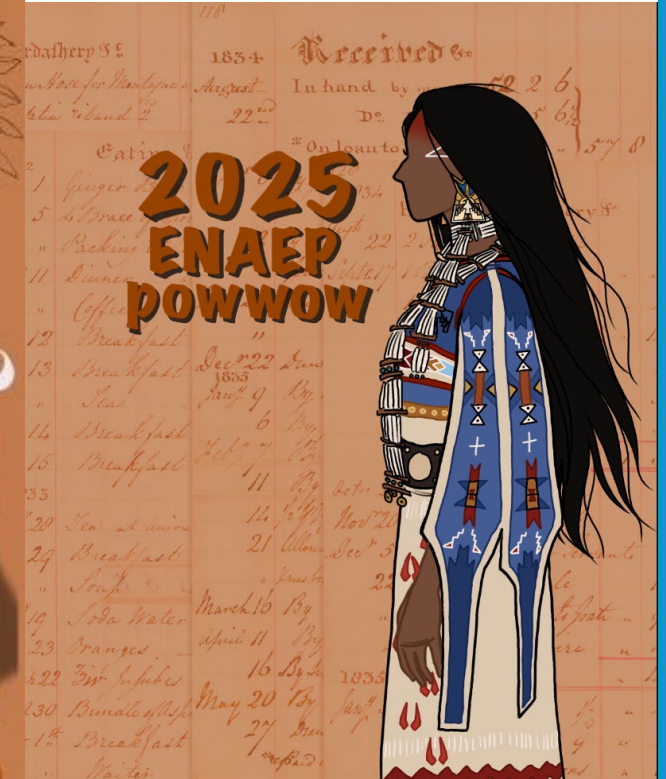
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ANASTASIA (HIHTOO) KANAKASABESAN  
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BRAVE EAGLE THAT STANDS  
OGLALA LAKOTA  
HANKONWIAN DAKOTA OYATE  
GRASS DANCER

General Information  
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Email: [lnahahe@wisd.org](mailto:lnahahe@wisd.org)  
Instagram: [enaep\\_youth](https://www.instagram.com/enaep_youth)  
Facebook: Eastside Native American Education Program  
Website: [enaep.org](http://enaep.org)

ENAEP WEBSITE VENDOR REGISTRATION



T-shirt art and design by  
ENAEP student Ella Salazar

# xpáy'uhc wiw'su (Cedar Youth)

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**ENAEF in School Presentations – Over 12 This School Year!**



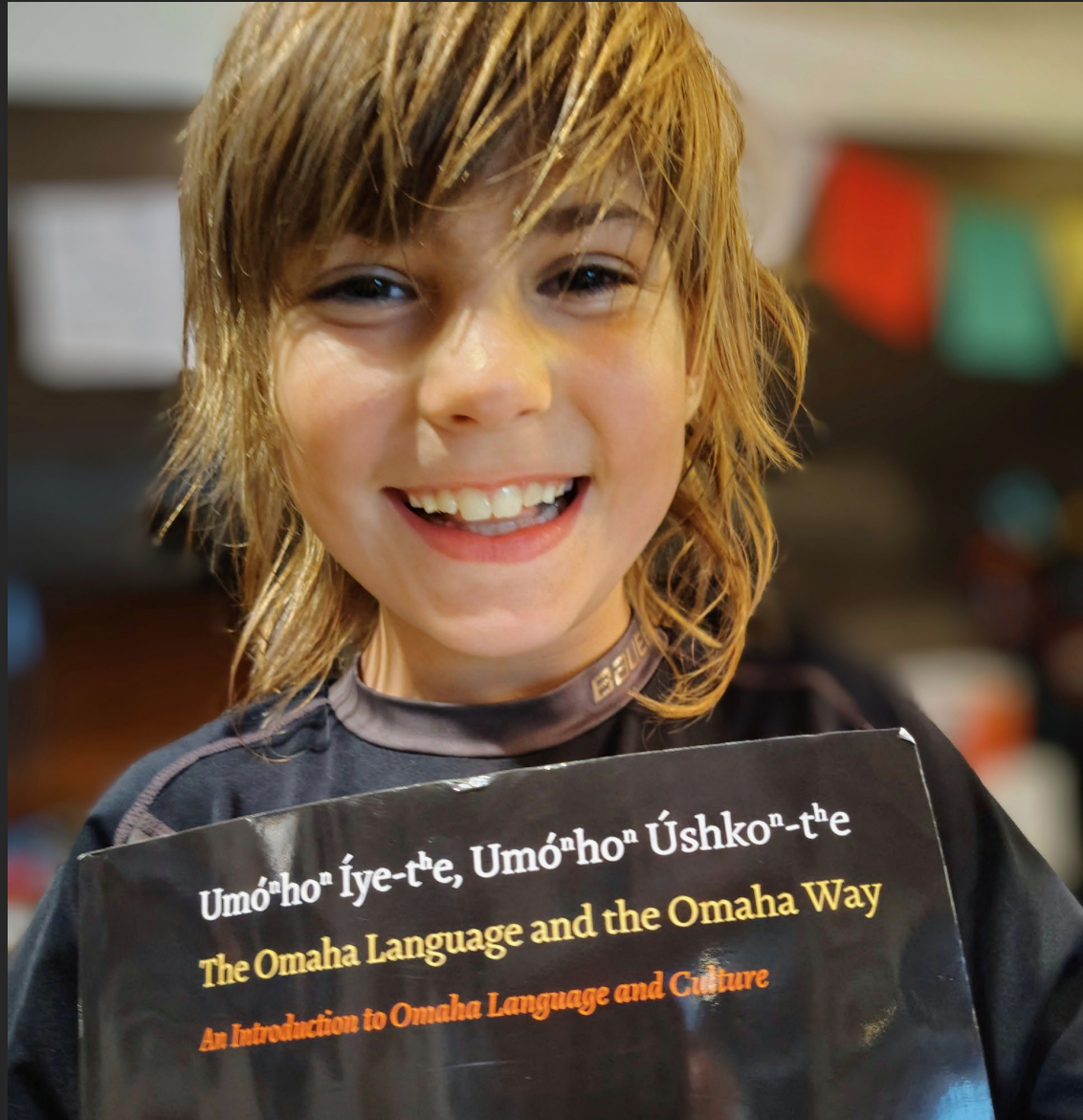
# ENAEF Excellence





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# ENAEP Excellence





**ENAEP attending a UIATEC Literacy Event**



# ENAEAP Attends SIHB Gathering of Natives Youth Conference — Feb 2026

Our amazing students stepped up many times to share their knowledge, traditions, talents and gifts with others at the conference! They represented ENAEAP with honor.





## ENAEP Winter Celebration

An illustration of four Native American children in traditional regalia. From left to right: a girl in a blue and yellow dress, a girl in a purple dress, a boy in a red and black dress, and a girl in a green dress. They are standing on a light-colored background with faint, illegible text.

As always, my heart and thanks goes out to the  
ENAEP students and families.

I am so blessed to do this work and could not do it  
what I do if it weren't for all of you. What a  
beautiful community we create.

I also want to sincerely thank the Snoqualmie  
Tribe, Bellevue, Lake Washington and Northshore  
School Districts for their partnership and support.



**Questions?**

**Concerns**

**Thoughts? Ideas?**



# QR code for Anonymous questions/concerns/ideas



[ENAEP Public Hearing form Link](#)